

**MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**

The Tuesday, May 5, 2026, meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Tully. Members' present were: Ald. Pernat, Ald. Tully, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Stallman, Ald. Teeter, and Ald. Obernberger. Absent: Ald. Mattke and Ald. Neils. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Public Works Director Clark, Police Chief Richter and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copey.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Straw, 805 E Reinel St., would like to let the council know that Jefferson Golf Course is using Golf Drive as overflow parking, and he doesn't think it is safe. He would also like more handicap accessible downtown for wheelchair users.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Summer Library Program, Melissa Anderson.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: 2026 POLICE WEEK



We're going outside.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**CITY OF JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN
2026 NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated the week of May 11th - 16th, 2026 as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Jefferson play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Jefferson unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dale Oppermann, Mayor of the City of Jefferson, call upon all citizens of Jefferson and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11th - 16th, 2026 as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens. I further call upon all citizens of Jefferson to remember all law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: 57th Annual Municipal Clerks Week



We're going outside.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

CITY OF JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN

57TH ANNUAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

WHEREAS, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

WHEREAS, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs,

seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dale Oppermann, Mayor of City of Jefferson, do recognize the week of May 3 through 9, 2026, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Sarah Copsey and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

Tourism Commission.....Ald. Toby Tully, Jr.

Ald. Stallman, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve the appointment of Toby Tully, Jr. to the Tourism Commission. On call of the roll, motion carried with Ald. Tully abstaining.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 5**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for May 5, 2026, is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for May Payables in the amount of \$263,219.02. Payroll Summary for May 1, 2026, amount of \$225,213.52.
- B. Council Minutes from April 21, 2026, of the Common Council.
- C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
 - 1. Operator’s Licenses.
 - 2. Closure of Right-of-Way- Jefferson Lions Club-Rotary Park- Saturday, July 27th.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer, moved to approve Resolution No. 5. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLEY VACATION ON E. GREEN STREET AND WALWORTH STREET

(To be introduced by Ald. Stallman.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 6**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin (the City) has received a petition from Timothy Freitag, City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, said petition requests that the Common Council set a public hearing to determine if an alley located within the legal boundaries of Jefferson should be discontinued and vacated; and

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of all abutting lands of said alley; and

WHEREAS, the City's Plan Commission did review said petition at a public hearing on April 28, 2026, at which time the Commission did approve unanimously the petition to discontinue and vacate said alley; and

WHEREAS, the legal description of the alley is as follows:

A 16 foot wide alley running between Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 31, Original Plat, City of Jefferson, Wisconsin also the East 4 feet of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 31, Original Plat, City of Jefferson, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has considered this petition at its May 5, 2026 meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned alley is hereby vacated and discontinued and a copy of this Resolution be recorded with the Register of Deeds of Jefferson County, Wisconsin.

Ald. Stallman, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 6. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 WAGE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FIRE CHIEF'S WAGES

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 7**

WHEREAS, the following wage and salary adjustments for non-represented (non-union) employees were herein authorized by the common council on December 16, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's annual wage was not updated as it should have been per the 2026 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fire Chief annual compensation shall be ~~\$15,000~~ \$17,000. (Paid quarterly) per the 2026 Budget.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Stallman moved to approve Resolution No. 7. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE POSITION.

(To be introduced by Ald. Obernberger)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 8**

WHEREAS, Joanne Miller, the duly-elected judge for the Municipal Court of Jefferson, Wisconsin resigned effective December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Brandon White was appointed by the Common Council of Jefferson, Wisconsin to act as Municipal Court Judge on a temporary basis; and

WHEREAS, State law requires a special election to be held to elect a replacement judge to serve to the end for the current term (which is April 2027);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby ordered to set a special election for the office of Municipal Court Judge to serve out the balance of the current term pursuant to State law.

Ald. Obernberger, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 8. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Obernberger moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 7:20 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.