

**MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL MEETING ROOMS
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**

The Tuesday, May 4, 2021 meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Oppermann. Member's present were: Ald. Neils, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Young, Ald. Miller, Ald. Teeter, Ald. Brandel, Ald. Neils and Ald. Tully. Absent: None. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, Attorney Rogers, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, and Chief Pileggi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Sharon Schmeiling from 333 Brickyard Court, would like to bring a couple of points to the Council's attention about the conservancy pathway. She would like the City to use the current pathway, instead of a new one. She would also like wood chips be used as the pathway instead of black top or concrete. Sharon would like to have a committee be established with the neighbors to help to raise monies for the nature preserve, she is willing to help organize this committee also.

Ms. Jan Johnstone of 214 S. Kranz Ave. would like to express gratitude to the Chief of Police and Chief of Fire for keeping our citizens safe through COVID-19. Ms. Johnstone also expressed her concerns about COVID-19 rules and regulations.

Chief Ken Pileggi from 226 E. John Street would like to thank the council and the City of Jefferson Residents for their support during the last year and always for the Jefferson Police Department.

Mayor Oppermann would like to applaud the Jefferson Senior Class which held a safe Senior Prom at Rotary Park over the past weekend.

City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey swore in the newly elected city official and Council President Ald. Brandel.

UPDATE

EMS Director Retirement. Administrator Freitag read a letter from Sue Reinen for her upcoming retirement.

UPDATE

New Zoning Ordinance. Administrator Freitag wanted to make the council aware of a letter that went out to 400 residents about their new zoning with the ordinance zoning change that will be going in effect.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**PROCLAMATION
CITY OF JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN
2021 NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated the week of May 9th-15th, 2021 as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Jefferson play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Jefferson unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dale Oppermann, Mayor of the City of Jefferson, call upon all citizens of Jefferson and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 9th – 15th, 2021 as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Jefferson to remember all law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

There was a moment of silence for the fallen heroes.

ORDINANCE AMENDING LIQUOR LICENSE TO PREMISES WHERE THE SALE OF GASOLINE IS CONDUCTED OR CARRIED ON

(To be introduced for its first reading by Ald. Lares.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
ORDINANCE NO. 4-21**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson now prohibits the issuance of Class “A” intoxicating liquor licenses to premises where the sale of gasoline is conducted or carried on; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson finds that such a prohibition is no longer proper due to the change as to how such businesses are now conducted.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 160-5(L) Is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective on the date after its enactment and publication of this ordinance as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 4**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for May 4, 2021 is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for May 2021 in the amount of \$188,436.96. Payroll Summary for April 23, 2021 in the amount of \$163,495.71.
- B. Council Minutes from April 20, 2021 of the Common Council and Organizational Minutes of the Common Council.
- C. Closure of Firehouse Alley on May 14th- Jefferson Chamber of Commerce.
- D. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee.
 - 1. Operator’s Licenses.
 - 2. Sales of Goods in the ROW- Friends of Goat Island, May 8th and August 14th.
 - 3. Special Class B Picnic License- May Ball on May 15th and Gemuetlichkeit Days on September 17th- 19th.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Lares moved to approve Resolution No. 4. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously with Ald. Brandel and Ald. Lares abstaining from the minutes.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDIO VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOMS

(To be introduced by Ald. Miller.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 5**

WHEREAS, the approved City of Jefferson Capital Improvement Budget contains a \$25,000 appropriation to fund various audio-visual improvements (**the Project**) for the meeting rooms located at the Jefferson Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, this Project was initially scheduled to be completed in FY 2020 but was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Project includes the installation of two 86’ display monitors, nine in-ceiling speakers, wireless microphones, and an assisted listening system for hearing impaired individuals; and

WHEREAS, City and Library staff solicited proposals from area companies that specialize in the installation of audio-visual improvements and recommend the selection of Wisconsin Audio Video, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin to supply the equipment, installation and training required to complete the Project at a cost of \$22,148.46;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the recommendation and concurs that Wisconsin Audio Video, Inc., is the low qualified bidder and is recommending approval of the Project as it supports the City and Library mission of serving the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves the proposal of Wisconsin Audio Video, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin at a cost of \$22,148.46 to install various audio-visual improvements in the Municipal Building meeting rooms and authorizes the City Administrator to execute any contract or paperwork required for said Project to proceed upon the review and approval of the City Attorney.

Ald. Miller, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to approve Resolution No. 5. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF CONSERVANCY

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 6**

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF
CONSERVANCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson received 4 bids from contractors interested in developing and installing the conservancy material at the former Meadow Springs Golf Course site; and

WHEREAS, the value of the lowest bidder is included in the following table:

Company	Base Bid
Midwest Prairies	\$81,141.25
Applied Ecological Service	\$98,800.63
Quercus Land Stewardship	\$89,184.00
Good Oak, LLC	\$106,282.60

WHEREAS, the overall scope of the project includes the establishment of a diverse array of native grasses, sedges, wildflowers, shrubs and trees in a naturalistic setting, minimizing long term maintenance costs and creating a safe and accessible space for passive recreation; and

WHEREAS, installation of the asphalt path and storm water retention ponds will be completed under separate contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed and approved this project and

WHEREAS, City staff have reviewed the project bid results and recommend award of the Base Bid for the development and installation of the conservancy to Midwest Prairies as the low qualified bidder in the amount of \$81,141.25;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves the Midwest Prairies bid for the development and installation of a conservancy at the former Meadow Springs Golf Course in the amount of \$81,141.25 and further directs and authorizes the City Administrator to execute any contract or document associated with the above action on behalf of the City of Jefferson upon the review and consent of the City Attorney.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Brandel moved to approve Resolution No. 6. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Consideration and Possible Action of Emergency COVID-19 Order.

Mayor Oppermann would like share what great work that City Administrator Freitag and Chief Pileggi have done in the past year to continue to stay open and keep working safely. Also, to keep the City moving forward with growth in the City and moving forward on projects in the City. Mayor would also like to thank the Council for the continued efforts and support. He also does not think we are out of danger of COVID yet and does not think we should get rid of Resolution 93.

Council President Brandel also believes that the council and administration are doing a great job, and we should not get rid of Resolution 93.

Ald. Beyer believes with the update from Administrator Freitag and Chief Pileggi shared at the Committee of the Whole, that we are doing the right thing with the order. She believes this is working well the way it is going right now, and Ald. Beyer would like to get updates on the steps be taken in the future.

Ald. Neils would like to thank the efforts to the Chief and to the City Administrator. She would like to know if this effects the schools. The Chief said the School District is on their own to make their rules. Ald. Neils would like to know if they rescind the order, can they choose who has to wear a mask that works for the City. Chief does not believe that we are out of the woods yet, and we should not make any changes yet. Administrator Freitag let them know that they can rescind the resolution at anytime with Council action.

Ald. Teeter would like to hear the numbers in the county and the state with COVID numbers. Police Chief went over the current numbers.

Ald. Young would like more updates in the future. And a discussion be put on the council meeting in the future so they can stay current with what is happening.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Miller moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.