

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 28, 2022  
6:30pm

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Mayor Myers, Dave Beyerl, Keonali Hutley, Bob Rossiter, Walt Perry, David Watkins, David Kellogg(zoom)  
**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 6:30pm and led in the flag salute.
- II. **PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #724**, Declaring a Two Year Temporary Ban on Psilocybin Service Centers and the Manufacture of Psilocybin Products

Mayor Myers opened the public hearing at 6:31pm and read the hearing statement, background and summary on the subject. Sarah Cook confirmed no written testimony had been submitted to the City to date and Mayor Myers called for any public testimony. There was none. Moving on to questions of the City Council, there was clarification and explanation regarding the term “sunset”, which meant the decision the Council would expire on a set date and the Council would need to act again prior to that date. Councilor Beyerl understood there were still a number of incomplete policy guidelines at the state level, to which Mayor Myers explained those pertained to the permitting process OHA would use when they began accepting applications for said product service centers or manufacturing, which was expected as early as January 2023. Councilor Hutley was comfortable and confident in moving forward with the 2-year ban, noting it would allow time for things to fall into place before having to decide again what was best for the City.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Myers closed the hearing at 6:41pm and moved on to deliberation and decision. He read the required ordinance adoption procedures and called for abstentions, bias, conflicts, ex-parte contacts, or otherwise, and there were none. Mayor Myers read Ordinance #724 for the first reading, by title only. Councilor Hutley moved the ordinance be adopted and passed to the second reading by title only. Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.** Mayor Myers proceeded with the second reading of Ordinance #724, by title only. Councilor Watkins moved the ordinance be adopted and that the title of the ordinance become the ordinance. Councilor Perry seconded. Roll Call: Beyerl – yes; Hutley – yes; Rossiter – yes; Perry – yes; Watkins – yes; Kellogg – yes. **APPROVED.**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- 3.1 Resolution #1084, Calling an Election on November 8, 2022, Referring to the Voters an Ordinance Prohibiting Psilocybin Businesses Within the City of Jefferson, Oregon and Adopting a Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement

Sarah Cook identified minor typo corrections for the record, none of which altered or changed the meaning or intent of the resolution. Councilor Rossiter moved to approve the resolution and

Councilor Beyerl seconded. Discussion: Bob shared he was in favor of it because there were so many unknowns and he felt the City needed more time to see what the State would do and he felt the temporary ban was protecting people from a rushed decision. Walt was concerned that it wouldn't make sense to voters, given the tremendous lack of good information available from the state at that point. Mayor Myers indicated they were simply asking voters to give a 2-year stay, so everybody would know more by then. Keonali agreed, noting she had researched what several other cities were doing and there was far too much uncertainty to be able to confidently make an informed decision. Responding to a question from the audience about what would happen if the citizens voted the 2-year ban down, Sarah Cook explained the Council would have to quickly put policies and guidelines in place to regulate facilities and operations that wanted to establish in town before the State began accepting applications for them. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS** - none

**V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION** - none

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA** – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Rossiter. Discussion: David Kellogg questioned the expense for a deadbolt and Sarah Cook was certain it was more than that, but there was limited space in the area for full descriptions; however, she would look into it. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

**VII. VISITORS** – Wendy Sampels, representing the Lion's Club, noted one of their goals was to plant trees and they were interested in purchasing one for planting at the new park with a plaque, when the time came. The Council was very receptive to the idea and was interested in finding out if other non-profit groups wanted to donate anything for recognition at the park, noting they should be cautious about the type of trees that were donated.

**VIII. COUNCIL & STAFF UPDATES/COMMENTS**

Sarah Cook shared information on the OCCMA conference she attended, that she had registered 3 for the LOC conference in October, and reminded all of National Night Out.

Mayor Myers announced he would be absent from both meetings in August and also shared information on the celebration of life for former City Councilor and businessman, John Calder.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Beyerl moved; seconded by Walt Perry. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:12pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

  
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Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder