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Work Session
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The Jefferson County, Missouri, Council conducted a Work Session on Monday, March 4, 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.

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:	Present
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Present
District 7 - Council Member Tullock	Absent

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Gene F. Barbagallo 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:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Stallman:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Tullock:	Absent

Motion carried.

V. COUNTY BUSINESS

A. Economic Development Corporation Programs and Services

Executive Director - Donna Litton and Director of Small Business Development, Ben Brown, gave an overview of what the Economic Development Corporation, (EDC), offers to the community. The three main pillars of the EDC are strengthening the community, influencing growth, and improving the wellbeing of the occupants and business owners.

B. County Council Budget Hearing Schedule

Council Chair Groeteke provided a draft schedule for the 2025 budget, to each of the Councilmembers. Mr. Groeteke explained the reason he put the schedule together was to give the

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Council a chance to review it and see if they would like to proceed with it or if they want to continue with the way the budget meetings have been done in the past.

C. Council Working Legislation

Councilman Groeteke mentioned he and Counselor Kuenzel had a discussion regarding working legislation and having it included on future Work Session agendas. This topic will give Councilmembers who have legislation that they want to move forward, an opportunity to discuss it before bringing it forward for a vote at a regular Council meeting.

Councilman Groeteke provided the Councilmembers with a legislation draft regarding the allocation of the additional 3% sales tax for marijuana. Mr. Groeteke said he would like to hold a discussion for this on the next Work Session Agenda and asked for input from the Council. No one spoke. Mr. Groeteke also mentioned if anyone had comments to forward them to the County Counselor or Mrs. Boyer.

D. Council Meeting Day Change Discussion

Councilman Groeteke spoke on behalf of Councilman Tullock who was not able to make the Council Meeting. Mr. Groeteke stated Mr. Tullock wanted to discuss the option of changing the day the Council Meetings were on. Counselor Kuenzel gave the Councilmembers a list showing what is involved when putting a Council Meeting Agenda together. She also mentioned when Councilmembers took their position, Monday was the day stated for regular Council Meetings. If this day is changed it would not be fair to some of the Councilmembers who do not have another day available to attend.

E. Demolition Permit Fee Discussion

Councilman Barbagallo spoke about a constituent in his district who bought some land with a derelict house on it. When the constituent went to get a permit fee to demolish the falling down home, he was told it would be \$300. Mr. Barbagallo asked if there was something that could be done, in these types of situations, to help. The Council, along with Executive Gannon and Counselor Kuenzel discussed different options regarding the fee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Seek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Arons.

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

Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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