

**MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024**

The Tuesday, December 17, 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. Tully, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Larson and Ald. Neils. Absent: Ald. Mattke. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Chief Richter, Utility Director Clark and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 87**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for December 17, 2024, is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for December Payables in the amount of \$1,782,515.28. Payroll Summary for November 29, 2024, in the amount of \$201,898.44.
- B. Council Minutes from December 3, 2024, of the Common Council.
- C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
 1. Operator's Licenses.
 2. Review and Recommendation: Temporary Class B- Optimist Trivia Contest, January 25, 2025.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Obernberger, moved to approve Resolution No. 87. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRACTOR AND MOWERS PURCHASE

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 88**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson has had a catastrophic failure on its current flail mower tractor;
and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson obtained quotes for the equipment and has selected Montage Enterprises to purchase a new 2024 New Holland tractor with rear and side flail mowers for a \$99,900.00 not including freight; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the quotes and concurs with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Mechanic to purchase the replacement tractor and mowers due to the urgent need to get a replacement in a timely manner and recommends the same to the Common Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves the purchase of the tractor and mowers from Montage Enterprises; 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. Neils, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 88. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR RIVERFRONT PARK

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 89**

WHEREAS, The City of Jefferson's Parks and Recreation Department has been working to address the closure of the playground at Riverfront Park locally known as Playland of Dreams due to injury and public safety; and

WHEREAS, further consideration was needed to address the concerns about replacement of the structure in an observed floodway; and

WHEREAS, after enlisting consultation of a professional engineering firm and correspondence with the Wisconsin DNR, it has been determined by the local zoning administrator that the proposed playground is a conforming structure and follows local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the authorization to purchase equipment and installation from Lee Recreation is under the provision of cooperative purchasing under the city's purchasing policy; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Commission to approve its purchase with support from the AD HOC Committee tasked by the council to address the playground and future needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein authorizes the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Lee Recreation for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for Riverfront Park at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 and to be purchased from the Parks Project Capital Expense Account (#66-50000-40-451). With installation to commence upon receipt of equipment and favorable weather conditions likely to be in the Spring of 2025.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 89. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR JUNCTION HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 90**

WHEREAS the Jefferson Plan Commission approved the Final Plat of Subdivision for the Junction Heights Subdivision at their regularly scheduled December 10, 2024 meeting; having previously approved a Preliminary Plat of Subdivision for the Junction Heights Subdivision. This final plat of subdivision includes the creation of nine (9) lots, including seven (7) residential condominium lots, one (1) commercial lot and one (1) lot reserved for private open space; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Municipal Code of Ordinances and Wisconsin Statutes require City Council approval of all final plats of subdivision; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves the Final Plat of Subdivision for the Junction Heights Subdivision upon consideration of the Jefferson Plan Commission approval of same. Relevant City officials, including the Mayor, Administrator, and City Clerk are authorized and directed to take such steps necessary to execute the Jefferson Heights Final Plat of Subdivision so that the applicant may properly record it.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Schroeder moved to approve Resolution No. 90. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AMBULANCE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF OAKLAND

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 91**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson has previously entered into an Agreement to provide ambulance and emergency medical services to the Town of Oakland that commenced on January 1, 2023 and is set to terminate on December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oakland wishes to have the City of Jefferson provide ambulance and emergency medical services to additional areas of the Town of Oakland which the City of Jefferson is willing to do; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Amendment to the original Agreement is attached hereto for reference purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that:

1. The appropriate officials of the City of Jefferson are hereby authorized to endorse the aforementioned Amendment on behalf of the City.
2. That, as stated in the Amendment, this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2025 and terminate on December 31, 2027 unless extended by both parties.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Obernberger moved to approve Resolution No. 91. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF OAKLAND

(To be introduced by Ald. Larson.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 92**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson has previously entered into an Agreement to provide fire protection services to the Town of Oakland that commenced on January 1, 2023 and is set to terminate on December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oakland wishes to have the City of Jefferson provide fire protection services to additional areas of the Town of Oakland which the City of Jefferson is willing to do; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Amendment to the original Agreement is attached hereto for reference purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that:

1. The appropriate officials of the City of Jefferson are hereby authorized to endorse the aforementioned Amendment on behalf of the City.
2. That, as stated in the Amendment, this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2025 and terminate on December 31, 2027 unless extended by both parties.

Ald. Larson, seconded by Ald. Neils moved to approve Resolution No. 92. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REASSIGNING FUNDS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF ONE ROCK RIVER ROAD

(To be introduced by Ald. Obernberger.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 93

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, WI has formally designated excess fund balance in the 2023 Financial Statements, naming a \$100,000 designation for a Revolving Loan Fund Establishment.

WHEREAS, the City Council has subsequently entered into an agreement with the County of Jefferson to take ownership of the “old Tyson Facility” – One Rock River Road.

WHEREAS, this parcel will take a considerable amount of time and money to redevelop and a funding source for the beginning environmental assessment of the property has not yet been identified.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, WI that the \$100,000 reservation in the 2023 City of Jefferson Financial Statements for the setup of a Revolving Loan Fund be hereby reassigned to the Redevelopment of the Tyson Property.

Ald. Obernberger, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 93. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Larson, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to approve to move to Closed Session. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to approve to move to Open Session. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(C)(E) 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 AND RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR POSITION, CHIEF MECHANIC/FLEET MANAGER POSITION, AND JEFFERSON PROFESSIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF A CHIEF WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR
(To be introduced by Ald. Schroeder.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 94**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the position of Chief Water/Wastewater Operator was created and classified to Grade 9 of the Compensation Plan, to be filled when a qualified candidate was identified, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mike Meske has been identified and has the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Personnel Committee to fill the position of Chief Water/Wastewater Operator, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mike Meske will be moved to Grade 9, Merit Step of the Compensation Plan at \$36.8852 with 144 hours of PTO, effective January 1, 2025, after the approval of this resolution.

Ald. Schroeder, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 94. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE WPPA
(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 95**

WHEREAS, the current two (2) year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Jefferson and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (Jefferson Police Officer's Association Unit) expires December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a tentative agreement for a successor two (2) year collective bargaining agreement for the years 2025 and 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Police Officer's Association Unit ratified the tentative agreement by vote of its members; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves and ratifies a successor collective bargaining agreement with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association for years 2025 and 2026, including the following wage adjustment:

- January 1, 2025 – 3% wage increase across all steps for police officer and detective positions; and
- January 1, 2026 – 3% wage increase for starting wage rate and step 1 and step 2 for police officer and detective positions; and
- January 1, 2026 – 5% wage increase for step 3, step 4, and step 5 for police officer and detective positions.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Larson moved to approve Resolution No. 95. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.