

**MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 2023**

The Wednesday, July 5, 2023 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. Schroeder, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Tully, Ald. Mattke, Ald. Lares and Ald. Stone. Absent: Ald. Teeter. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, Attorney Rogers, City Director of Public Works Clark, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey and Police Chief Richter.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dean Beyer, 623 S. Center Ave., from the Jefferson Blue Devil's would like to give some information about the maintenance agreement between the school district and the City. He also informed the committee of all the items the Blue Devil's pay for. And he would like to help with the fields or any of the other expenses that may come up.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: A PROCLAMATION HONORING MARY ACKETZ FOR HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF JEFFERSON



We're going outside.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Mary Acketz began her service with the City of Jefferson in 1986 as the Parks, Recreation and Engineering Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Mary has worked with numerous Parks, Recreation and Forestry Directors, Recreation Supervisors, City Engineers/Director of Public Works and Building Inspectors; and

WHEREAS, over her many years of service, Mary demonstrated outstanding dedication, creativity, and loyalty to the City Departments she provided support for; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson, as well as Mary's co-workers and peers have greatly benefited from her professional skills, work ethic, selflessness, kindness, and courteous and positive attitude during her years of service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Jefferson hereby joins the citizens of the City and her colleagues in expressing their sincere appreciation to Mary Acketz for her many achievements and dedication to the Jefferson Community, and furthermore extend their best wishes to her and her family for a well-deserved, healthy, happy, and enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Jefferson this 5th day of July 2023.

Dale Oppermann
MAYOR

Timothy Freitag
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Council Members

Toby Tully, Jr.
Laurie Teeter
Jim Schroeder
Joe Mattke

Peg M. Beyer
Richard Lares
Chick Neils
Lynda Stone

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PARK AND RECREATION MONTH



We're going outside.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
PROCLAMATION**

Designation of July as Park and Recreation Month

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including The City of Jefferson, and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS The City of Jefferson recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in Jefferson.

Dale Oppermann
MAYOR

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CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Schroeder.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 23**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for July 5, 2023, is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for July Payables in the amount of \$273,648.03. Payroll Summary for June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$203,118.33.
- B. Council Minutes from June 20, 2023, of the Common Council.
- C. Fischer Field Contract Extension.
- D. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
 - 1. Operator’s Licenses.
 - 2. Sales of Goods in the ROW- Concerts in the Park.
 - 3. Closure of City ROW- Lion’s Club- Riblicious Rib Cookoff, Rotary Park.

Ald. Schroeder, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 23. 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 CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHAT THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSIDER PROMOTION OF A CHIEF WATER WASTEWATER OPERATOR

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF CHIEF WATER WASTEWATER OPERATOR

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 24**

WHEREAS, the Position of Chief Water Wastewater Operator has been vacant since July 2022 and it has been determined to be in the best interest of the Water Wastewater Utility that the Position be filled when a qualified applicant has been identified; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed his candidacy and is recommending that Mike Meske meets the requirements of the Position. The recommendation of the Personnel Committee is to hire Mike Meske to fill the vacant Position of Chief Water Wastewater Operator; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves and authorizes the hire of Mike Meske to fill the vacant Position of Wastewater Plant Operator, subject to the following parameters:

- His starting salary shall be \$31.93 per hour and be placed at Grade Eight on the City of Jefferson Compensation Plan;
- He will be placed on the PTO benefit schedule at his existing step.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to approve Resolution No. 24. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Lares, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:18 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.