

**MINUTES  
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

The Tuesday, November 18, 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. Tully, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Obernberger, Ald. Mattke, Ald. Neils, Ald. Stallman and Ald. Teeter. Absent: None. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Public Works Director Clark, Finance Director Stewart, Police Chief Richter, Park and Recreation Director Holpfer and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jill Sirenno, 427 E. Linden Dr., would like more discussions and meetings with residents.

Mike Soleska, 140 S. Dewey Ave, was wondering if we need to stop lights and he would also like to know why the city garage was built next to the WWTP.

Tom Meinel, 415 E. Linden Dr., would like more communication with the public.

**PRESENTATION: FY 2026 BUDGET**

Finance Director/Treasurer Stewart.

**ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 GENERAL, SPECIAL FUNDS, WATER, STORM SEWER UTILITY AND WASTEWATER UTILITY BUDGETS AND ADOPTION OF THE 2025 GENERAL, SPECIAL FUNDS, WATER, STORM SEWER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY LEVY BUDGETS.**

- A. Call to Order.
- B. Reading of Notice of Public Hearing by the City Administrator.
- C. Explanation of the 2026 Budget by the City Administrator/Finance Director.
- D. Person wishing to be heard; please state your name, address and reason for appearing.
- E. Close of Hearing.

Mike Soleska, 140 S. Dewey Ave., was wondering too if we could have police department transport people to offset the taxi deficit.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 GENERAL, SPECIAL FUNDS, PUBLIC LIBRARY, REFUSE/RECYCLING, CAPITAL PROJECT & EQUIPMENT, STORM SEWER UTILITY AND WASTEWATER UTILITY BUDGETS.**

(To be introduced by Ald. Mattke.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 63**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the 2026 General Fund Budget attached hereto and the 2026 budgets for Special Funds, Public Library, Recycling/Refuse, Capital Project and Equipment, Storm Sewer Utility and the Wastewater Treatment Utility are hereby adopted, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any budgetary figures stipulated in the Municipal Code shall be amended to reflect changes authorized in the Municipal budget.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Schroeder, moved to approve Resolution No. 63. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2025 TAX RATE AND 2026 LEVY**

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 64**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the 2025 General Fund Property Tax Levy for Municipal Services in 2026 in the amount of \$3,682,075, the 2025 Public Library Fund Levy for 2026 Service in the amount of \$546,275 and the 2025 Capital Project and Equipment Fund Levy for 2026 in the amount of \$616,050 is hereby approved; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Public Safety Referendum as approved by the voters in the amount of \$500,000 is included in the proposed levy for 2026 to offset Fire and EMS expenses.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following tax rate is hereby adopted:

**CITY OF JEFFERSON                      \$5.928265730**

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Tully, moved to approve Resolution No. 64. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 65**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for November 18, 2025, is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for November Payables in the amount of \$839,629.96, November Manual Checks in the Amount of \$7,912.45. Payroll Summary for November 14, 2025, amount of \$208,325.68.
- B. Council Minutes from November 4, 2025, of the Common Council.
- C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
  - 1. Operator's Licenses.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer, moved to approve Resolution No. 65. On call of the roll, Motion carried 7-1.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE FOR EMERGENCY DOCK REPAIRS AT ROCK RIVER LANDING PARK AND ALLOCATION FUNDS FROM THE RIVER IMPROVEMENT FUND**

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 66**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jefferson operates Rock River Landing Park, which includes public dock facilities for community use; and

**WHEREAS**, a section of dock at Rock River Landing Park has sustained damage in the form of a cut or gash that negatively affects the accessibility and safety of its users and also compromises the rest of the dock sections; and

**WHEREAS**, this dock repair was not included in the current year's budget and constitutes an unbudgeted expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jefferson maintains a River Improvement Fund, which is funded through boat launch fees that are segregated from general fund revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Improvement Fund is designated for repairs, enhancements, and capital improvements related to river facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council finds that allocating funds from the River Improvement Fund for this repair is consistent with the intended purpose of said fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, that the City is hereby authorized to expend funds not to exceed Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400.00) from the River Improvement Fund for the repair of the damaged dock section at Rock River Landing Park.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 66. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT WITH AUCTION PROCEEDS**

(To be introduced by Ald. Obernberger.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 67**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jefferson sold surplus property at auction with Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction and would like to use the proceeds from the auction to purchase items that are needed and in accordance with the Purchasing Policy of the City of Jefferson requires Council approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has reviewed the purchases and concurs with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works to purchase; a snowblower for loading trucks from SKID

Pro Attachments for \$12,502.60, a machinery trailer from The Corral Trailer for \$7,690.00 and a driver for the line painter from Sherwin Industries, Inc. for \$8,400.00, 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 authorizes the purchase of the snowblower, machinery trailer and driver for line painter; 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. Obernberger, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to approve Resolution No. 67. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 8:05 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.