

CITY OF JEFFERSON
City Council Meeting Via Zoom
December 10, 2020
3:30pm

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, CM/R; Jeff Buskirk, PWD

- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.
- II. **CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD** – Mayor Myers confirmed Marjorie Triplett was on the call and thanked her for her time volunteering at the Jefferson Cemetery, assisting staff with updating, matching, and digitizing records with photo documentation. He read and signed the certificate, which Marjorie was very grateful to have received and enjoyed helping out.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS** – None
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Resolution# 1069, Approving the Change of Indirect Control of a Telecom Franchise
Mike Nilsson, David Von Moritz, and Michael Dover, all representatives from Wave, were present on the call if Council had any questions. In response to Councilor Watkins question regarding their long-term plans, Mike Nilsson explained the purpose of the transaction was to make additional resources available over the coming years, and to help build out their network and system. Councilor Beyerl moved to approve Resolution# 1069; seconded by Walt Perry. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

4.2 Annual Dismantler License Renewal: 442 Cemetery Hill Rd.
Applicant, Rod Beckner, was on the call and provided some background on the subject, noting he'd had an active license since 1991; however, the DMV had recently gone back to an annual renewal, rather than a 3-year permit. He thanked the Council for their continued support of his business. Councilor Webster moved to approve the license renewal. Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

4.3 November 3, 2020 Official Election Abstracts
Councilor Campau moved to accept the certified election results of the November 3, 2020 election, as provided on the official abstract from Marion County; seconded by Audrey Webster. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

V. DISCUSSION/INFO

5.1 DEQ's No Further Action Determination Re: 137 Old Pacific Hwy – FYI, all good news. Just waiting on the County to notify the City they are ready to proceed with the sale.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – Councilor Webster moved to approve the consent agenda with the updated A/P report; seconded by Dave Beyerl. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.** Councilor Watkins separately moved to finalize the purchase of the Mill Street property by authorizing the City Manager to obtain a cashier's check for \$88,431.08. Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VII. VISITORS

Comments were received in the chat feature from a woman named Nikki, regarding concerns she had with actions of the school board and the need for improved communication. Mayor Myers explained the liaison role the Council had with the School Board, noting the district was not within the boundaries or jurisdiction of the City of Jefferson. All agreed communication between the two bodies could be improved and Mayor Myers noted a new liaison would be appointed to that role in January.

VIII. COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS

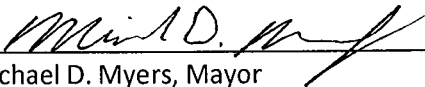
Councilor Watkins shared his concerns with what he was hearing from upset members of the community, in regards to the School District not working harder to get kids back to school. He wondered if the City should encourage the Board to consider all options; however, Mayor Myers spoke on the Governor's guidelines, noting at that point, it was not a School District's decision as to when it was safe to bring kids back to school. Audrey Webster referred everybody to the OHA Facebook page and website, noting a generous amount of data was available by school district.

Councilor Webster addressed the incoming Council, thanking them for stepping up for their community. She added caution, pointing out the Council was now a group entirely made up of men, who would be overseeing people that were very different from them, not only in the obvious ways, but economically, socially and otherwise, and further reminded them of the importance of representing everyone in the community, even if that representation was not how they might feel personally. She went on to say Jefferson has had a great history of being methodical in decision-making, and productive; always forward thinking, and she credited the bulk of that to staff, noting they were the important pieces that kept the City moving in the right direction. Councilor Beyerl thanked Audrey for her diligent work and research of every topic so that an informed decision was made. Councilor Perry added that she made him a better Councilor and others offered their thanks for her time and commitment as well. Mayor Myers said Audrey possessed intelligence with integrity, adding that she didn't have a problem holding the Council accountable, she was always diplomatic, clear and understandable, and handled herself with grace; she would be missed on Council.

Councilor Campau, the longest tenured Councilor and former Mayor, commented that serving on Council this time had presented its challenges at times, but there were a lot more feel-good things that made it worth it. She added that there was a great cohesiveness with Council and that the staff was fantastic, but she was ready to be done. Councilors thanked Edna for her years of service and dedication. Mayor Myers added that she had been a part of the development of nearly every master plan the City had, from water, sewer, streets, and more, all of which developed the blue print for the City's future, all while volunteering on countless other committees. He appreciated her and she would be missed. Sarah Cook added that Edna was part of the fabric of Jefferson and she had worked with her since the day she first started. To both outgoing Councilors, she added her appreciation for their support over the years, noting they were both intelligent, strong women that she valued very much.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Beyerl moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Campau. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 28TH day of January, 2021.


Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder