

**MINUTES  
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024**

The Tuesday, August 20, 2024 meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Oppermann. Members' present were: Ald. Schroeder, Ald. Obernberger, Ald. Teeter, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Tully, Ald. Mattke and Ald. Neils. Absent: Ald. Pinnow. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Police Chief Richter and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 47**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for August 20, 2024, is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for August Payables in the amount of \$352,928.81. Payroll Summary for August 9, 2024, in the amount of \$207,902.92.
- B. Council Minutes from August 6, 2024, of the Common Council.
- C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
  1. Operator's Licenses.
  2. Liquor Licenses.
  3. Cigarette Licenses.
  4. Sales of Goods in the Right-of-Way- Gemuetlichkeit Days- September 15, 2024.
  5. Closure of Right-Of-Way- Gemuetlichkeit Days- September 15, 2024.
  6. Temporary Class B- JMSA Craft Beer Walk- October 5, 2024.
  7. Purchase of Non-O.E.M. Installed Equipment on Vehicles and Equipment.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 47. On call of the roll, Motion carried with Ald. Oberberger abstaining from the Temporary Class B - JMSA Craft Beer Walk License.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF COSTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

(Be introduced by Ald. Obernberger.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 48**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jefferson has need to retain the services of professional consultants, including planners, engineers, architects, attorney, environmental specialists, recreation specialists, and/or other experts

to assist in the City’s review of land use and development proposals that may from time-to-time be scheduled for review by the Plan Commission and/or City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has reviewed and is recommending the adoption of a policy allowing the City to recover the cost of said professional consultants employed by the City in the review of land use proposals from landowner and/or developer applicants; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein adopts and approves a proposed City of Jefferson Cost Recovery Agreement Policy that provides for the recovery of costs for the services of professional consultants associated with the City’s review of a land use proposal or application.

Ald. Obernberger, seconded by Ald. Schroeder moved to approve Resolution No. 48. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR GEMUETLICHKEIT DAYS CELEBRATION**

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 49**

**WHEREAS**, Gemuetlichkeit Days has submitted a public special event application to hold Their Sunday Gemuetlichkeit Day Celebration at Rotary Park on Sunday September 15, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, since this event anticipates 300 to 400 attendees for the event, Common Council approval is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the organizers have met with City staff, and will continue to meet with staff before the event; and

**WHEREAS**, their required documentation including application, additional insurance coverage, and shelter reservation are all in good standing; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves the Public Special Event Application for Gemuetlichkeit Day’s Sunday Celebration to be held on Sunday September 15, 2024, at Rotary Park.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to approve Resolution No. 49. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF PLAYLAND OF DREAMS PLAYGROUND**

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 50**

**WHEREAS**, The Jefferson Parks and Recreation Department recently closed the Playland of Dreams playground structure due to public safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, The City has been closely monitoring the structure, completing preventative maintenance, and working with the Playland of Dreams ADHOC Committee to evaluate and eventually replace the current structure with a new one; and

**WHEREAS**, After discussion and careful review the City intends to accept the recommendation of staff to close the playland of dreams structure indefinitely, with plans to raze and site prep for a future build.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, WI that it herein approves the permanent closure the Playland of Dreams Playground Structure at Riverfront Park, and to proceed with its future raze and site prep for a new structure once funds are available.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Obernberger moved to approve Resolution No. 50. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION DIRECTION CITY STAFF TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO FACILITATE WATER BILLING THRU THE CITY HALL OFFICE**

(To Be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 51**

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson Water Utility was combined with the Jefferson Sewer Utility and brought under the Common Council's direction in 2021.

**WHEREAS**, the City has incrementally absorbed the operations of the Water Utility since that time, with the exception of the billing process.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, WI that the Council hereby directs City Staff to take the necessary steps to facilitate the transfer of the Water Utility billing from Jefferson Utilities to the City Hall Office.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, as part of this process, the City will also absorb the transfer of billing for the Stormwater Utility, Sewer Utility and Recycling and Refuse Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that staff will provide additional information to the Council as necessary for financial approval when deemed necessary.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 51. 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 CONSIDER  
HIRE OF TWO FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICERS**

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

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Schroeder 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. Schroeder.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 52**

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Richter must fill two vacant positions in the Police Department for current full-time Patrol Officer vacancies; and

**WHEREAS**, the open full-time Patrol Officer positions were vacated by resignations in May of 2023 and March of 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the open positions were publicly advertised for certified lateral transfers, part-time, full-time, and pre-service Patrol Officers and interviews were conducted with 4 qualified candidates of 7 total applications; and

**WHEREAS**, interviews with the City of Jefferson Police and Fire Commission were conducted on August 13th, 2024 and the candidates were approved for hire as a full-time Patrol Officer by the Jefferson Police and Fire Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Richter is recommending that Sara Harring-Spoerl and Benjamin Noeske be hired by the City of Jefferson to fill the vacant full-time Patrol Officer positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel Committee having reviewed the qualifications of Sara Harring-Spoerl and Benjamin Noeske and Chief Richter recommending, and the Jefferson Police and Fire Commission approving the promotion of Sara Harring-Spoerl and hire of Benjamin Noeske as full-time Patrol Officers for the City of Jefferson Police Department; to the Common Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has full-time funds allocated in his 2024 approved operating budget and that these full-time Patrol Officer positions 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 Sara Harring-Spoerl and hire of Benjamin Noeske as a full-time Patrol Officers with an effective start day to be no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. The initial rate of pay shall be pursuant to starting Patrol Officer pay as identified in the current 2023-2024 City of Jefferson Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Jefferson Professional Police Association.

Ald. Schroeder, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 52. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Obernberger, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.