

**MINUTES  
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**

The Tuesday, July 1, 2025 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. Larson, Ald. Tully, and Ald. Mattke, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Neils and Ald. Obernberger. Absent: Ald. Teeter. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Public Works Director Clark and City Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Maahs.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mike Soleska, 140 S. Dewey Ave.- wanted to know why the city moved the water over to the city side. The conservancy is looking good to Mr. Soleska.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: 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**

Timothy Freitag  
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Council Members**

Toby Tully, Jr.  
Laurie Teeter  
Jim Schroeder  
Joe Mattke

Peg M. Beyer  
Scott Obernberger  
Chick Neils  
Josh Larson

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 25**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for July 15, 2025, is hereby adopted.

- a. Vouchers Payable for July Payables in the amount of \$246,278.42. Payroll Summary for July 11, 2025, amount of \$209,575.34.
- b. Council Minutes from July 1, 2025, of the Common Council.
- c. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
  1. Operator’s Licenses.
  2. Sales of Goods In the ROW- Eat at Joe’s, LLC-Kikkoman Foods Festival, July 19, 2025.
  3. Temporary Closure of Public ROW- Jefferson Lions Club-Rib Fest, July 26, 2025.
  4. Temporary Closure of Public ROW- Friends of Goat Island, Rotary Park- August 2, 2025.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Obernberger, moved to approve Resolution No. 25. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION APPROVAL FOR GOAT FEST 2025**

(To be introduced by Ald. Mattke.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 26**

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Goat Island have submitted a public special event application to hold Goat Fest 2025 at Rotary Park on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, since this event anticipates over 250 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 Goat Fest 2025 to be held on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at Rotary Park.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Obernberger, moved to approve Resolution No. 26. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY BEHIND CITY HALL FOR CITY EMPLOYEE PICNIC**

(To be introduced by Ald. Schroeder.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 27**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the two City Hall parking lots located on the corner of West Dodge Street and South Gardner Avenue is hereby temporarily closed on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for the City Employee Family Picnic that will take place on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ald. Schroeder, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to approve Resolution No. 27. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT TO THE KUEHN ENTERPRISES, LLC DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT**

(To be introduced by Ald. Obernberger.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 28**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves the Third Amendment to the Development Agreement Between the City of Jefferson and Kuehn Enterprises, LLC, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said Agreement on behalf of the City of Jefferson.

Ald. Obernberger, seconded by Ald. Larson moved to approve Resolution No. 28 with the following changes: The committee would like to add to the agreement that sidewalks need to be put in with the curb and gutter. The committee would also like to add in the second paragraph of the amendment that the city has already paid the \$104,000, of new money towards the development. 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 AND RECOMMENDATION OF A FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS CREWPERSON AND A FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

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

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS CREWPERSON**

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 29**

**WHEREAS**, the Position of Public Works Crewperson has been vacant since Spring of 2024 and it has been determined to be in the best interest of the Department of Public Works 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 Nathan Ostrowsky meets the requirements of the Position. The recommendation of the Personnel Committee is to hire Nathan Ostrowsky to fill the vacant Position of Public Works Crewperson; 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 Nathan Ostrowsky to fill the vacant Position of Public Works Crew Person, subject to the following parameters:

- Nathan Ostrowsky will be remain at his current position on the City’s compensation plan and PTO schedule.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to approve Resolution No. 29. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 30**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the Council hereby authorizes the hire of Jessica Havill as a Full-Time Administrative Assistant at an hourly rate of Step 3, Grade 3 of the 2025 City of Jefferson Compensation Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that she will be placed at 5 years of service on the Jefferson Paid-Time-Off (PTO) schedule.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** employment with Ms. Havill shall start no later than August 11, 2025.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Schroeder moved to approve Resolution No. 30. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:22 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.