

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Council Worksession
May 9, 2019
6:30pm

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, City Recorder; Jeff Buskirk, PWD; Deanna Donato, City Clerk; Brianna
Hutley, Clerical Assistant; Deputy Garrett Olson, MCSO

I. **CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the
flag salute.

II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

A. MCSO Presentation

Deputy Olson introduced his cadet, Dane Wright, who was going through a month of training with him. He then went on to speak the use of the overtime funds and how it had benefited the City by allowing for extra coverage, more time, ability to focus on some known trouble areas, etc. Deputy Olson spoke on the rise in property theft, crime prevention in general, and encouraged use of security cameras, which could assist law enforcement later. Two videos were shown of local thefts, which were taken from homeowner security cameras and later used for their investigations.

Conversation ensued about the useful crime prevention information that could be made available for national night out and the importance of educating the public.

B. Storm Water Fee Public Education Forum #2

Mayor Myers called for any public comments or questions. There were none. Councilor Webster, in reviewing the materials that would be later adopted, confirmed the City was not circumventing the state law by adopting the proposed resolution, which the City Recorder explained they were not. In fact, it was a resolution noting that the storm water fee was not and did not qualify as a tax. The materials would be brought back to the next meeting for adoption.

C. Review of Animal Ordinance Re: Keeping of Livestock

Open discussion took place regarding the City's current animal ordinance and the information provided by the American Mini Pig Association. Council was in agreement with the definition of a mini pig, noting the weight limit of 150lbs and 18" in height, as well as limiting 2 per residential lot. The Council discussed the definition of livestock and considered adding language to include indoor caged animals, but later opted to leave it as written. It was also suggested to change the word "dogs" to "domestic animals" throughout the code, with discussion about pets being under the control of the owner, on a leash or otherwise, and that cats were exempt from the regulations in the code.

Further discussion ensued regarding other regulations suggested by the mini pig association, such as spaying and neutering them, which could prevent odors; however, Councilor Webster pointed out other City codes already addressed nuisances related to odor, noise, and other disturbances, so she felt it would be redundant

to add it. In addition, the City did not regulate the spaying/neutering of dogs or other animals; therefore, they didn't feel it would be fair to add it.

Councilor Beyerl spoke of the two pigs which brought the code into question last year, and he thought they fit the pig standard defined by the mini pig association. Councilor Perry added that the owner of a mini pig should be required to follow certain guidelines for containment, noting if a pig was allowed to root outside of its area for a number of days it could become a problem. The City Recorder noted the animal at large section of the code should cover that. Councilor Webster stated, while the changes seemed minor, she felt they were making changes for the better of the community. All agreed and directed staff to make the changes and bring it back for adoption.

D. Personnel Matters Re: Staff Transition

Councilor Campau noted the various responsibilities of both the Deputy City Recorder and City Manager/Recorder outlined in the proposed job descriptions and suggested a change to the confidentiality statement to include all sensitive information in both descriptions. Council agreed.

Councilor Webster suggested a change to the CM/R description to expand on the point regarding maintaining current information on social media by stating: maintains professional and up-to-date official City presence on the internet. Council agreed.

Moving on to the proposed salaries, Mayor Myers noted he'd requested the full 10-step scale, rather than just the starting step. He did a comparison of City Manager salaries in smaller cities and the average came out to be about \$85k and he believed the proposal was fair. Council agreed.

Councilor Beyerl moved to accept the job description for Deputy City Recorder with the amendments. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

Councilor Webster moved to accept the City Manager/Recorder job description as amended. Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

Councilor Campau moved to accept the proposed salary scale for CM/R and Dep City Recorder positions, with effective date of July 1, 2019. Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed - 0. **APPROVED.**

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

IV. VISITORS

Linda Baker – 1287 Filbert St. – Shared photos of cross walk flags she saw while visiting Bandon. Concern was expressed about the flags getting stolen and there was a question about whether ODOT needed to be involved. Jeff Buskirk was tasked with contacting the City of Bandon to inquire about the program.

V. COUNCIL COMMENTS

David Watkins shared that Lebanon was setting up a museum and they formed a committee that had started raising money.

Edna Campau shared that Sarah Cook had reached her 20th year with the City.

Mayor Myers complimented the Festival of Flowers, noting it was well attended and professionally run. However, the City hardly had visitors to the booth and wondered what they could do to attract more response. He asked Council to forward ideas to the City Recorder so perhaps something could be done different next time. In addition, he expressed concern for young children playing about in the front courtyard area with its close proximity to the highway. He wondered about some form of fencing, something that looked nice and matched the aesthetics. Jeff Buskirk noted the fence would have to be installed several feet into the lot because of water lines in the area.

Last, Mayor Myers, recalling the previous discussions about the food truck pod, sought clarification on Council's decision to not allow them on City property. He wanted to understand where the Council stood on continuing to allow them on private properties, noting the itinerant merchant code allowed for it. He questioned if staff should research or present changes to the code to not allow them at all. Councilor Perry commented that it spoke to the core idea that Jefferson wanted to grow and in order to grow, some of the ideas that came about had to be experimented. In the end, Council elected to leave the code as written, which allowed for vendors to set up on private properties with permission.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Walt Perry moved to adjourn. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All 6 were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:42pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2019.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Recorder