

MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

The Tuesday, August 5, 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, Ald. Teeter and Ald. Obernberger. Absent: None. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Public Works Director Clark and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chief Alan Richter, 221 N. Marion Ave, would like to invite everyone to the 10th annual National Night Out from 6-8pm on Wednesday, August 6th at Jefferson Middle School.

Tammy Meinel, 415 E. Linden Drive is opposed to a new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

Tom Meinel, 415 E. Linden Drive is opposed of the new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

Lucas Wellnitz, 421 E. Linden Drive is opposed to a new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

Jill Sireno, 427 E. Linden Drive is opposed to a new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

Brian Stewart, 324 E. Washington Street is opposed to a new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

Brad Fosskett, 361 E. Linden Drive is opposed to a new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

Sierra Kreisler, 715 Browning Avenue likes the way Stoppenbach Park is now, and would like the Playland of Dreams built at a different park.

Amy Johnson, 304 E. Linden Drive is opposed to a new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

Audrey Weber, 458 E. Dodge Street is opposed to the new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

Mike Soleska, 140 N. Dewey Avenue, would like a speed limit sign on the walk bridge. Mr. Soleska is opposed to the new playground at Stoppenbach Park as shown in the CORP Plan.

DISCUSSION: PLANNING FOR THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE COUNTRY

Mayor Oppermann would like to have a drone show and a band the Saturday prior to the 4th of July holiday in 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 31**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for August 5, 2025, is hereby adopted.
 - a. Vouchers Payable for August Payables in the amount of \$1,440,537.77. Payroll Summary for July 25, 2025, amount of \$209,711.92.
 - b. Council Minutes from July 15, 2025, of the Common Council.
 - c. 2025 SDOJ Facility Agreement.
 - d. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
 1. Operator's Licenses.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer, moved to approve Resolution No. 31. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE ADOPTING OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN: 2025-2029

- A. Call to Order.
- B. Reading of Notice of Public Hearing by the City Administrator.
- C. Explanation of the 2025-2029 Jefferson County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- D. Persons wishing to be heard; please state your name, address and reason for appearing.
- E. Close of Hearing.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN: 2025-2029

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 32**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), which requires that a local unit of government must have an approved all hazard mitigation plan before it can receive Federal grant monies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for pre-disaster mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City worked with Jefferson County Emergency Management to update the countywide mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Common Council conducted a public hearing on August 5, 2025, to accept public input concerning the updated plan; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council makes the following findings:

1. Natural disasters pose a tangible threat to residents and property.
2. Undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to residents and property and save taxpayer dollars.
3. Preparation of this plan is in the public interest.
4. This plan is intended to serve as a general strategy and may be amended from time to time.
5. Nothing in this plan obligates the city to undertake any of the recommended activities and/or projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Jefferson hereby adopts the Jefferson County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: 2025-2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk is directed to send a signed copy of this resolution, at their earliest convenience, to Tracy Hameau, Emergency Management Director, at the following address: Jefferson County; 107 E Washington; Jefferson, WI 54549. thameau@jeffersoncountywisc.gov

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Mattke, moved to approve Resolution No. 32. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND FUEL OIL STORAGE TANK AT 1 ROCK RIVER ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 33**

WHEREAS, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) identified an existing 1,500-gallon fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) at the 1 Rock River Road Site as part of the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment of this property; and

WHEREAS, Geosyntec has submitted a proposal to remove the underground storage tank as part of their Phase II Environmental Assessment services; and

WHEREAS, the City included the cost of the removal in its Site Assessment Grant Application previously funded by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the Geosyntec proposal and is recommending an award to the City Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein awards a Contract for Petroleum Storage Tank Removal and Closure Services at the 1 Rock River Road Redevelopment Project with Geosyntec Consultants at a cost not to exceed \$25,550. Said cost to include:

- Planning and Field Coordination Services – \$3,700;
- Tank Removal, Cleaning, and Waste Management - \$15,300; and
- Tank System Site Assessment and Reporting Services - \$6,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is authorized to sign said Contract with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. upon the review and consent of the City Attorney.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 33. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NESTLE PURINA AGREEMENT

(To be introduced by Ald. Schroeder.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 34**

WHEREAS, Nestle Purina Petcare is asking for the City of Jefferson to make stormwater improvements on West Riverview Drive to facilitate improvements to their new drop lot; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson and Nestle Purina Petcare have drafted an Agreement for construction of said stormwater improvements, and the City Attorney has reviewed this Agreement. These improvements are not to exceed \$25,000, and Nestle Purina Petcare will reimburse the City of Jefferson for these improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves the Agreement between the City of Jefferson and Nestle Purina Petcare for the stormwater improvements on West Riverview Drive; 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. Schroeder, seconded by Ald. Larson, moved to approve Resolution No. 34. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE KUEHN ENTERPRISES, LLC DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT

(To be introduced by Ald. Obernberger.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 35

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin, that it herein approves a third amendment to the Kuehn Enterprises, LLC Developer's Agreement and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said Developer's Agreement on behalf of the City of Jefferson.

Ald. Obernberger, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to approve Resolution No. 35. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.