

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**  
Regular Council Meeting Via Zoom  
May 28, 2020  
3:30pm

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

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** David Watkins

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sarah Cook, CM/R; Jeff Buskirk, PWD; MCSO Deputy Aaron West and Jeremy Vogel

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Myers called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:34pm

II. **OLD BUSINESS** – None

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 Resolution #1062, Removing Fund 41, “Cemetery Memorial Fund” Permanently from the COJ Adopted Budget, Beginning in FY 2020-21

Councilor Campau moved to approve Resolution #1062 and Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

3.2 Resolution #1063, Authorizing a Transfer Within the General Fund to Correct Unanticipated Requirements for FY 2019-20

Councilor Campau moved to approve Resolution #1063 and Bob Rossiter seconded. Councilor’s Beyerl and Perry momentarily lost connection, so the vote was postponed until they could rejoin the meeting. In the meantime, Mayor Myers moved on with the agenda. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

IV. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

4.1 Boat Ramp Funding Discussion & Considerations

Mayor Myers noted the information in the packet and asked for input from the Council. Councilor Campau felt it benefited the community and they should maintain the services, noting there would be boaters and floaters whether it was controlled or not.

Councilor Webster agreed with the information provided by Sarah Cook, noting it made sense for the City to continue services; however, it didn’t make sense to continue with the grant in order to do so. Councilor Rossiter agreed. The matter of charging a parking fee was mentioned and Deputy West spoke on the enforcement challenges with that, in that the parking lot was not a public street, so there would need to be changes made to ordinances. He noted it wasn’t impossible, but the devil would be in the details. For instance, how the fee would be collected and how they would know the fee had been paid, as well as a mechanism to determine the vehicle’s owner paid the fee. As for street parking, Deputy West noted the City currently had a 72-hour parking rule and citations could be issued for that.

A quick pause was taken in the middle of the discussion to complete the vote for approval of Resolution #1063, with both Councilor Beyerl and Perry rejoined. A motion and a second was previously made. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

Moving on with the boat ramp discussion, Councilor Beyerl didn't think it was necessary to apply for the grant, given it was costing the City money to meet the criteria. He added, if the City didn't go for the grant, there was no need to keep the parking lot lease. Either way, he said, the City was not going to break even.

Councilor Perry indicated what the City had was chaos and it was his feeling that the only way to control it was if a fence was put up around it. He did not see the value to the ramp as a recreational area unless there was parking to go along with it, noting it was an expensive hinderance and questioned why the City was maintaining it.

Mayor Myers referred to the financial information provided in the memo, noting he didn't totally buy in to the perceived chaos. Admittedly, it was difficult to find parking, but considering the whole downtown section, there really was just one business that was potentially affected and they figured a way to enforce it pretty well. He called on the rest of Council for their thoughts on Dave Beyerl's statements. Councilor's Webster, Perry, and Rossiter agreed. Councilor Campau thought services should be maintained, such as trash and the portable toilet, but saw no real need for the grant, which meant the parking lot could be let go as well.

#### 4.2 Notice from US Dept of Interior Re: Proposed Casino in Salem, OR – FYI

As Jefferson was at the farthest edge from the proposed development, the Council did not see a need to issue any comments.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve; Walt Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED**

VI. **VISITORS** – none

VII. **COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS**

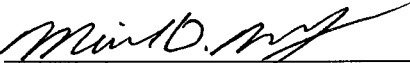
Bob Rossiter hoped everybody was staying well during the challenging time everybody was faced with.

Edna Campau reminded everybody commemorative coins for Jefferson's 150<sup>th</sup> were still available, \$10 each, and there was a raffle for a Green Mountain Grill benefiting the Conser House restoration.

Mayor Myers shared information about the 2020 Graduating Class drive-thru town on May 30<sup>th</sup>. He indicated City Hall and Library was preparing to enter their own version of Phase II soon and commended staff for the great job they had been doing to manage the City seamlessly during all that was going on.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Webster moved to adjourn; Councilor Perry seconded. All 5 were in favor and the meeting closed at 4:05pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder