

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**  
Council Worksession  
February 8, 2024  
6:30pm

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Chandra Cruikshank, Charles Vickery, Bob Rossiter, David Watkins, David Kellogg, Mayor Myers, Keonali Hutley  
**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. WORKSESSION TOPICS**

**A. Annual Rate Review**

The Council worked their way down the provided fee list chart, beginning with the fees associated with the Library and moving on to planning/development fees, and other general fees of the City. Councilor Hutley shared information about her visit to the State Capitol, where there was a topic about changing the way cities collected SDC's from developers in an effort to bring affordable housing. Noting a future fee the City would be considering, Mayor Myers suggested reaching out to area parks to determine how much they charge for rental fees. There was a consensus of the Council to bring back the staff's recommendations for approval at the next meeting.

**B. Strategic Plan Review**

Mayor Myers noted the involvement of the High School art class for the banner project, as well as recent implementation of a teen advisory board at the Library. Everybody agreed there was good progress on the subject. Language was updated to specify the goal to add a 4<sup>th</sup> MCSO deputy as well as acquire and develop a large playground style park. In the infrastructure category, comments were updated regarding improvements to North and South Main Street and the development of a broadband and dig once policy were separated into individual tasks with comments updated accordingly. Under the planning & growth category, new goals were added, including preparation of a housing needs analysis and review of the mixed-use highway zone to determine necessity and feasibility. Both were marked delayed for now. Completed goals that were moved to the accomplished list in the back of the plan included hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> MCSO deputy, capping the well at 7<sup>th</sup> St. and selling the lot, and developing a 20-year TSP. Sarah Cook would update the document and bring it back to the Council for a final review and adoption. Councilor Cruikshank suggested sending the Strategic Plan to the high school senior class to allow them to review it and bring suggestions back to the Council when they attended an upcoming meeting. All agreed.

**III. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Councilor Rossiter moved to approve; Councilor Kellogg seconded and asked for clarification on the bill for the concrete pad at the WTP. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

**IV. VISITORS**

Linda Baker, FOL – shared information about the seed library and invited all to attend.

**V. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor Myers was excited to share how well the girls high school basketball team was, noting they had won 20 straight games and were ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in 3A.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Watkins moved, seconded by Councilor Rossiter. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Sarah Cook, City Manager/Recorder