

**MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

The Tuesday, November 7, 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. Tully, Ald. Lares, Ald. Stone, Ald. Teeter and Ald. Beyer. Absent: Ald. Mattke. 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

Todd Clark, Utilities Director let the council know that all of the blacktop has been completed for the year on all the city streets that the city set out to do.

Mayor Oppermann let the public know that the bridge lights are in purple in recognition of the Alzheimer awareness in November.

UPDATE: WALMART LITIGATION

Administrator Freitag let the council know that Walmart is attesting their property assessment in circuit court.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT:

Plan Commission Tim Bare

Ald. Schroeder, second by Ald, Tully moved to approve the appointment. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 90.16 (F) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON CONCERNING THE TOURISM COMMISSION

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils for a first reading.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
ORDINANCE NO. 14-23**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 90-16 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING
THE TOURISM COMMISSION**

The Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin (the City) hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 90-16(F) is hereby amended as follows:

- (F) Procedure – ~~Four~~ **Three** members shall constitute a quorum. Action shall be by the majority of those present and voting. The Commission shall adopt rules of procedure

for governing the conduct of its meetings.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect after the passage, publication, and attestation as required by law.

Ald. Schroeder, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to suspend the first reading of the ordinance. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Ordinance No. 14-23. On call of the roll motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Schroeder.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 51

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for November 7, 2023, is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for November Payables in the amount of \$813,920.47. Payroll Summary for October 20, 2023, in the amount of \$188,202.90 and Payroll Summary for November 3, 2023, in the amount of \$193,395.43.
- B. Council Minutes from October 17, 2023, of the Common Council.
- C. 2024 Humane Society of Jefferson County Contract- \$20,893.98.
- D. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
 1. Operator's Licenses.

Ald. Schroeder, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 51. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF SOUTH MAIN STREET

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 52

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Main Street Association, Inc. is working collaboratively with the Jefferson Arts Alliance and the City of Jefferson to develop and sponsor an Artisan Fair to be held in Jefferson on Saturday, June 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the sponsoring organizations desire to hold the event in the historic central business district on Main Street between Dodge Street and Racine Street; and

WHEREAS, the sponsoring organization are submitting a request to the City Council to authorize the closure of two blocks of South Main Street between the referenced intersections; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary street closure plan, as well as detour route, has been reviewed by the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Director of Public Works and a request to close South Main Street has been submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation per established protocol; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein authorizes the closure of South Main Street between Dodge Street and Racine Street on Saturday, June 15, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. subject to the following conditions:

- The Dodge Street Intersection remains open to east and west bound vehicular traffic.
- The Racine Street Intersection to remain open to east and west bound vehicular traffic and is designated part of a South Main Street detour route; and
- Approval by the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Director of Public Works of a final street closure plan and detour route.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Neils moved to approve Resolution No. 52. On a call of the roll, the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIMPLIFIED RATE CASE APPLICATION FOR WATER UTILITY

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 53**

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Water & Wastewater Utility is looking to perform a rate case study for a possible water rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson has not performed a rate case study or implemented a rate increase since 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Water and Wastewater Utility has worked with Baker Tilly and the Utility qualifies to perform a Simplified Rate Case Application with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein authorizes Baker Tilly to submit the Simplified Rate Case Application to the PSC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the City Administrator is herein authorized and directed to execute any contract or document associated with the above action on behalf of the City of Jefferson following its review by the City Attorney.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Schroeder moved to approve Resolution No. 53. On a call of the roll, the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE WPPA

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 54**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson and Jefferson Professional Police Association ratified a Collective Bargaining Agreement for years 2023 and 2024 in late 2022; and

WHEREAS, the ratified Collective Bargaining Agreement included a provision that the parties would subsequently negotiate a wage settlement for year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the parties have met to negotiate a wage settlement for the year 2024 and reached a tentative agreement regarding this matter. This tentative agreement was recently ratified by the membership of the Jefferson Professional Police Association; and

WHEREAS, the final step in the process is for the City of Jefferson to consider ratification of the tentative agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein ratifies and approves the negotiated tentative agreement, including the following wage increase for year 2024:

- Effective January 1, 2024, a 2% across-the-board increase for all positions in the bargaining unit; and
- Effective July 1, 2024, an additional 2% across-the board increase for all positions in the bargaining unit.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 54. On a call of the roll, the motion was carried unanimously.

Ald. Lares, seconded by Ald. Stone moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:24 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.