

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting
Public Hearings (2)
June 28, 2018
6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Walt Perry, Bob Rossiter, Dave Beyerl, Audrey Webster, David Watkins, Michael Myers, Edna Campau

COUNCILORS ABSENT: None

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. **PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2018-19 BUDGET** – Mayor Myers opened the hearing at 6:33pm, read the purpose of the hearing, called for abstentions, and provided background and summary. There was no written testimony received and no oral public testimony given during the hearing. With no questions from Council the hearing was closed at 6:35pm.
- III. **PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #706, Controlling Vehicular & Pedestrian Traffic; Providing Penalties; Repealing Ordinances #605, 531, and 508.**

Mayor Myers opened the hearing at 6:36pm, read the purpose of the hearing, called for any abstentions, and provided background and summary on the subject. No written testimony had been received and no oral public testimony was given during the hearing.

Questions from Council: Councilor Perry expressed concern about the amount of vehicles coming through making a left turn off of Mill St. onto the highway, rather than obeying the right turn only sign, noting there had been a lot of near misses. He felt it needed to be addressed before the rendering was complete on the ordinance. Mayor Myers asked for his solution, to which Councilor Perry suggested the intersection of OR 164 and Mill St. be entrance only off the highway, with traffic prohibited from exiting Mill St. to the highway. Councilor Webster indicated that would make Mill St. one-way, which would force traffic to back-up onto the bridge, creating even more of an unsafe situation and would also add burden the people that lived along that stretch, and Thriftway. Councilor Beyerl agreed, noting restricting traffic flow that way would force people leaving the store to go back around through the traffic and out onto Main St. where they had to wait at the light just to make the right turn out of town. Councilor Rossiter wondered about a curbing that would force people to turn right off of Mill St. and block those trying to turn left. Jeff Buskirk explained the state mandated the right turn only after a number of accidents from people trying to pull out to turn left without adequate sight clearance down the bridge, not to mention that was all state right-of-way; the signs, direction arrows and traffic control was all the states responsibility and while the idea of curbing was a good one, the state would be on the hook to pursue it, not the City. Councilor Perry thought requesting ODOT to do a study at that intersection was necessary, but everybody agreed it was not a reason to hold up the adoption of the ordinance.

Councilor Watkins asked about regulations for people sleeping in their vehicles or RV overnight, to which it was noted that was in another section of the code.

Councilor Webster prepared a memo with suggestions surrounding the street closure section of the ordinance, as it related to parades and processions, noting they should also include “events” in that category along with

the addition of a section that would allow department head staff and Council the ability to provide consent for such road closures. Essentially, it was what the City was already doing; it simply puts it on paper. All agreed.

Councilor Rossiter, referring to section 13, inquired about areas where no sidewalks were present. In the end, all agreed to leave it as it was written since it offered more discretion to law enforcement. Deputy West noted it was also covered in ORS, which the ordinance encompassed. With no further questions or comments, the hearing was closed at 7pm.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Turkey Nuisance Letter to ODFW

Staff explained they simply needed the go ahead from the City Council to send the letter, to which Dave Beyerl moved that the letter be sent to ODFW and Councilor Campau seconded. Discussion: Councilor Rossiter said he was in favor of sending the letter because the turkeys were a nuisance to so many people; however, they were a benefit to his property because they eat up all the bugs. Councilor Perry shared what was going on in Portland and PETA's involvement there. Beyerl added they were unsanitary and a health and safety risk. Mayor Myers suggested it be an annual review and letter to ODFW, to which the Council agreed. All in favor: Ayes: 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

4.2 Resolution# 1037, Establishing Fees for Lots Within the Jefferson Cemetery; Repealing Res. #820

Councilor Webster moved to adopt the resolution. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

4.3 Ordinance# 706, Controlling Vehicular & Pedestrian Traffic; Providing Penalties; Repealing Ords# 605, 531, 508

Mayor Myers read the required ordinance adoption language and inquired if any Councilor did not want the ordinance fully adopted at one meeting. With no comment, Mayor Myer read Ordinance# 706 by title only for the first reading in open session. Councilor Campau moved that the ordinance be adopted and passed to the second reading by title only, as amended. Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.** With the motion passed, the Mayor read the title of Ordinance# 706 for the second reading and called for the question. Councilor Rossiter moved that Ordinance# 706 pass and that the title of the Ordinance become the Ordinance. Councilor Beyerl seconded. Roll Call: Perry – yes; Watkins – yes; Webster – yes; Rossiter – yes; Campau – yes; Beyerl – yes. **APPROVED.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Resolution# 1035, Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues

Councilor Beyerl moved; Councilor Webster seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

5.2 Resolution# 1036, Certifying the City's Eligibility to Receive State-Shared Revenues by Providing Four or More Municipal Services

Councilor Beyerl moved; Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

5.3 Resolution# 1038, Declaring A Public Nuisance Located at 591 Elm St. and Ordering Abatement Procedures

Councilor Perry moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Beyerl seconded. Discussion: Councilor Webster researched the property on Marion County records and noticed the taxes were still being paid; staff noted the property had been a long-time nuisance and was owned by USDA as a HUD home, and who had never acknowledged any notices. Councilor Rossiter passed the home on his walk, noting he had talked to the neighbors who had expressed concern about people accessing the home from the back, to which Mayor Myers confirmed staff could board up access points. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

5.4 Resolution# 1039, Adopting 2018-19 Budget, Making Appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for FY 2018-19

It was moved by Councilor Perry and seconded by Watkins that the resolution be adopted. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED**

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

6.1 Planning Comm Member Replacement for TC: Bruce Forbes – Just FYI

6.2 Memo from TC Re: DigOnce Policy Recommendation

Councilor Watkins explained there were a number of counties implementing similar policies, with the idea that every time the city opened the roadway they would put conduit in that could be used later down the road for internet, or other utility, etc. The city would just be putting in a tube and of course staff would research the parameters, criteria and process, but it would allow others to put infrastructure in, make the city a little money later, and would make it much less expensive and quicker for companies to build out in town for future technology. Councilor Beyerl thought it was a good idea, but the upfront costs to the city were of concern, which Councilor Webster explained all costs would be recouped later at the time of renting the space, which would be another form of revenue for the city. She added it was not their intent to open the road just to do this but would only be done when there were plans to open it anyway for other reasons. She further added, the memo was simply to ask staff to research the idea and what other places were doing. There was brief discussion about the pros and cons of running lines under or above ground. In the end, there was a consensus to have staff research the dig once policy.

6.3 Memo from TC Re: Conduit to the Home Code Amendment

Councilor Webster started off with the explanation that the memo was working under the assumption that the City had a dig once policy in place already and again, was simply asking the Council to direct the Planning Commission to research code changes to incorporate the request to include infrastructure for technology when new homes were built. The developer would pay for the conduit to the home and the homeowner would own it just the same as their water line from the meter to the home. Councilor Watkins believed it was a way of preparing for the future, stating developers and contractors installed gas lines, power, and communication lines, and he thought they should consider adding conduit to the home as well. Councilor Webster added the Technology Committee was trying to establish an infrastructure that was low cost, but future oriented, to benefit the City. There was a consensus amongst the Council to have PC research it.

6.4 TMDL 5-Year Review - FYI

PWD, Jeff Buskirk explained everything in red on the report was fairly new and a lot of other things they were already doing, it was just being added to the report for planning and data collection. Mayor Myers commented that he remembered when the report was about 1 page, to which Jeff indicated it was only going to get bigger.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – Councilor Beyerl moved; Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPT UPDATES

Library – short meeting; summer reading program started

Planning – ADU amendments; plans for rebuilding on 3rd street where home was burned down

Chamber – in planning stages; looking for ways to advertise

Landmarks – working on grants for couple houses; Concerts at the Conser has 6 performance days; walking tour brochure; historical society ramping up with Conser House vacancy drawing near

Fire Board – need board member; Kevin signing contract on Monday; looking at ambulance costs

MPO – final numbers and cash carryover for planning money increased \$220k for a total of \$400k; ODOT postponing Ellsworth bridge project and the \$3.6 million transferred over to do I-80 bridge in eastern Oregon because somebody messed up the budget

School Board – Kent Klewitz retired June 30; looking for interim and contracting with Oregon school board assoc to help with replacement; emergency meeting of board and bond oversight committee because as part of middle school construction, MC is requesting adding a left turn lane from Talbot into the middle school to maintain traffic flow, which could be \$1mill hit to the budget if forced to do it

FOL – selling bricks again; landscaping complete but drip system is not; plan A for moving day is Sept. 15th; July 3rd at 12:30 pet parade, tours of new library and popsicles

Parks & Rec – researching rules and regulations for underage kids swimming, more requirements for adults to be at the pool with their kids; implemented lifeguard training class; summer baseball tournament scheduled; golf tournament fundraiser coming Sept 16th

MWACT – 2017 transportation bill; Oregon transportation comm is latching onto the dollars and not letting them go; constructions costs continually going up

LOC – small district meeting coming up and transportation bill meeting talking about use of signs that show your speed will include camera

Technology – met several times since last report; met different vendors that had interest in Jefferson before; heard about municipal option where City would own fiber network and sell it like a utility service; Brother's backed out; Peak has no specific plan but interested if the City puts up own wireless tower; Charter upgrades underway with 100mbps coming in August; dig once policy and conduit to the home; Watkins spoke of test site at water tower

IX. VISITORS

Linda Baker, 1287 Filbert – superintendent leaving, but even more importantly, Karen Wusstig was also leaving and there was a surprise reception for her the following day from 4-8pm at the Community Center.

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Reminder about 4th of July picnic in the park, tickets for dinner, silent auction, crowning of the queen, raffle tickets, etc.

Bob Rossiter attended the leadership breakfast in Stayton, as well as the music festival hearing in Salem and added it was unfortunate that it was denied.

Mayor Myers noted the upcoming calendar reflected a presentation from the student rep; however, he had not been involved or in contact in months and suggested they move on in the fall with a new student. All agreed. He also announced he would be absent the next 3 meetings due to MC Fair with Commissioners, the

Mayor's Coalition as well as the Mayor's annual conference. Councilors Perry and Watkins would be attending the LOC Conference in September and the City Recorder would make the arrangements.

Councilor Perry reminded all of the fundraiser for Michelle Nunes, set for July 28th.

XI. **CALENDAR CHANGES** – none

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Beyerl moved; Councilor Perry seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 8:05pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 26th day of July, 2018.



Michael D. Myers

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Recorder