

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Council Worksession
June 14, 2018
6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Bob Rossiter, Edna Campau, Audrey Webster, David Watkins, Mike Myers, Walt Perry

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Dave Beyerl

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, City Recorder; Jeff Buskirk, PWD

- I. **COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the flag salute.

- II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**
 - A. Resolution #1034, Authorizing a Transfer Within the General Fund to Correct Unanticipated Requirements for FY 2017-18

Councilor Webster moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

B. Cemetery Pricing Comparison

Several examples of fees from other cemeteries were provided as comparisons and Councilor Webster thought the urn pricing could go up but she thought the full plot prices were pretty fair. Councilor Rossiter thought the price of a full plot could go up \$100 and the urn price should increase by a couple hundred. Sarah Cook explained plot prices had not been raised since 2002 and urn fees years before that. She went on to explain the pricing structure, the number of urn burials that could be included in one full plot and so on. Councilor Perry expressed some concern with the pricing when it came to combining urns with a full plot. Mayor Myers reminded them of the budget session when the subject was brought up, noting the difficulty in keeping the fund balance out of the red in some years. Adding to the Mayor's comment, the City Recorder said there was no good way of determining how many plots would sell from year to year, so to try to come up with some methodology to keep the fund in the black would be difficult. The payroll expenses for that fund were already extremely low as well. Looking at the comparisons Mayor Myers asked if there was a consensus amongst the Council to raise fees to \$800 for full plots and \$450 for urns. All agreed and staff was asked to bring back a resolution for adoption at the next meeting.

C. Strategic Plan Review – Section D: Planning & Growth

Councilor Perry started off the review, commenting that the first 3 items were marked complete, but he wondered if they ever really were. Discussion took place surrounding his question and Councilor Webster added that the comments on all of them alluded to the fact they were all in fact done and that they needed to be reviewed or updated periodically, which begged the question if it really needed to be in the plan anymore. She felt they were unattainable because they truly were ongoing and suggested either removing them or re-wording them. Mayor Myers noted the subject went back to earlier land use laws and whatever governor created them at the time, adding that each government was required to produce the items noted, such as developing a statement on growth, creating a map of developable lands, etc. He felt those original tasks could be completed, while having a plan to review and update them every so often. Councilor Perry suggested assigning review dates to each completed action item in the category because they would require a review.

Councilor Webster thought biennial was too frequent for the type of tasks included but wanted continuity when considering the changing in office of the Council. There was a consensus amongst the Council to move items D1, 3, and 6 to the completion list, with comments to reflect a review every 3 years. Moving on to the last 2 items, Sarah Cook explained they went hand in hand, much of which was regulated by the state in regards to approving UGB expansions. All agreed the City's task was item D2, to prepare 20-year annexation plan and D5 was not feasible and could be removed from the plan.

III. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilor Perry moved to approve. Councilor Watkins seconded. Discussion: In response to Councilor Webster's concern about the boat ramp parking issue, Sarah Cook indicated it would be included in the parking ordinance that was scheduled to come to the next meeting. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0.
APPROVED.

IV. VISITORS

Melinda Myers, 229 Greenwood Dr. – introduced herself and Judy Cellerini as advisors for 2018 festival of flowers princess court. The 4 princesses that were present introduced themselves. Flyers were handed out to advertise the upcoming July 4th Celebrate Jefferson event and the group encouraged everybody to attend, noting they would be crowning the queen at 11am. Councilor Webster thanked the princesses for representing Jefferson around the area in such a positive way.

V. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Edna Campau announced FOL would be having a first look event on July 3rd, which included a pet parade, popsicles and an open house.

Audrey Webster reminded all of the summer bash on Saturday from 10am to 5pm, as well as the June 20th hearing at Marion County regarding the music festival.

Mayor Myers commented about the last council meeting where the mission statement was discussed. He felt like they didn't connect well and was seeking consensus from the Council to have Councilors Watkins, Rossiter and Campau meet outside of Council to review the different statements, simplify them in some way, and come back to Council with just 2 or 3 to focus on. All Council agreed.

Sarah Cook pointed out Jefferson was featured on pages 44 and 45 of the quarterly travel guide.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Webster moved; Walt Perry seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:15pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 26th day of July, 2018.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Recorder