

**MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

The Tuesday, September 16, 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, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Neils, Ald. Obernberger, Ald. Mattke and Ald. Teeter. Absent: None. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Public Works Director Clark, Police Chief Richter and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Josh Larson, 129 N. German Ave., is stepping down as alderperson as he will be moving out of the city.

Mike Soleska, 140 S. Dewey Ave., would like the council agendas posted on the city webpage.

Debbie Neils, 700 E. Clancy Street, would like the citizens to know that there is a workshop planned in the library meeting room next Monday, September 22nd from 6-8 p.m. to discuss the Stoppenbach Park Concept.

DISCUSSION: 5 YR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET PLAN

Administrator Freitag gave an overview on the cities multi-year capital improvement project and equipment replacement schedule..

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROCLAMATION



**CITY OF JEFFERSON
PROCLAMATION**

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, safe, accessible streets are essential for the well-being of all residents, including children, older adults, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Wisconsinites, including over 100,000 with vision loss, rely on sidewalks, curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, white canes, and service animals to navigate public spaces safely; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s White Cane Law requires drivers to stop at least 10 feet from pedestrians using a white cane or service animal, reinforcing the need for driver awareness and pedestrian respect; and

WHEREAS, communities can reduce injuries and save lives by investing in proven pedestrian safety infrastructure such as high-visibility crosswalks, traffic calming, and accessible design; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of pedestrian rights and responsibilities promotes a culture of safety and inclusion for all road users;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Mayor Oppermann, on behalf of the residents of the City of Jefferson do hereby proclaim October as **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH** and October 15, 2025, as **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY** in city and call on all residents, leaders, and lawmakers to prioritize safe, accessible streets year-round.

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF JEFFERSON
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

(To be introduced for the first reading by Ald. Obernberger.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
ORDINANCE NO. 9-25**

The City Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 61.35 and 62.23(2) and (3) of Wisconsin Statutes, the City of Jefferson is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in sections 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted its comprehensive plan in 2020 entitled “City of Jefferson Comprehensive Plan”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §66.1001(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, the City Council has further adopted the “Public Participation Procedures for Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan,” which establishes formal procedures to ensure meaningful public involvement in the consideration and adoption of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission of the City of Jefferson, by a majority vote of the entire Commission recorded in its official minutes, has adopted a resolution recommending to the City Council the

adoption of amendments to the Future Land Use Map (Map 6a and 6b) which involves changing the land use designation for 6 parcels. The proposed amendments to the maps are described in a map provided, copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson has, in compliance with the requirements of section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes, provided opportunities for public involvement per its adopted public participation plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on October 7, 2025, considered the public comments made and the recommendations of the Plan Commission and staff, and has determined to approve the recommended amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Jefferson, Wisconsin, does ordain that the proposed amendments are hereby adopted as amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan pursuant to section 66.1001(4)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 45**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for September 16, 2025, is hereby adopted.

- a. Vouchers Payable for September Payables in the amount of \$609,514.36. Payroll Summary for September 5, 2025, amount of \$202,649.15.
- b. Council Minutes from September 2, 2025, of the Common Council.
- c. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
 1. Operator's Licenses.
 2. Closure of Right-of-Way- Jefferson Chamber of Commerce- Firehouse Alley, Boo Bash- October 16, 2025.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer, moved to approve Resolution No. 45. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE SQUAD CAR

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 46**

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richter recently solicited bids from three area automobile dealerships and received a bid on a squad car for the Jefferson Police Department and is recommending acceptance of the bid from Ewald Automotive for the purchase of a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility in the amount of \$44,207.00; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2026 City of Jefferson Capital Equipment Replacement Budget includes an appropriation in the amount of \$47,000.00 to fund the purchase of the 2026 squad car; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Finance Committee has reviewed Chief Richter’s recommendation and is recommending the purchase of the 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility in the amount of \$44,207.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein authorizes the purchase of a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility for the Jefferson Police Department from Ewald Automotive Group, in the amount of \$44,207.00

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Larson, moved to approve Resolution No. 46. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE WISCO CHASE REGATTA

(To be introduced by Ald. Larson.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 47**

WHEREAS, The Jefferson County Rowing Club has submitted a public special event application to hold their 2025 WISCO Chase Rowing Regatta at Rock River Landing Park on Sunday October 5th; 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, and additional insurance coverage 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 The Jefferson County Rowing Club’s WISCO Chase Rowing Regatta on Sunday October 5th, 2025, at Rock River Landing Park.

Ald. Larson, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 47. 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 EMPLOYMENT OF FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICER.

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE OF A FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICER

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 48**

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richter must fill one vacant position in the Police Department for a full-time Patrol Officer vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the open full-time Patrol Officer position is to be vacated by a resignation the last of which occurred in April of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated open position was publicly advertised for certified lateral transfers and pre-service applicants and interviews were conducted with 1 qualified candidate for a lateral transfer; and

WHEREAS, interviews with the City of Jefferson Police and Fire Commission were conducted on September 10th, 2025; and the candidate was approved for hire as a full-time Patrol Officer by the Jefferson Police and Fire Commission; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richter is recommending that Bradley Stefanski be hired by the City of Jefferson to fill the vacant Patrol Officer position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee having reviewed the qualifications of Bradley Stefanski and pursuant to Chief Richter recommending, and the Jefferson Police and Fire Commission approving the hire of Bradley Stefanski as a full-time Patrol Officer for the City of Jefferson Police Department; to the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has full-time funds allocated in his 2025 approved operating budget and that this full-time Patrol Officer is 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 hire Bradley Stefanski as a full-time Patrol Officer, with an effective start day of no later than October 1st, 2025. The initial rate of pay shall be pursuant to step 5 Patrol Officer pay as identified in the current 2025-2026 City of Jefferson Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Jefferson Professional Police Association.

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

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:48 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.