

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting Via Zoom
April 22, 2021
4:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Bob Rossiter, David Watkins, Dave Beyerl, David Kellogg, Mayor Michael Myers
COUNCILORS ABSENT: Walt Perry, Patrick McKenzie
STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, CM/R; Jeff Buskirk, PWD

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

2.1 Strategic Plan Adoption

Sarah Cook noted after the review at the previous meeting, she had updated all the columns and comments, and moved projects to the completed list where appropriate. Councilor Beyerl moved to adopt the 2021 Strategic Plan update. Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 4, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 MCSO FY21-22 Contract Renewal

Except for a slight increase in costs, about \$5k, there were no changes in the contract from the previous year. Councilor Kellogg expressed concern about how the 80 hours of coverage was used, noting he thought the deputies shouldn't double-up or overlap their shifts as much, and more coverage should be spread through the night time hours. Councilor Watkins agreed, as did Councilor Rossiter; however, he noted that shifting hours may resolve some problems, but create other problems elsewhere and thought it was yet another reason they needed to strongly consider a 3rd officer. Councilor Kellogg suggested holding off on approving the contract until the concerns could be relayed to the Sheriff's Office; however, it was explained that the language in the contract would not be affected by that conversation. Councilor Beyerl moved to approve the MCSO Contract for FY 2021-22. Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 3, Opposed – 1 (Kellogg). **APPROVED.** Sarah Cook would arrange a meeting with MCSO.

IV. **DISCUSSION/INFO** – None

V. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 4, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VI. **VISITORS** – None

VII. STAFF/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jeff Buskirk provided a brief update, noting the water treatment plant completion was looking to be July. He explained the testing requirements and the health department's involvement in switching over to the new plant.

Councilor Watkins suggested the Council consider naming the park properties and thought the public should be involved. He had ideas such as calling the wooded wetland property "Woodland" and the Mill Street property "Mill River", or naming them after specific individuals in the community. Councilor Beyerl suggested waiting until there was progress on the parks first.

Councilor Rossiter attended the Marion County Commissioner's breakfast, noting it was good to have it back. Councilor Kellogg completed the pedestrian survey and indicated it allowed for notes to be added on the map and that he felt bike lanes were needed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Beyerl moved to adjourn. Councilor Watkins seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 5pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2021.



Michael D. Myers

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder