

MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

The Tuesday, November 16, 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. Lares, Ald. Teeter, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Tully, and Ald. Miller. Absent: None. Also present were: City Attorney Rogers, City Engineer Pinnow, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey, Park and Recreation Director Keller, Finance Director Stewart and Police Chief Pileggi.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Maryann Gleisner, 211 Midway Ave. and Landon Alvarado from Historical Society wanted to invite everyone to the 185th Anniversary party for the City of Jefferson, located at the Historical Society on Sunday, December 5th, from 1:00 until 4:00 pm.

Jerry Bishop, 307 N. Sanborn Ave. would like the to know how the EMS billing is billed to customers. He gave a handout to the council regarding how he has been charged recently.

Peg Beyer, 623 S. Center Ave. would like to let the council know, as the Regulatory Committee Chairperson, that she is proposing a change in the ordinance to allow golf carts on the roads this is because she is a council member, and she is representing the city, not the Golf Course.

Cyndi Keller from the Park and Rec Department would like everyone to vote and get involved with Deck the House that is County wide House Decorating Contest.

PROCLAMATION



We're going outside.

Proclamation
Of The
City of Jefferson

WHEREAS, John Wagner was elected to the office of Alderperson in April of 1987 and, served the City of Jefferson for 20 years before stepping down April 20, 2007; and

WHEREAS, John Wagner was a second generation Alderperson in Jefferson, following his father in the position, serving longer than his father; and

WHEREAS, John Wagner has been instrumental in the success of the City of Jefferson for many years, not only as a Alderperson, but as a lifelong resident; and

WHEREAS, during his time of service to the City, John Wagner, was proud to be involved in the process of getting Walmart to come to the City; and

WHEREAS, John Wagner was completely dedicated to the City and its residents. He volunteered with St. Coletta Boy Scouts, Tomorrow's Hope, Gemuetlichkeit Days, and at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He also served as a member of the Greenwood Cemetery Association Board of Directors for many years; and

WHEREAS, John was not only committed to his community, but always spoke proudly of his wife and their children. Family always came first with John; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Jefferson, and on behalf of the citizens of the City of Jefferson, it is with gratitude and appreciation we thank John Wagner for his lifelong dedication to the City of Jefferson.

PROCLAMATION

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION **185TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF** **JEFFERSON**

WHEREAS, following the conclusion of the American Revolutionary War, vast lands to the west became open to migration by Americans then living in the original Atlantic Coast states; and

WHEREAS, some for these migrating pioneers came from Jefferson County in the State of New York, on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, some of these pioneers from Jefferson County, New York, eventually reached the western shore of Lake Michigan, to what is today Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, a group of these hardy pioneers ventured into the unexplored wilderness of southeast Wisconsin, establishing a settlement and sawmill of the Bark River called Bark Mills (now Hebron); and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 1836, captain Robert Masters and several companions, surveying the region for the Bark River Claims Company, traveled west along the Bark River to the Rock River, and then proceeded north along the Rock River to its junction with the Crawfish River, the present-day site of Jefferson, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Captain Masters and his survey team returned to Bark Mills (Hebron) and reported on the site they had visited at the confluence of the Rock and Crawfish Rivers; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 1836, Captain Robert Masters, Rodney Currier, Andrew Lansing, and others came by boat from Bark Mills (Hebron) and staked land claims around the junction of the Rock and Crawfish Rivers; and

WHEREAS, this event in December 1836 is considered to be the beginning of the settlement later to become Jefferson, Wisconsin, with Currier and Lansing erecting a log cabin and becoming the first people to live in the area over the winter; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 1837, Captain Masters returned to the new settlement from Bark Mills (Hebron) with his family, followed by others from Bark Mills; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 1838, Captain Masters, having become a territorial commissioner, named the new village “JEFFERSON”, in honor of Jefferson County, New York, from which Masters and most of the village’s early settlers had originated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I Dale W. Oppermann, Mayor of Jefferson, do hereby proclaim December 2021 as the “185TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Jefferson residents are encouraged to honor the pioneers who founded Jefferson and to join me in celebrating Jefferson’s “185th BIRTHDAY” by attending a birthday party and open house, on Sunday, December 5, from 1:00 until 4:00, at the Jefferson Historical Society Museum in the lower level of City Hall.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR AND CONFIRMED BY CITY COUNCIL

Tourism Committee.....Jen Pinnow, Tourism Com. Rep/Chamber

Ald. Brandel, seconded by Ald. Neils to approve the appointment to the tourism committee. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: FY 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Finance Director/Treasurer Stewart.

PUBLIC HEARING

Adjourn to Public Hearing to Discuss the 2021 General, Special Funds, Public Library, Refuse/Recycling, Capital Project & Equipment, Storm Sewer Utility, Wastewater Utility Budgets and Adoption of the 2022 General, Special Funds, Public Library, Refuse/Recycling, Capital Project & Equipment, Storm and Wastewater Utility Budgets.

- A. Call to Order.
- B. Reading of Notice of Public Hearing by the City Administrator.
- C. Explanation of the 2022 Budget by the City Administrator.
- D. Person wishing to be heard; please state your name, address and reason for appearing.
- E. Close of Hearing.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 BUDGETS FOR SPECIAL FUNDS, PUBLIC LIBRARY, RECYCLING/REFUSE, CAPITAL PROJECT AND EQUIPMENT, STORM SEWER UTILITY AND THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY

(To be introduced for its second reading by Ald. Brandel.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 67**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the 2022 General Fund Budget attached hereto and the 2022 budgets for Special Funds, Public Library, Recycling/Refuse, Capital Project and Equipment, Storm Sewer Utility and the Wastewater Treatment Utility are hereby adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any budgetary figures stipulated in the Municipal Code shall be amended to reflect changes authorized in the Municipal budget.

Ald. Brandel, seconded by Ald. Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 67. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2021 TAX RATE AND 2022 LEVY

(To be introduced for its second reading by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 68**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the 2021 General Fund Property Tax Levy for Municipal Services in 2022 in the amount of \$3,421,250, the 2021 Public Library Fund Levy for 2022 Service in the amount of \$444,775 and the 2021 Capital Project and Equipment Fund Levy for 2022 in the amount of \$708,650 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following tax rate is hereby adopted:

CITY OF JEFFERSON \$7.814863820

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution 68. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 69**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for November 16, 2021, is hereby adopted.

A. Vouchers Payable for November 2021 in the amount of \$728,614.53. Payroll Summary for November 5, 2021, in the amount of \$170,738.21.

B. Council Minutes from November 2, 2021, of the Common Council.

C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee.

1. Operator's Licenses.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Lares moved to approve Resolution No. 69. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously with Ald. Tully abstaining from the minutes.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2022 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WAGE REOPENER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JEFFERSON AND THE WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 70**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) successfully negotiated a collective bargaining agreement covering the members of the Jefferson Police Officer's Association for years 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the current collective bargaining agreement included a provision for a wage reopener for year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the parties have completed the wage reopener negotiations and reached a tentative agreement for wages for year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jefferson Police Officer's Associations have ratified this tentative agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the tentative agreement and is recommending its approval to the Jefferson Common Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Jefferson City Council that it herein ratifies and approves the provisions of the collective bargaining negotiated between the City of Jefferson and WPPA which include the following year 2022 wage splits:

- Effective January 1, 2022 an across-the-board wage increase of 2% for all bargaining unit members; and
- Effective July 1, 2022 an additional across-the-board wage increase of 1% for all bargaining unit members.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Brandel moved to approve Resolution No. 70. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Lares, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to go into closed session. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Young, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to go into open session. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF TWO FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICERS

(To be introduced by Ald. Miller.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 71**

WHEREAS, Police Chief Pileggi has taken steps to fill a vacant position based upon recent resignations in the Police Department for two full-time patrol officers; and

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted by the City of Jefferson Fire and Police Commission of part-time officer candidates on 01/20/2021 and Officer Robert Pelko was promoted from Civilian Reserve Officer to sworn part-time Patrol Officer; and the City of Jefferson Fire and Police Commission on 06/07/2021 interviewed Jazmyne Schoeller who was approved/certified for hire as a sworn part-time Patrol Officer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson Common Council approved the hire of both Robert Pelko and Jazmyne Schoeller as part-time Patrol Officers effective 07/21/2021; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Pileggi is recommending that part-time Officers Robert Pelko and Jazmyne Schoeller be promoted by the City of Jefferson to fill the vacant full-time officer positions; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee having reviewed the qualifications of part-time Officers Robert Pelko and Jazmyne Schoeller and based on the recommendation of Chief Pileggi is also recommending the promotion of part-time Officers Robert Pelko and Jazmyne Schoeller from part-time officer status to full-time officer status to the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has full-time funds allocated in his 2021 approved operating budget and that these part-time patrol officers are to replace current vacancies in the full-time patrol officer staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the Chief of Police is authorized to promote part-time Officers Robert Pelko and Jazmyne Schoeller, effective Sunday, December 12th, 2021 to full-time patrol officer status for the City of Jefferson Police Department. The initial rate of pay shall be the entry level step as outlined in the Collective Bargaining agreement between the City of Jefferson and the Jefferson Professional Police Officer's Association.

Ald. Miller, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to approve Resolution No. 71. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Lares, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:59 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.