

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 22, 2022  
6:30pm

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** David Watkins, Dave Beyerl, David Kellogg, Keonali Hutley, Bob Rossiter, Mayor Michael Myers, Walt Perry (6:52pm)  
**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** None  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Sarah Cook, CM/R; Jeff Buskirk, PWD; Deputy West and Sergeant Olson, MCSO

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

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

2.1 Review Projects & Goals – Cont’d

Mayor Myers indicated they would start off with discussing challenges the City had and conversation ensued about how to attract more commerce in town, particularly essential healthcare and pharmaceutical services. Mayor Myers thought with the recent closure of the doctors office in town, that perhaps there weren’t enough to sustain such a business, which suggested there really wasn’t a need for it. Councilor Kellogg was interested in knowing what the magic number was in terms of population that would attract more businesses to town.

Moving on to opportunities, Mayor Myers pointed out items on the list that the City had accomplished, such as acquiring river front property, development of a newsletter, assorted internet options, and establishing LAC to recognize historic homes. Conversation went on about the best way of reaching people and Councilor Perry suggested involving the youth because they had a tremendous communication network. That led to more ideas of drawing in the younger generation to involve them in City government, such as hosting tours of City Hall, Library, and the Public Works Facility, and participation in career day and job fairs.

All in all, Mayor Myers noted the City had made significant strides in many areas over the last 5-10 years and noted at the next meeting, they would begin with the goals that were set during 2012-13 and work from there, saving the most recent Strategic Plan for the last section to be reviewed.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 Cell Tower Lease Amendment

Sarah Cook provided some background on the materials before the Council, noting it was an amendment to the very first tower least on the site, which had been with AT&T, now Crown Castle, and further clarified that it would not be a new tower at the site, only an add-on to an existing one.

Councilor Beyerl moved to approve the lease agreement and Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

**IV. DISCUSSION/INFO** - None

**V. CONSENT AGENDA** – Councilor Rossiter moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Beyerl. Clarification was given on payments for guardrail materials, radio read software hosting, and transmission service to the Kubota. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

**VI. VISITORS**

Linda Baker, for the FOL - provided handouts to be added to the previously distributed binders. They included an activity calendar and she noted the upcoming pumpkin decorating contest.

Edna Campau, Union St – regarding communication, she believed the Council and staff did a great job getting the info out and felt it was the people who weren't taking it all in for any number of reasons.

**VII. STAFF & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Sarah Cook verified there were no Councilors interested in taking Walt Perry's place at the LOC conference and would cancel his registration to ensure a refund was received.

Mayor Myers said he would be absent from both October meetings.

Sergeant Garrett Olson was present to share his promotion to Sergeant of the contract cities, and though he said it felt weird, he was happy to be back. He also noted Deputy Kittelson would be leaving for a K-9 position in the coming weeks and a replacement had been chosen; Deputy Nate Morse, who he was confident would be a great fit for Jefferson. The Council welcomed him back.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Perry moved and Councilor Kellogg seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:47pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

  
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Michael D. Myers, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder