

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Council Worksession
October 13, 2022
6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Dave Beyerl, Mayor Myers, David Watkins, Keonali Hutley, Bob Rossiter, Walt Perry (6:40pm)
COUNCILORS ABSENT: David Kellogg
STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, CM/R; Jeff Buskirk, PWD; Deputy Aaron West, MCSO

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

II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

A. Mercury TMDL Implementation Plan – FYI

Jeff Buskirk provided information on the EPA mandate and the Safe Drinking Water Program, noting the most effective treatment was natural vegetation. He spoke about new regulations on new developments over 10k square feet of impervious surface, indicating the end goal was to mitigate what went into the river.

B. Pumpkin Fest 2022 – FYI, all were happy the Fire Dept was holding the event again.

C. Review Projects & Goals – Cont'd

Mayor Myers picked up where the last meeting left off, which was page 4 consisting of the goals from 2012-13. Changes were made to the overall goals statement, as it was lacking youth engagement. The Council proceeded down the chart of projects and moved or removed items to currently appropriate columns, whether they had been completed or the timeline had changed. There was brief discussion on the annexation and UGB expansion process, noting the existing available land within the UGB would first need to be developed. Proceeding on to section E, the conversation shifted to adding downtown revitalization to the list of projects and what that looked like for them, including completely re-designing Main St. Councilor Perry spoke of a Promenade idea and Councilor Watkins hoped 2nd Street could be included in any sort of revitalization, as he believed that was where the focus was. Councilor Beyerl expressed concern with getting property owners to upgrade their private properties. Hearing a lot of challenges and reasons why it couldn't be done, Mayor Myers pointed out the need to find ways around those issues, noting the Council needed to consider ideas for solutions and remedies to those challenges. He requested they re-visit section E at a later date, so they could further expand on the subject.

Moving on to review the list of City accomplishments, Mayor Myers was proud to see the huge strides made over the last decade. Councilor Beyerl hoped future Council's continued the forward thinking process that had worked so well for the City and was the reason Jefferson was in the position it was. Staff was asked to update the list to include current accomplishments and move completed items. With that, Mayor Myers felt it was a good place to stop, leaving the Strategic Plan as the final piece left to review.

III. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Watkins. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

IV. **VISITORS**

Linda Baker, FOL – handed out another installment of information for the green library binders she had previously shared with the Council. This round included information on the October calendar of events, history of Library Directors, and she noted the upcoming 100th birthday of the Public Library.

Patti Ball, JHS&M – referred to the Council’s earlier discussion about downtown revitalization and the impacts it might have on Main Street. She encouraged the Council to include the Landmarks Advisory Commission in their future talks, as well as other important organizations within the City, such as the church’s, Lion’s Club, etc. Mayor Myers and the Council all agreed community input would be essential.

V. **STAFF & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

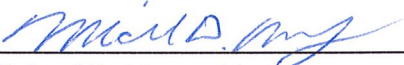
Jeff Buskirk said the recommendation for bid award would be coming before the Council at their next meeting, regarding the 6th and Church Street water line project, which was funded through ARP money. Sarah Cook handed out a written summary of the LOC Conference she and Mayor Myers attended and noted she and Councilor Watkins had participated in a Willamette Valley Broadband event, which had been quite informative.

Councilor Beyerl inquired about the time savings of the radio read meters, to which Jeff Buskirk shared it took about 2 hours to read the entire town and about 10 minutes for the City Clerk to upload the information into accounts; a tremendous amount of staff time saved.

Councilor Perry inquired about the City’s annual holiday volunteer recognition dinner. Sarah Cook noted the Community Center was reserved for Friday, December 16th. After some discussion about schedules and who was available to cook the main dish, Mayor Myers suggested the event be catered and Sarah agreed and would get it taken care of.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Rossiter moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Perry. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:43pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2022.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder