

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting & Executive Session
January 25, 2024
6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Charles Vickery, David Kellogg, Bob Rossiter, Chandra Cruikshank, David Watkins,
Mayor Michael Myers, Keonali Hutley (zoom)

COUNCILORS ABSENT: None

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

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

II. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 145 S. Main St. – Dangerous Building – Case# 2022-01

Sarah Cook provided a brief summary of the written report she provided in the Council materials. All were impressed with the work that had been done to improve the safety and appearance of the building. Councilor Watkins moved to approve the staff recommendation to void Resolution #1085, deem the case complete, and close the file. Councilor Kellogg seconded. Mayor Myers pointed out the importance of Council standing firm on such matters, which resulted in a nice looking historical building. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0.

APPROVED.

III. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 In-House Water/Sewer Assistance Program

Sarah Cook confirmed the point of bringing the preliminary information forward was to seek input and guidance from the Council before more staff time was spent researching the idea and creating a policy. She indicated the City Clerk, Brianna, had been interested in starting an assistance program for several years; however, there had been other agencies that were able to temporarily address some of the need. That allowed time for some funds to build within the City's budget, which stemmed from the Council's earlier decision to sign on with the Service Line Warranty program through the National League of Cities, which has provided revenue proceeds to the City over the last 3 years. There was brief discussion about limitations, criteria, and concern with record keeping and anybody abusing the system. Overall, the Council was supportive of the idea and directed staff to further investigate and begin preparing a policy that Council could review at a later time.

IV. DISCUSSION/INFO – none

V. CONSENT AGENDA – Sarah Cook quickly added an additional invoice for World Concrete, totaling \$3525, which was a deposit to begin work on the supports under the Conser House and were covered by grant funds. Councilor Rossiter moved to approve the AP, with the additional invoice, Councilor Watkins seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VI. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Chamber – no new info

Planning – no new info

Fire Board – bringing back levy; Feb 3rd Coffee w/Chief; opening on their budget comm
School Board – gun-free zone discussion; free breakfast & lunch for all; meeting w/Samaritan re: health center
Library – Feb 10th garden-themed rummage sale; seed library to begin; successful book sale; roof leak
Landmarks – no new info (ice storm)
MWACT – no new info
TAC – abandoned due to lack of attendance; shared bridge repair info with CM – Sarah to make contact
City Parks – no new info (ice storm)

VII. VISITORS

Patti Ball – invited and encouraged Council to attend upcoming Soup-er Supper fundraiser at Community Center in an effort to continuously support local non-profits.

VIII. COMMENTS – none

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions

Mayor Myers announced the Council would excuse themselves to the smaller conference room for the scheduled Executive Session and cited the ORS. The Council, along with Sarah Cook and Jeff Buskirk, entered executive session at 7:06pm and reconvened in regular session at 7:39pm.

X. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Watkins moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Rossiter. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:40pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 22nd day of February, 2024.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder