

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting
October 27, 2022
6:30pm

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

I. **CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE** – In the absence of Mayor Myers, Council President Dave Beyerl called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the flag salute.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

2.1 Review Projects & Goals – Strategic Plan Portion – Cont’d

Starting with Section A on Livability Community and Culture, the Council noted many of the items were continuous projects, not just a one-and-done goal, but rather, things that were important for the City to maintain. These included items such as the clean up day, encouraging cultural diversity and participating in events and partnerships. A suggestion was made to add a new column for “ongoing” or to add a new section at the end of the document for “maintenance items” and comments needed updating throughout.

Moving on to Section B for Recreation and Open Space, there was open dialogue with audience members, to include Frank Ball, who explained his contact with the OSU Forestry Department, noting there was not opportunities in their schedules to be involved as we had hoped. All agreed comments needed updated and a suggestion to add a new project/goal to the plan, B14 for the purpose of a larger playground park.

In Section C on Infrastructure, item C3 was moved to delayed, as connecting 5th St between Hazel and Cemetery Hill was dependent on development. Conversation took place on improvements to N. Main St, which all agreed was important to be in the plan but knew it would be there a long time. Several comments in the section needed updating to include the TSP recently adopted by the City, which would be important for future partnerships down the road. Referring to item C8, Councilor Watkins spoke about the importance of having good quality and reliable service in Jefferson, expressing concern about what all the vendors were providing. He shared information about the Faster Oregon speed test program that had been out, noting Jefferson was hardly represented, and the need to encourage the public to participate in the survey. Further, he suggested the addition of a new item, C9, to address 2nd Street Improvements and to include comments about the new TSP and the City’s desire to work with property owners and developers to promote upgrades and beautification.

Councilor Beyerl suggested, and the others agreed, to stop there and finish up the last couple pages at a future meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Recommendation for Bid Award: Church & N 6th St. Waterline – ARPA Project

Councilor Rossiter moved to accept the recommendation from Westech Engineering, to award the bid to K&E Excavating. Councilor Kellogg seconded. Discussion: Councilor Hutley commented on the significant difference in prices from the two companies that bid. Jeff Buskirk noted the project would add fire protection to the areas. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

IV. DISCUSSION/INFO

4.1 OHA Results: 2022 Water System Survey

The Council was pleased with the report, noting the reference to the water system as an outstanding performer. Jeff Buskirk confirmed there were no surprises and spoke on the testing requirements, results, and that they had 5 years until the next review.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Before a motion was made, Sarah Cook introduced a draft invoice from Dell Marketing in the amount of \$9,721.06, for the purchase of new public computers for the Library, for which a \$10k grant had been awarded and was included in the adopted budget. The Library Director was finalizing the order that very evening and since there was only one meeting in November to approve bills, she was seeking pre-approval of the Dell payment so they did not have to wait that long. Councilor Perry moved to approve the consent agenda with the additional Dell invoice. Councilor Watkins seconded. Discussion: Councilor Kellogg clarified the \$7500 payment for the dirt work at the Mill St. park. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VI. VISITORS

Linda Baker, FOL – spoke on the Library’s history with CCRLS and passed around the latest packet of information for the green library binders.

Patti Ball, 554 S Main – referenced the City’s Strategic Plan and felt it needed more information about historic preservation. She encouraged the Council to partner with them in focusing, recognizing, and applauding historic property owners.

Wendy Sampels, 1261 Hazel St. – the JHS&M would be selling wreaths for the upcoming holiday season, the Lion’s Club would be selling pies, and a Holiday Faire was scheduled for November 19th.

Edna Campau, 6th St – noted the Howell house on Main St. was in poor condition and it had been or was being sold. She said it was of a style that was no longer seen and hoped there was a way the City could prevent it from being demolished.

VII. STAFF/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sarah Cook had passed around a food-drive the staff had created and encouraged Councilors to participate in, noting all the food would be donated to the local Food Pantry before Thanksgiving. She also informed them of an upcoming joint Worksession with the Planning Commission to begin a review of various code amendment possibilities.

Councilor Watkins shared information on the trouble with obtaining bids for a new A/V system in the chambers, but noted he would continue trying.

Councilor Kellogg inquired with Deputy West about the ongoing complaints of car break-ins and theft, to which the Deputy indicated the single most important and the simplest solution was for people to remove valuable items and secure their vehicles. He explained the penalties were pretty minor and it was difficult to address proactively, as it was a crime of opportunity. Additionally, he indicated a lot of people didn't report on a lot of things, so it was difficult for law enforcement to try and establish patterns. He shared information about the Sheriff's Office online portal, where people could report things without having to call in.

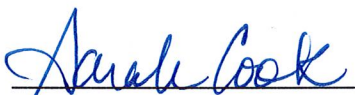
VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Perry moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Kellogg. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2022.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder