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Work Session
Jefferson County Administration Center, Hillsboro, MO
Assembly Room
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The Jefferson County, Missouri, Council conducted a Work Session on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Jefferson County Administration Center, located at 729 Maple Street, Hillsboro, Missouri.

I. CALL TO ORDER

County Council Chair Charles Groeteke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Groeteke asked for everyone to stand and give a moment of silence for the three soldiers who lost their lives in Jordan while defending our freedoms and liberties.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

III. ROLL CALL

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Absent
District 2 - Council Member Barbagallo:	Present
District 3 – Council Member Mrs. Arons	Present
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Present
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Absent
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Present
District 7 - Council Member Tullock	Present

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Bob Tullock made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Dan Stallman.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Absent
District 2 - Council Member Barbagallo:	Yes
District 3 – Council Member Mrs. Arons:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Absent
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Tullock:	Yes

Motion carried.

V. COUNTY BUSINESS

A. Rockford Beach / River Bend Park

- Director of Parks Tim Pigg discussed the name change for Rockford Beach. He mentioned sending an email to the County Council last year with proposed names for the park. Mr. Pigg stated more people have gravitated to calling it Rockford Park. Questions were brought up by the Council, with responses from Mr. Pigg.
- Director Pigg spoke regarding River Bend Park and mention the code for this Park needs to be changed. In 2019 Riverbend Park was dedicated to being used as a RC Park. However later in 2020/2021 Riverbend Park was designated as wet land. Since no trees could be removed, the

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park now has a canopy of trees, which makes it hard for it to be used as a RC Park. Riverbend is, however, suitable to be used as an Equine Park.

B. Jefferson County Health Department

Ms. Brianne Zwiener and Ms. Melissa Parmeley from Jefferson County Health Department passed out a pamphlet and gave a detailed presentation about the Health Department and what they do. They spoke about the information available on their website; <https://www.jeffcohealth.org/>. Several questions were asked by the Council with responses from both Ms. Zwiener and Ms. Parmeley.

C. 2024 Missouri General Assembly Update

Lobbyist Garrett Webb, from Strategic Capital Consulting, spoke regarding the 2024 Legislative Session and some of the priority Bills that have been discussed. Mr. Webb stated there are a lot of different initiatives around tax reform. Senator Eigel, from St. Charles County for many years has pushed for the elimination of the Personal Property Tax. This probably won't happen anytime soon, because of the amount of revenue that it generates for local governments. However, there are other taxes that have been discussed and are looking at being eliminated. During the State of the State address the Governor released his proposal for the next fiscal year's budget. Mr. Webb gave an overview of several issues going on in Missouri. Questions were asked by Councilmembers with responses from Mr. Webb.

D. Proposed Stormwater Code Changes Discussion

Stormwater Manager Mike Cook gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Stormwater Code.

- a 5000 square foot requirement for a land disturbance permit, at the Directors discretion, in the urbanized areas. Mr. Cook provided photos to the Council showing examples of this issue.
- a 5-foot from the property line drainage. Stormwater received a lot of residential property complaints from one neighbor to another, draining their water to another property intentionally. Mr. Cook stated he is requesting to have this proposal reviewed, discussed, and voted on.
- Requesting a fee increase for the Stormwater Division. Since this division was created in 2012 there has never been an increase to their fees.

Note: Counselor Kuenzel stated that the Stormwater proposal should be on the Agenda for the County Council Meeting, February 26, 2024.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Tullock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Stallman.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Absent
District 2 - Council Member Barbagallo	Yes
District 3 – Council Member Mrs. Arons:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes

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District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Absent
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Tullock:	Yes

Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.