

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**  
Regular Council Meeting Via Zoom  
May 27, 2021  
4:30pm

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Myers called the session to order at 4:31pm.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- 2.1 Resolution# 1072: A Resolution Establishing Permits & Fees for Temporary Occupancy of Recreational Vehicles on Rights-of-Way as Described in JMC Ch 9.25

It was noted the ordinance creating the policy had been adopted the month prior and the resolution was presented to set the fees for such application process. Councilor Beyerl moved to approve Resolution# 1072. Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- 3.1 Recommendation for Award for City of Jefferson 5<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project

Only 1 bid had been received, noting a different newspaper was used to publish the RFP; however, Jeff Buskirk indicated it was a fair bid, coming in less than was expected and he didn't anticipate any complications. Councilor Watkins moved to approve the recommendation to award the bid for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street project to Knife River. Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

- 3.2 OLCC Application – Change of Ownership 103 Old Pacific Hwy (Thriftway)

It was confirmed that the store was sold. Councilor Watkins expressed mild concern about the number of stores along the highway selling alcohol; however, Mayor Myers explained the City's role was just a formality and everything else was under the State's authority. Councilor Perry moved to approve the application, seconded by Councilor Beyerl. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

**IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

- 4.1 ODOT OR-164 Bridge Project Update – FYI, no discussion
- 4.2 ARP Funds Criteria Outline – Mayor Myers noted the expected funds were already built into the proposed budget and Sarah Cook provided information on what projects the City was expected to fund, noting \$150,000 had been set aside for Community Support, which she sought Council feedback on the use of. Mayor Myers asked each Councilor to share their ideas for ways of supporting the community directly. The

overwhelming response was to directly assist local businesses, primarily restaurants, and households in a similar way the CRF were used the prior year.

Mersha Studer (visitor) – suggested providing rental and utility assistance.

Brittney Sinfellow (visitor) – expressed concerns about the lack of education being put out to the public about how to properly protect themselves, whether it was the correct way to wear a mask, or to get the vaccine. She thought the pandemic had become too politicized and the burden of enforcement fell to business owners, which was unfortunate. Mayor Myers brought the discussion back on topic, and in closing Ms. Sinfellow urged Council to use their voices to help businesses know their rights and get proper education out to the public.

4.3 Conser House Budget Update – FYI, no discussion

4.4 2022 Rates for CIS Benefits – FYI, no discussion

V. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Councilor Perry moved to approve, with the additional payment to Pape for the public works air compressor purchase. Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

#### VI. VISITORS

Nancy Hamby confirmed it would be the Oregon Health Authority website that reported vaccination rates in the Jefferson area. She also shared the 5k walk that was planned for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration would take place for the National Night Out event instead.

#### VII. COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS


Councilor Perry was concerned for the portion of the local population that didn't have the ability to get to a place where vaccinations were offered, and thought there should be a way to bring the vaccination to them. Sarah Cook was aware of a mobile unit through Samaritan Services and she indicated she would ask about it. Councilor Watkins commented that the trouble was always getting the information out to people, not just since the pandemic.


Councilor Beyerl shared he had picked up the steel for 2 new benches.

Patrick McKenzie disconnected 5:15pm

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Watkins moved, seconded by Councilor Perry. All those present were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
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Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder