

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026 5:15 PM**

The Tuesday, July 21, 2026, meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Oppermann. Members' present were: Ald. Tully, Ald. Mattke, Ald. Pernat, Ald. Obernberger, Ald. Stallman, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Neils, and Ald. Teeter. Absent: None. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Director of Public Works Clark, Police Chief Richter, Attorney Monogue and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Maahs.

PROCEEDING: REVOCATION HEARING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – TACO FIESTA MEXICAN RESTAURANT, LLC/YESENIA HERNANDEZ NUNEZ.

City Clerk Sarah Lee Copsey was sworn in by Deputy Treasurer Maahs. Attorney Rogers questioned City Clerk Copsey regarding Taco Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, LLC class B beer and liquor license renewal.

REVIEW AND ACTION: REVOCATION HEARING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – TACO FIESTA MEXICAN RESTAURANT, LLC/YESENIA HERNANDEZ NUNEZ.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve the revocation of Taco Fiesta Alcoholic Beverage License. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

PROCEEDING: REVOCATION HEARING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – PUETZ AND ZAGARA, LLC/THE SUN ROOM/NICHOLAS PUETZ.

City Clerk Sarah Lee Copsey was sworn in by Deputy Treasurer Maahs. Attorney Rogers questioned City Clerk Copsey regarding Puetz and Zagara, LLC/The Sun Room class B beer and liquor license renewal.

Police Captain Schmidt was sworn in by Deputy Treasurer Maahs. Attorney Rogers questioned Captain Schmidt regarding Puetz and Zagara, LLC/The Sun Room class B beer and liquor license renewal.

REVIEW AND ACTION: REVOCATION HEARING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – PUETZ AND ZAGARA, LLC/THE SUN ROOM/NICHOLAS PUETZ.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Neils moved to approve the revocation of The Sun Room Alcoholic Beverage License. On call of the roll, motion carried 7 in favor of revocation and Ald. Obernberger abstaining due to personal relationship to owners.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to adjourn the Jefferson Special Common Council Meeting at 5:39 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
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TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026**

The Tuesday, July 21, 2026, meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Oppermann. Members' present were: Ald. Pernat, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Stallman, Ald. Obernberger, Ald. Neils, Ald. Teeter, Ald. Tully and Ald. Mattke. Absent: None. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Public Works Director Clark, Parks, Rec, & Forestry Director Holpfer, Police Chief Richter and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cindy Rupprecht, 117 S. Wilson Ave., would like the wording in the truck ordinance to change to allow her husband to continue to park his work truck in their driveway as they always have.

Elizabeth Woolever, 321 N. Pleasant Ave, has concerns about Data Centers.

Sarah Zarling, Meadow Street, Watertown, has concerns about Data Centers.

Mike Soleska, 140 S. Dewey Ave, has concerns about the truck ordinance. Mr. Soleska also had comments about open meeting laws.

Dakota Pastorius, 229 E. Woolcock St., Jefferson, has concerns about the truck ordinance and the roads its limited too.

Julia Chady, 214 E. Woolcock St, Jefferson, has concerns about the truck ordinance in the city.

Chad Holpfer, 317 S. Main St., talked about July being Park and Recreation Month.

Mary Green, 428 Higher Dr., Jefferson would like to say No to Data Center.

Josie Simonson, 318 W. Milwaukee St., Jefferson is opposed to Data Centers coming to Jefferson.

Nicole Lippert, 316 N. Main St., has concerns about the truck ordinance.

Sherry Dalton, 536 N. Midway Ave., Jefferson, has concerns on Data Centers. She would like the city to focus on what the city has to offer children around the city.

Vicki Schaemen, 740 W. Linden Dr., has concerns about Data Centers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Oppermann gave an update on the recent events he has attended.

DISCUSSION- FOOD AND BEVERAGE PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS

Administrator Freitag gave an overview of the Food and Beverage Park Phase II Improvements.

DISCUSSION- DATA CENTER

Administrator Freitag explained the current ordinance and the future of the city with data centers. He explained that the city does not have any land for data centers, and that the council has all discretion over what land gets annexed into the city. He also said that the Council and the Utility Commission have full discretion over if a Data Center would come to town by zoning ordinance. Ald. Obernberger gave his comments on the Data Centers. Ald. Beyer also gave comments on the Data Centers. The committee's consensus is unanimously that they do not support a Data Center's coming to the city.

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
Ryan Pernat
Joe Mattke

Peg M. Beyer
Scott Obernberger
Chick Neils
Corby Stallman

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

Park and Recreation Commission.....Becky Adams

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Pernat moved to approve the mayoral appointment. On the call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §265-4 OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS FOR PARKING IN THE CITY OF JEFFERSON

(To be introduced for first reading by Ald. Stallman.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
ORDINANCE NO. 9-26**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson (the City) has previously adopted Ordinances that regulate parking on the City's streets and/or other public areas; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend and clarify these parking regulations to better conform to present conditions within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

Section One: Section 264-4(C) is hereby deleted in its entirety and restated as set forth below:

Diagonal Parking. Parking motor vehicles, except motorcycles, in diagonal parking stalls shall be such that the front of the vehicle shall be closest to the curb or parking aid and the rear of the vehicle closest to the traveled portion of the street or parking lot.

Section Two: Section 265-4(D)(8) is hereby amended, deleting the provision regulating parking under the Racine Street bridge/abutting North Gardner Avenue as set forth in an ordinance adopted on February 17, 2009 by Ordinance No. 3-09.

Section Three: Section 265-4(D)(9) is hereby amended to ban parking of any motor vehicles between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on the Riverside Alley South Parking Lot (Parcel No. 241-0614-1121-010) except that parking there is permitted on alternate side 24-hour parking in rows designated by alternate side parking and odd and even signage.

Section Four: This ordinance shall be effective on the date after its enactment and publication of this ordinance as required by law.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING HEAVY TRAFFIC ROUTES IN THE CITY OF JEFFERSON
(To be introduced for first reading by Ald. Neils.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
ORDINANCE NO. 10-26**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson (the City) presently does not have an ordinance regulating heavy truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City's Common Council finds that adopting heavy truck traffic ordinance would alleviate damage to City streets that were not constructed to accommodate the weight of heavy trucks; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council also finds that a heavy truck traffic ordinance would eliminate unsightly large trucks parked in residential areas of the City and likewise eliminate the noise created by large trucks in residential areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council also finds that large trucks have a longer stopping distance and therefore represents an unnecessary hazard to children and pedestrians in residential areas of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council does hereby ordain as follows:

Section One: Section 265-2.1 is created and entitled Heavy Traffic Routes, and reads as set forth:

- A. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 349.17, the following streets in the City of Jefferson are designated as heavy truck routes.

- 1) N. Main St./Business Hwy 26
- 2) S. Main St./Business Hwy 26
- 3) E. Racine St./USH 18
- 4) W. Racine St./USH 18
- 5) N. Jackson Ave./County Hwy N
- 6) S. Whitewater Ave./County Hwy N from E. Dane St. to South St.
- 7) E. Puerner St. from N. Main St. to N. Parkway
- 8) W. Puerner St.
- 9) Wisconsin Dr./County Hwy W to Collins Rd. to City limits
- 10) Collins Rd. from S. Rockwell Ave. to 125' West of S. Industrial Dr.
- 11) S. Grove Ave.
- 12) W. Plymouth St. from Main to Garity St.
- 13) S. Ryan Ave.
- 14) S. Industrial Ave.
- 15) N. Parkway Ave.
- 16) S. Rockwell Ave./County Hwy K
- 17) W. Junction Rd./Tower Rd.
- 18) Generac Way
- 19) Kikkoman Way
- 20) Innovation Drive
- 21) Oak Drive/County Hwy J

B. Heavy Traffic Defined.

- 1) Heavy Traffic Vehicle: All vehicles or combination of vehicle and towed vehicle having a gross weight of more than 8,000 pounds, that are designed or used for transporting property of any nature, or executing construction tasks or earthwork operations.

C. Heavy traffic is prohibited on all streets other than heavy traffic routes. No person shall operate, and no person shall employ or otherwise direct any other person to operate a vehicle as defined herein on any street other than a street designated as being a part of the heavy traffic route.

1) Exceptions

- a. An operator of a heavy traffic vehicle may use any street or highway for the purpose of obtaining orders for supplies, moving or delivering supplies or commodities to or from any place of business or residence which has an entrance on any street located in the City of Jefferson.
- b. When it is necessary for the operator of a vehicle meeting the definition of a heavy traffic vehicle as provided herein to leave the designated heavy traffic route for the purpose of obtaining orders, delivering supplies or moving, such operator shall leave and re-enter such heavy traffic route at the point closest to his/her immediate destination.

D. Any street designated as a heavy truck route must be marked by signs. Signs alerting operators entering the City of Jefferson must be posted at the entrances to the City giving notice of a truck route.

E. The penalty for violations of any provision of this ordinance shall be a forfeiture as provided by §265-17 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

Section Two: This ordinance shall be effective upon on the date after its enactment and publication of this ordinance as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 33

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for July 21, 2026, is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for July Payables in the amount of \$486,797.40, June Manuals in the amount of \$102,548.04. Payroll Summary for July 10, 2026, amount of \$233,281.07.
- B. Council Minutes from July 7, 2026, of the Common Council.
- C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
 - 1. Operator's Licenses.
 - 2. Temporary Class B License- Rotary Club, Brat and Burger- August 10, 2026- Jeferson County Fairgrounds.
 - 3. Temporary Class B License- Rotary Club, Great Badgerland Pro Rodeo- September 18-20, 2026- Jeferson County Fairgrounds.
 - 4. Closure of ROW- Friends of Goat Island-Goat Fest- August 1, 2026- Rotary Park.
 - 5. Sales of Goods in the ROW- JMSA- October 3rd- Rotary Park, Fall Fest.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer, moved to approve Resolution No. 33. On call of the roll, Motion carried 7-1 with Ald. Obernberger abstaining from July Payables for the 250th celebration.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 4TH AMENDMENT TO THE NESTLE AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICE

(To be introduced by Ald. Tully.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 34

WHEREAS, Nestle Purina Petcare is asking for changes to the Agreed Discharge Limits due to the expansion of their Plant with a third production line and will require additional process equipment be installed at the Treatment plant, provided and paid for by Nestle, until a new treatment plant is constructed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson and Nestle Purina Petcare have had an Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Service since 1985 and the Jefferson Water and Wastewater Utility has worked with Boardman Clark to draft and review the 4th Amendment to the Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Service between the City of Jefferson and Nestle Purina Petcare; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein approves the 4th Amendment to the Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Service; 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 Boardman Clark.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to approve Resolution No. 34. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 8:27 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.