

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting & Public Hearing
June 22, 2023
6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: David Watkins, David Kellogg, Bob Rossiter, Charles Vickery, Keonali Hutley, Chandra Cruikshank

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Mayor Myers

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, CM/R; Jeff Buskirk, PWD; Deputy Morse, MCSO

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2023-24 BUDGET

Councilor Watkins opened the hearing at 6:31pm and read the purpose, background and summary report before calling for public testimony. The City Manager confirmed there had been no written testimony leading up to the hearing and there was no oral testimony given during the hearing. Hearing no questions of the Council, the hearing was closed at 6:34pm.

III. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Resolution# 1091, Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for FY 2023-24

Councilor Rossiter moved to approve the resolution and Councilor Kellogg seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Resolution# 1092, Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues

Councilor Rossiter moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Hutley. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

4.2 Resolution# 1093, Setting the COLA for FY 2023-24 to Establish the Adjustment of Employee Wages and Water/Sewer Rates Based on the CPI

Councilor Hutley moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

5.1 Correspondence with DLCD Re: Housing Capacity (Needs) Analysis – FYI

Sarah Cook referred to the email communication between the City's contract planner and DLCD, which indicated DLCD's suggestion that all small cities wait on pursuing grants to update HNA's due to expected changes in the legislative session that would impact any potential changes and cause them to be outdated

almost immediately. She briefly noted the Mayor's concern with waiting and that he had asked that further discussion on the topic be postponed until he returned.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – Councilor Kellogg moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Rossiter. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Historical Society – no new info
Planning – no new info
Fire Board – pancake breakfast
Parks & Rec – no new info
School Board – Superintendent had reviewed large portion of strategic plan
Library – Summer Reading Program was in full swing and had been well attended
Landmarks – approved set goals at previous meeting
MWACT – no new info
TAC – concerns that funding was not for Jefferson's 2nd street; bridge project still happening
City Parks – no new info

VIII. VISITORS

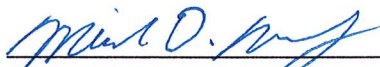
Patti Ball provided an update on Heroes' Day planning, including parade and vendor entries, flower baskets had gone up on Main St, cub scouts would put flags out, car club attending, games on Conser House lawn, etc. All were looking forward to the event.

IX. COUNCIL & STAFF UPDATES

Sarah Cook provided an update on the Jones Building abatement, noting the County still had not issued permits for the required stair/deck work; fines were still accruing; new owner was making other improvements elsewhere in the building. Additionally, she passed around a sign up sheet for Councilors to participate in staffing the City booth at Heroes' Day, noting she would bring all the table materials for handouts, candy, and other decoration type items for the booth.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Rossiter moved to adjourn and Councilor Kellogg seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 6:57pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 27th day of July, 2023.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder