

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting
Public Hearing
July 25, 2019
6:30pm

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder; Jeff Buskirk, Public Works Director

I. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the flag salute.

1.1 United States Census Bureau – Kirstin Stein

Ms. Stein came forward and introduced herself, indicating she was there to talk about the upcoming census in 2020, with the hope to increase participation and encourage people to utilize the new self-report option, which becomes available in March. She presented a brief slide show that explained the process of the census, the questions they asked, their oath to keep information secure and confidential, and how each address was reported. She explained the census count determined the state's funding, noting Oregon's share was 13.5 billion dollars. In the 2010 census, Jefferson's low response rate was 20%, which translated into millions of dollars Oregon did not get. Ms. Stein talked about the homeless and hard to count populations, and those that were hard to contact and difficult to persuade them to respond. She shared a website called ROAM, which could pinpoint every detail of the responses they did receive, from money earned to marital status, and all the other statistics. They were preparing to add new census tracks in all the new subdivisions and housing developments that had been built since 2010 and were forming a complete count committee, hiring people like crazy. With no questions from the Council, Ms. Stein encouraged everybody to promote the census because it meant money for everybody.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #714, Amending the JMC Title 5: Health & Safety, Chapter 5.04: Nuisances, Article II: Animals, to Include Language Related to the Keeping of Miniature Pigs in the City

Mayor Myers opened the hearing at 6:44pm and read the purpose of the hearing, background, and summary statement before calling for testimony. There was no written testimony received and no oral testimony given. Questions from Council: None. The hearing was closed at 6:47pm.

Moving on to adoption of an ordinance, Mayor Myers read the title of Ordinance #714 by title only for the first reading after confirming all Council wished to adopt the ordinance fully at the meeting. Councilor Watkins moved that Ordinance# 714 be adopted and passed to the second reading by title only. Councilor Webster seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

Mayor Myers read Ordinance# 714 by title only for the second reading. Councilor Beyerl moved that Ordinance# 714 pass and the title of the ordinance become the ordinance. Councilor Perry seconded. Roll Call Vote: Campau - yes, Beyerl - yes, Perry - yes, Rossiter - yes, Webster - yes, Watkins - yes. **APPROVED.**

III. OLD BUSINESS – none

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 Library Board Applicant – Shelli Wood: Councilor Webster moved to accept the application of Shelli Wood, seconded by Councilor Perry. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**
- 4.2 Library Board Term Renewal – Brian Peterson: Councilor Campau moved to accept the request to renew the library term. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**
- 4.3 Resolution# 1054, Setting the COLA for FY 19-20 to Establish the Adjustment of Employee Salaries and the Water/Sewer Rates Based on the CPI

Councilor Beyerl moved to adopt Resolution 1054 as presented. Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed 0. **APPROVED.**

V. DISCUSSION/INFO

- 5.1 Conser House Info – FYI

Everybody was pleased with the progress and Councilor Webster commented how she really liked how inclusive the list was. Patti Ball shared the last grant she submitted was for HVAC and electrical, which would be needed for whatever the building was used for, but after that, the Council needed to decide it's use before more specific grants could be pursued.

- 5.2 Annual Report from Technology Committee

Mayor Myers noted how well written the report was and inquired on the timeline for the DigOnce and Conduit to the Home policies. Audrey Webster provided an update on the RARE intern and MC Analyst assisting with the policies. There was some discussion and clarification on the DigOnce policy regarding conduits and water lines placed in the same ditch, to which Councilor Webster responded that exact details wouldn't be known until research was done, which was another reason she was pleased to have Marion County's support. Jeff Buskirk said in new subdivisions water/sewer lines were always kept separate from other utilities and communications, which were placed in another trench.

- VI. CONSENT AGENDA** – Dave Beyerl moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Perry. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Library – accepted member renewal request; Director position soon to be vacant; one candidate interviewed last week and 4 more tomorrow; SRP progressing
Landmarks – welcomed Patti Ball; working on plan to award 1 house/site each month with plan to include recognition by Council and culminating at the Oct. 20 celebration
Conser House – focused on Patti's report and info from Joy Sears; welcomed Michelle Nunes as Chamber rep
Planning – no new info
Chamber – mostly directed around celebrate Jefferson event on July 4th; started talking about 150th
TAC – emphasis put on biking/pedestrian; reduction of fossil fuel effects on regions
LOC – no new info
MWACT – no new info

FOL – bricks are in; fundraising continues

Parks & Rec – no new info

Fire Board – elected board positions; working on bids for ambulance and tender; staff working on remodel concerning paramedics quarters

School Board – swore in re-elected members; reappointed position seats; everything coming in better than expected on school bond; estimating a \$470k loan to cover bond project; exceptional money management by construction company; talked about picking up employee cost of PERS to be more competitive

Technology – reviewed report before submitting and discussed final plans for NNO; awaiting new computer systems in the office to begin uploading Council audio on YouTube

MPO – no new info

VIII. VISITORS – none

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor would be absent for the August 8th worksession. March 11, 2020 Jefferson was hosting the Mayor's Association at the Community Center for dinner. July 29th 2:30pm at City Hall the first gathering of interested people to discuss/plan Jefferson's 150th celebration.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Beyerl moved to adjourn. Walt Perry seconded. All 6 were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:20pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 22nd day of August, 2019.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder