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****AMENDED AGENDA****

CITY OF JEFFERSON

Regular Council Meeting

December 14, 2023

6:30pm

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

1. No person shall be disorderly, abusive, or disruptive of the orderly conduct of the meeting.
2. Persons shall not testify without first receiving recognition from the presiding officer and stating their full name and residence address.
3. No person shall present irrelevant, immaterial, or repetitious testimony or evidence.
4. There shall be no audience demonstrations such as applause, cheering, display of signs, or other conduct disruptive of the meeting.

The above listed meeting will be held both in person at City Hall and virtually on Zoom. To join the meeting on a PC, laptop, or other device, follow the link and enter the password provided.

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86063627830?pwd=CDS0XnAaeaEKZH7lDmucZMeZPML85v.1>

Meeting ID: 860 6362 7830 Password: 044467

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AGENDA

I. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 2.1 Dangerous Bldg Update
- 2.2 Main St. Improvements

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 3.1 Annual DMV Dismantler Certificate Renewal
- 3.2 4th St. Right-Of-Way
- 3.3 *Rural Prosperity and Prosperity Act

IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- 4.1 Letter to District Judge Hernandez Re: Dam Drawdowns – FYI
- 4.2 Emergency Op Plan Funding & Timelines – Update, FYI
- 4.3 WWTP Inspection Results - FYI

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- Regular Council Meeting, November 16, 2023
- Accounts Payable – December 2023

Equal Opportunity Employer & Provider

VI. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Historical Society – Mayor Myers
- Planning Commission – Charles Vickery
- Fire Board – Keonali Hutley
- Parks & Rec – Bob Rossiter
- School Board – Bob Rossiter
- Library – Chandra Cruikshank
- Landmarks Advisory – Staff/Other
- MWACT – David Watkins
- TAC – David Watkins
- City Parks – David Watkins & Bob Rossiter

VII. VISITORS

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION*ORS 192.660(2)(i)** – Performance Evaluations of Public Officers & Employees

IX. COUNCIL & STAFF UPDATES/COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Posted: December 8, 2023
Sarah Cook
City Manager/Recorder

*New Business Item #3.3

December 12, 2023

Memo to Jefferson City Council

From: Mayor Myers

Subject: Council Support of the Rural Prosperity and Prosperity Act

Congresswoman Andrea Salinas, who represents us in the 6th District and her staff, are working on introducing the above cited legislation into congress and are seeking our support.

This important piece of legislation is long overdue and affords much needed direct federal support for all rural communities, including Jefferson.

Attached is information regarding this act and a letter of support for your thoughtful consideration.

More specifically, I am asking for unanimous Council approval of this letter, with all Councilors signatures affixed to the letter.

With Respect,



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

City of Jefferson



BOB CASEY

The Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act of 2023

U.S. Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Deb Fischer (R-NE)

Rural America has powered and fed the United States since the country's inception. However, rural communities have long lacked investment and faced higher barriers in accessing existing federal funding streams, both of which have contributed to widening disparities in economic and community development outcomes between rural places and more urban and suburban areas. Unlike higher population areas with larger tax bases, rural leaders often lack funding and staffing resources, and are left juggling numerous responsibilities while navigating the overlapping challenges of economic change and population shifts.

Given these headwinds and resource constraints, many rural leaders feel they lack the funding and staff capacity to successfully compete in the national economy as well as navigate the complex system of federal grants. *The Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act of 2023* would address these needs by creating a set of programs aimed at providing direct support to rural communities through funding and technical assistance:

- **Rural Partnership Program Grants** would help fill the persistent need felt across rural communities for direct federal support for economic and community development activities. The grant program would provide multiyear, flexible awards to communities to be used to address urgent needs, including but not limited to affordable child care, housing, and job training.
- **Rural Prosperity Technical Assistance Grants** would address the need in many rural areas for assistance with economic and community development activities, including navigating existing federal funding opportunities. Rural stakeholders would be able to access technical assistance via awarded providers who would help them pursue funding and carry out community development and planning activities. Providing rural communities with this assistance helps ensure that rural communities are getting their fair share of private and federal investment.
- The bill would also double down on previous efforts to formalize a **whole-of-government approach to rural development**. These provisions would improve supportive services offered by the federal government to rural communities, including by activating federal agencies in new ways and facilitating better cross-agency coordination.

These flexible programs are intended to meet communities where they are and respond to specific local needs, all while increasing government efficiency and ensuring rural taxpayers see their tax dollars come back to their communities for meaningful projects.

Rural communities deserve a fair shot at growth and a fair shot at federal resources. By empowering rural places with targeted, direct support, the *Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act of 2023* gives communities the resources they need to thrive.

Casey, Fischer Introduce Legislation to Increase Investment in Rural Communities

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Bill would create programs to directly support rural communities through federal investment opportunities

Washington, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Deb Fischer (R-NE) introduced the *Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act* to advance economic development in rural communities and help them overcome barriers to obtaining federal funding and resources. Currently, many rural communities are unable to compete for federal investment opportunities because of a lack of adequate funding, capacity, and staffing. This legislation would address those shortfalls with targeted support and a whole-of-government effort to better support rural communities.

“Our rural communities deserve a fair shot to grow their economies and improve their quality of life,” said Senator Casey. “This legislation will put rural communities on a level playing field to compete for federal resources alongside our cities and suburban areas. This is a critical moment to ensure that communities that have been the bedrock of our Nation for generations are receiving the support they need to thrive.”

“Rural Nebraskans deserve to see their tax dollars invested in projects that help their communities,” said Senator Fischer. “Our bipartisan legislation would optimize federal funding for local communities and enhance their access to federal programs.”

The *Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act* will create a grant program providing multiyear, flexible awards to communities to be used to address urgent needs, including but not limited to affordable child care, housing, and job training; provide technical assistance grants to help rural communities navigate existing federal funding opportunities and ensure they’re getting their fair share of private and federal investment; and improve supportive services offered by the federal government to rural communities.

This bill was endorsed by more than 50 Pennsylvania officials and organizations including: Pasa Sustainable Agriculture, Pennsylvania State Grange, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, State Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver, Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission, SEDA-COG, NEPA Alliance, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission (SAP&DC), Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, Greater Reading Chamber Alliance, Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation, Schuylkill Chamber, Community Foundation of Greene County, Fayette County Chamber of Commerce and Business, Bedford County Development Association, Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation, York County Economic Alliance, Harrisburg Regional Chamber, Lancaster Chamber, Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry, City of Meadville, Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, Somerset Commissioner Pam Tokar-Ickes (D), Crawford Commissioner Chris Soff (D), Venango Commissioner “Chip” Abramovic (D), McKean Commissioner Cliff Lane (D), Potter Commissioner Nancy Grupp (R), Potter Commissioner Paul Heimel (R), Potter Commissioner Barry Hayman (D), Warren Commissioner Jeff Eggleston (D), Cumberland Commissioner Jean Foschi (D), Perry Commissioner Brenda Watson (D), Lebanon Commissioner Jo Ellen Litz (D), Clinton Commissioner Ang Harding (D), State Rep. Scott Conklin (D), Jefferson Commissioner Jeff Pisarcik (D), Huntingdon Borough Mayor Tom Yoder (R), Cameron Commissioner James D. Moate (R), Schuylkill Commissioner Barron “Boots” Hetherington (R), State Rep Jamie Barton (R), Columbia Commissioner Dave Kovach (D), Schuylkill Commissioner Gary Hess (D), Adams Commissioner Marty Qually (D), Perry Commissioner-elect Frank Campbell (R), Mayor Hadzik of Weatherly (R), Berks Commissioner Michael Rivera (R), Rep Tim Twardzik (R), Indiana Commissioner Sherene Hess (D), Johnstown Mayor Frank Janakovic, State Rep. Paul Takac (D), Clearfield Commissioner Dave Glass (D), Mifflin Commissioner Rob Postal (R), Mifflin Commissioner Kevin Kodish (D), State Representative Brian Smith (R).

This bill was endorsed by more than 20 national and regional organizations including: National Association of Counties, National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA), Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, International Economic Development Council, BPC Action, Farm Credit Council, National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), National Association of Towns & Townships, Cobank, Land O’Lakes, Center on Rural Innovation, National Rural Water Association, Housing Assistance Council, Communities Unlimited, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition, National Rural Health Association, Save the Children, Main Street Alliance, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, SERCAP, INC., Enterprise Community Partners, e2 Entrepreneurial Ecosystems, MDC.

See what others are saying about the *Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act* [here](#).

Read more about the *Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act* [here](#).



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Memorandum to the Honorable Andrea Salinas

From Mayor Myers and the Jefferson City Council

Subject: Support for the Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act

The Jefferson City Council unanimously supports enactment of this important piece of legislation.

The ever-growing disparity between rural and urban areas as they relate to investment opportunities dedicated to community development, economic growth and basic infrastructure is more than apparent. Left unchecked, rural communities will no longer do more with less, they will do less with less.

This act will significantly reduce the current barriers to rural vitality. Programs and technical assistance will help revitalize rural communities with improved services, better housing and most importantly jobs.

The Jefferson City Council applauds you for this proactive approach to addressing rural needs and offers this letter of support as testimony to use as you deem appropriate. We look forward to hearing about the progress on this legislation, and its' passage.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Michael D. Myers

Council President David Watkins

Councilor David Kellogg

Councilor Chandra Cruikshank

Councilor Keonali Huntley

Councilor Bob Rossiter

Councilor Charles Vickery