

**MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The Tuesday, September 7, 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. Brandel, Ald. Young, Ald. Miller, Ald. Lares, Ald. Teeter, Ald. Beyer and Ald. Tully. Absent: None. Also present were: City Attorney Rogers, City Engineer Pinnow, City Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Maahs, and Police Chief Pileggi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR AND CONFIRMED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Tourism Committee.....Priscilla Gonzales.
Ald. Brandel, seconded by Ald. Lares moved to approve Priscilla Gonzales as a representative on the Tourism Committee. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 43**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for September 7, 2021, is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for August 2021 in the amount of \$790,067.83, Manual Checks in the amount of \$5,334.14. Payroll Summary for August 27, 2021, in the amount of \$157,992.93.
- B. Council Minutes from August 17, 2021, of the Common Council.
- C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee.

- 1. Class B Beer License- Pammy's Pizzeria.
- 2. Operator's Licenses.
- 3. Temporary Class B Liquor License- Jefferson ½ Mile ATV Club-Sept. 19th.
- 4. Sales of Goods in the ROW- Kiwanis Club of Jefferson- October 23rd for HSJC Fur Ball Fall Fest.
- 5. Closure of City ROW- Fireside Alley-Chamber of Commerce- October 20th for Boo Bash.
- 6. Sales of Goods in the ROW- Paula's Mexican Kitchen Mobile Food Truck.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 43. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously. Ald. Beyer abstained.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 44

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson has submitted a Grant Application to National Fitness Campaign (NFC) for participation in their 2022 initiative to install and activate outdoor Fitness Courts® in 200 cities and schools across the country, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson will accept a \$30,000 National Grant from our NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners, and provide a local match in the amount of \$140,000 to promote and implement a free-to-the-public outdoor Fitness Court®, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson will seek supplemental funding through the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation in the amount of a \$70,000 grant and may seek additional community sponsors, which will be made available and committed to this program for the purchase of the outdoor Fitness Court®, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson will commit to construction and launch of the outdoor Fitness Court® at the Rock River Landing Park by the end of the 2022 calendar year, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the outdoor Fitness Court® is an important wellness ecosystem that supports healthier communities, commits to funding/fundraising to participate in NFC's 2022 Campaign, and will earn local and national recognition as a leader in providing affordable health and wellness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council that the City of Jefferson will collaborate with NFC to implement the outdoor Fitness Court® and make fitness free to community residents and visitors. The Common Council will authorize the City Administrator to sign all documents for this project and those funds will be appropriated from the 2022 Capital Improvement budget.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 44. Ald. Miller asked for an amendment to Resolution No. 44. The amendment would omit the exact location of the fitness park until a location can be recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission. Ald. Miller, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to approve Resolution No. 44 with the amendment. On call of the roll, Motion carried 7 to 1.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE/MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

(To be introduced by Ald. Brandel.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 45

WHEREAS, the South Main Street Bridge, Rock River Structure B-28-0192, is scheduled for reconstruction by Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the overall project funded by Federal and State Funds totals \$4,522,900; and

WHEREAS, WDOT provided a standard lighting system as part of the bridge replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson intends to upgrade the lighting to decorative poles similar to the lighting packages on the West Racine Street Bridge and Puerner Street Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the difference in costs between standard and decorative lighting as well as design modifications are estimated at \$45,800 and will be the responsibility of the City of Jefferson, requiring a State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that upon review of the City Attorney, herein authorizes the City Administrator to execute the State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project having an estimated cost of \$45,800 for decorative lighting upgrades for the South Main Street Bridge reconstruction.

Ald. Brandel, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to approve Resolution No. 45. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(C) OF THE WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES TO DISCUSS THE HIRE OF A FULL- TIME CREWPERSON FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND A FULL-TIME PARAMEDIC

Ald. Brandel, seconded by Ald. Miller moved to go into Closed Session. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Lares, seconded by Ald. Neils moved to go into Open Session. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF A FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS CREPERSON

(To be introduced by Ald. Miller.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 46**

WHEREAS, Public Works Director Pinnow intends to fill a vacant position in the Public Works Department for a full time Crewperson, resulting of an upcoming staff retirement in the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the open position was publicly advertised and interviews were conducted with potential candidates; and

WHEREAS, Public Works Director Pinnow is recommending that Noah Heine be hired by the City of Jefferson to fill the vacant position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the recommendation of Public Works Director Pinnow and also recommends the hiring of Noah Heine to the Common Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein authorizes the Public Works Director to hire Noah Heine at a starting wage rate of \$22.00 per hour, placed in Grade 4 between Step 6 and the maximum on the City of Jefferson Compensation Plan and be given 14 days of PTO, Year 5 of Service of the City of Jefferson PTO schedule, upon passing the required medical and drug screenings. Employment shall commence no later than October 4, 2021.

Ald. Miller, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 46. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF A FULL-TIME PARAMEDIC

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 47**

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Fire and EMS Department currently has a paramedic position vacancy that is the result of the recent retirement of EMS Director Sue Reinen and has advertised to fill said vacant position; accordingly, and

WHEREAS, the Department has completed interviews for the vacant position and has selected Owen Peachey to fill the position. Mr. Peachey is currently a fire fighter and paramedic for Jefferson Fire and EMS. Mr. Peachey is licensed as a Wisconsin paramedic; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed Mr. Peachey's credentials and candidacy and concurs with the recommendation of Jefferson Fire and EMS and is recommending the same to the Jefferson City Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Jefferson Wisconsin that it hereby authorizes the hire of Mr. Peachey to fill the vacant paramedic position subject to the following parameters:

- Mr. Peachey shall be placed at Step One of the Paramedic Position Classification as found in the Jefferson Compensation Plan (\$21.97 per hour).
- Mr. Peachey shall be placed at year one on the Jefferson Paid-Time-Off Schedule; and
- Mr. Peachey's employment with Jefferson Fire and EMS shall begin on or before Friday, September 10, 2021.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Young moved to approve Resolution No. 47. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Lares, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:33 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.