

PROPOSED

CITY OF JEFFERSON ORDINANCE NO. 11-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 14-10 OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson (the City) has owned and controlled an Electric Utility that furnishes electric power to the residents and businesses of the City; and

WHEREAS, originally a Utility Commission was established that was responsible for the management and control of the Electric Utility and also the Communication Utility; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to redefine the duties and powers of the Utility Commission so as to create better and more cost-effective efficiencies.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin, adopts the following ordinance:

Section One: §14.10 of the City's Code of Ordinance is abolished in its entirety and re-stated as set forth below.

Section Two: The Communication Utility is hereby abolished due to its non-use by the City. The official name of the body that oversees the electric utility shall henceforth be the Jefferson Electric Utility Commission.

Section Three: Official Name. The official name of the utility shall henceforth be "Jefferson Electric Utility Commission" (hereinafter the Utility).

Section Four: Composition. The Utility shall be governed (as set forth below) by the Jefferson Electric Utility Commission consisting of the Mayor, four citizens, and two alderpersons from the Common Council.

Section Five: Appointments and terms. Commissioners shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to Council confirmation. The terms of citizen representatives shall be four years, with the terms staggered so that not more than one term expires annually. The term of the Mayor shall coincide with the Mayor's term in office. In addition to the seven voting members of the Commission, the City Administrator shall serve as an ex officio (nonvoting) member.

Section Six: Powers and Duties.

a) The Jefferson Electric Utility Commission

1. The Jefferson Electric Utility Commission shall be responsible for the management and control of utility operations while remaining under the general control and supervision of the City of Jefferson Common Council.

2. The Jefferson Electric Utility Commission shall be deemed to be a department of the City of Jefferson and the Utility Manager shall be considered to be the department head of the Utility.
3. The Jefferson Electric Utility Commission shall function as a semi-autonomous, non-partisan public body with authority, among other things to:
 - i. Authority to appoint and establish compensation of the Utility Manager and the Electric distribution operations staff by adhering to/following City compensation practices, including City compensation plan;
 - ii. Authority to hire Utility Manager and Electric distribution system operations staff;
 - iii. Enlist services of municipal engineers;
 - iv. Contract for services in its own name;
 - v. Authority to retain its own attorney;
 - vi. Oversee/supervise construction of its own infrastructure;
 - vii. Establishes, adheres to, and follows Utility policies as it relates to contracting, bidding, and purchasing, electric utility operations standards and best practices and safety policies;
 - viii. Adheres to/follows City personnel policies and procedures, may recommend specific Electric Utility personnel policies to City Council in order to maintain comparable policies with other Wisconsin electric utility employers.

b) The City Council shall:

1. Adopt annual Utility budget and Utility capital budget;
2. Retain all authority to tax and borrow;
3. Retain final rate-making authority;
4. Retain final authority to hire Utility office staff;
5. Retain final authority to place Utility office staff on City compensation plan.

Section Seven: Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED

CITY OF JEFFERSON

By: _____
Dale W. Oppermann Date

Published:

Attest:

Sarah Copsey
City Clerk