

The City Council for the City of Junction City, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon and in a virtual meeting format via internet and phone.

PRESENT: Mayor, Beverly Ficek; Council President, Ken Wells; Councilors Sandie Thomas; Sidney Washburne, Andrea Ceniga, John Gambia (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), and Karen Leach; City Administrator, Jason Knope; City Attorney, Rebekah Dohrman; Public Works Director, Gary Kaping; and City Recorder, Kitty Vodrup.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ficek opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and took roll call.

2. Psilocybin Ban Discussion

Attorney Dohrman reviewed that Attorney Connelly had provided psilocybin information to the Council on July 12, 2022, and the Council consensus was to bring back an ordinance prohibiting psilocybin and a resolution to refer the ordinance to the voters at the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Councilor Gambia arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Dohrman added that the resolution was the mechanism to get the ordinance to the voters and it also adopted a ballot title and other pieces that were needed to meet the election law part of this process. State law required that a prohibition of psilocybin go before the voters.

A. Ordinance No. 1 – An Ordinance Declaring a Ban on Psilocybin Service Centers and the Manufacture of Psilocybin Products.

Attorney Dohrman read Ordinance No. 1 in full.

MOTION: Councilor Leach made a motion to read Ordinance No. 1 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wells and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mayor Ficek read Ordinance No. 1 by title only.

MOTION: Councilor Leach made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilor Washburne and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

B. Resolution No. 1 – A Resolution Calling an Election on November 8, 2022, to Refer to the Voters an Ordinance Prohibiting Psilocybin Businesses within the City of Junction City, Oregon and Adopting a Ballot Title.

Mayor Ficek noted that an updated resolution had been distributed at the meeting.

MOTION: Councilor Wells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1, as updated. The motion was seconded by Councilor Leach and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

3. Water Curtailment Resolution

Director Kaping presented the resolution that would allow the City to enact water curtailment if needed. He noted that there was no need for this now, but staff wanted to have this resolution approved in advance in case water curtailment was needed. He added that if this resolution was not passed tonight and water curtailment was needed, the Council would need to quickly hold a special meeting to approve this resolution and allow staff to issue the water curtailment. He spoke with the City Attorney on this and about the possibility of passing such a resolution each year in April or May, so it would be approved and ready to go if needed. He noted that an updated resolution had been distributed to the Council.

Director Kaping continued that currently residents were using 1.7 million gallons per day. If that amount went up and the ground storage tanks dropped to 33 feet or below for 24 hours, this resolution would allow staff to enact curtailment.

Administrator Knope added that curtailment was based on the tank level and what they could recover in a 24-hour period from the water that was used that day. When they started getting up around 1.7 million gallons of water a day, they started exceeding what could be produced in a day and then would not be able to recover the water needed in the ground storage tanks. Currently there was not a big issue, but all it would take was one well going down for a day, a

motor going out, or one decent fire. The goal of curtailment was to get people to reduce water usage so they could get more water back into the tanks.

Director Kaping noted that the Water Curtailment Plan allowed fines to be imposed, but he had never imposed a fine, and was able to get compliance through knocking on doors and educating citizens.

In response to a question on how many days of water were in the tanks, Director Kaping responded that there were 3 ½ million gallons in storage when the tanks were full and with residents using 1.7 million gallons a day, it would last a couple days, without being replenished. He noted that in the winter, use was 500,000 gallons a day and would last 5 or 6 days.

Director Kaping said that they calculated that each person would use 200 gallons of water per day and with the current population, the City should only be using 1.4 million gallons per day.

It was asked if drilling the other two wells west of town would help in the long run. Director Kaping responded yes. Administrator Knope added that what would also help was to build additional storage, so they could get from 3 ½ million gallons in storage to 5 or 6 million gallons.

Director Kaping stated that he currently had the City Engineers working on a water rights transfer, design, and engineer's cost to put in a well by Raintree Subdivision. Once that was completed, they would look at whether to drill another well or build another ground storage tank first. He added that another thing that would help with water production was running the emergency 3rd and Cedar well, which they did not run unless they had to. He added that they would exhaust all options before going into any kind of water curtailment.

A. Resolution No. 2 – A Resolution Authorizing a City Emergency Water Shortage and Authorizing the City Administrator to Implement the City's Water Curtailment Plan.

MOTION: Councilor Wells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2, as updated. The motion was seconded by Councilor Washburne and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

4. Deal Street Improvements

Director Kaping presented the request to approve the Deal Street improvements from the county line through the intersection of Deal Street and Dane Lane. A Request for Proposal was issued, and Knife River was the lowest bidder. The project would start in October.

MOTION: Councilor Wells made a motion to award the Deal Street Paving Project to Knife River in the amount of \$179,075 and authorize the Public Works Director to sign the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilor Washburne and passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

5. 150th Celebration Vendor Insurance Discussion

Administrator Knope stated that before the Council was the issue of insurance requirements for vendors at the September 17, 2022 Street Fair, which was part of the City's 150th Birthday Celebration. Council had three options regarding insurance requirements: Option 1 – Do nothing; Option 2 – Require non-food vendors to carry 1 million and food vendors to carry 2 million; Option 3 – Do not require non-food vendors to carry insurance but to sign a hold harmless agreement and require food vendors to carry 2 million. The City could help pay any extra for food vendors to get to the 2 million amount for this one day special City event only, if needed. He estimated the cost at \$100 to \$200 and if there were 15 food vendors, the total cost for the City would be around \$3,000. He added that staff recommended Option 3.

The Council consensus was to go with Option 3. Administrator Knope stated that the vendor application forms would be updated and then made available to the public.

6. LCOG Board of Directors Report

Councilor Gambee reported: LCOG worked through their 66 million dollar budget, which included a lot for Senior Services. Two interesting topics that had been discussed were: 1. Using stimulus funds to improve broadband infrastructure and, 2. Cyber Security. He added that LCOG had a great website, and Director Brenda Wilson was doing a great job.

7. Lane ACT Report

Councilor Leach reported: She provided an update on ranking for local area projects and noted that smaller cities like Creswell’s airport runway had been ranked 15 and Florence’s airport fueling island reconstruction had been ranked 27, but larger cities like the Eugene Airport had been ranked 3. She added that as it usually turned out, the bigger cities received funding and the smaller cities did not. She added that the City of Springfield had planned to do a Main Street Project, which would take 20 years to complete, with the planning phase costing 1.4 million dollars and the first phase costing 28 million dollars. The Mayor and Council from Springfield then decided to pause the planning and to rethink this project.

Discussion followed that Lane ACT was formed to include the small cities. Mayor Ficek asked if they could look at the Lane ACT criteria on specifications for the smaller cities and get on the record to encourage that smaller cities needs/projects be recognized and funded.

Administrator Knope responded that he and Director Kaping would look into this and find out who they would need to contact.

Councilor Wells complimented the Mayor and Council of Springfield for rethinking their Main Street project and for listening to their citizens. He noted that his son lived in Springfield and the citizens voiced concerns on the project. He added that the Springfield Council did what they thought was right for the community and that was the way every Council should operate.

Mayor Ficek encouraged all Council members to participate in the events for the City’s 150th and to wear their Council name badges.

8. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kitty Vodrup, City Recorder

Beverly A. Ficek, Mayor