

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting Via Zoom
March 25, 2021
3:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: David Watkins, Dave Beyerl, David Kellogg, Bob Rossiter, Walt Perry, Patrick McKenzie, Mayor Michael Myers
COUNCILORS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, CM/R

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

II. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Conser House Updates & Plans

Mayor Myers talked about the eventual “hand off” to the Jefferson Historical Society & Museum (JHS&M) through a lease agreement, in which the terms would need to be discussed and agreed upon soon. There was talk on the number of grants that had been obtained, coupled with the City’s funds, which had provided amazing opportunities for the improvements and renovations. Sarah Cook noted if anybody was interested in touring the improvements made to date, she would see that the building was open for them.

III. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Budget Committee Member Renewal – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve Linda Baker for an additional term on the Budget Committee; seconded by Councilor Perry. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

3.2 American Recover Plan (ARP) Funds – FYI

Sarah Cook explained the information provided in the packet was very preliminary, as official amounts due to each City were only estimates and no federal guidelines had been provided at that time. There would be more information in the coming weeks, but she wanted the Council to begin thinking about uses for the funds that could make long-term investments in the community. Mayor Myers called upon Council for any ideas or suggestions, to which most responded they had more questions than ideas at that point, and were interested in hearing the guidelines when they were made available. Ideas that were suggested included infrastructure, site development that would be beneficial for all to use, parks/open space, essential workers, a 3rd deputy, and support for local businesses, restaurants, and festivals.

IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

4.1 Council Meeting Days & Times

Mayor Myers explained his scheduling conflict with the Council meetings beginning at 3:30 since school was back in session and he drove school bus. The earliest he could make it to a meeting would be 4pm, so he asked the Council to consider either changing the meeting days to Wednesdays, when he was available all day, or changing the time to later in the day if they opted to keep the meetings on Thursdays. There was brief discussion around the matter and in the end the Council agreed to move the meeting times to 4:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Mayor Myers noted the schedule would be good until summertime, at which point they could reassess.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Perry. Discussion: Sarah Cook provided clarification for Councilor Kellogg on the payment to TAG, charges from legal counsel, and the purpose of the unpaid invoice report. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

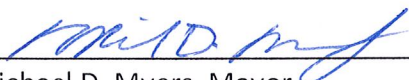
VI. **VISITORS** – none

VII. **COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilor Perry spoke about and encouraged everybody to complete the survey for local bus routes to and from town. Councilor Beyerl reported there was concern amongst the MPO about proposed changes to the MPO and that the ODOT report indicated the Conser Bridge was due for updating improvements in about 2 years. Mayor Myer commented that with the Covid-19 case numbers starting to go down, there was a possibility that the annual LOC conference would be held in person in the Fall. He spoke of the great opportunity and vast knowledge the conference offered and would particularly like the newest Councilors to consider attending when the time came.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Beyerl moved to adjourn. Councilor Perry seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 22nd day of April, 2021.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder