MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

The Tuesday, September 15, 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. Stallman, Ald. Obernberger, Ald. Neils, Ald. Tully, Ald. Mattke, Ald. Teeter and Ald. Beyer. Absent: None. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, Public Works Director Clark, Police Chief Richter, Fire Chief Wegner and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Copsey.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Administrator Freitag wrote a letter in Opposition to BECI Transmission Line Routes Entering the City of Jefferson Urban Growth Area.
Terri Wenkman, 626 Fairway Lane- Is opposed to the rezoning of the parcels for Mercy Healthcare.
Charles Mitchell, N3946 County Road K- would like more information with the change of moving the Utility as a department under the city.
Dr. Micheal Anderson, 681 Lock LaBelle Dr., Oconomowoc, would like the city to do an economic development study before approving the rezoning of the parcels for Mercy Healthcare.
Julia Chady, 214 E Woolcock Street, is opposed to the rezoning of the parcels for Mercy Healthcare. Ms. Chady is also opposed to the ordinance moving the Electric Utilities under the city as a department.
Jim Nelson, 419 E Hickory Street, would like the city to do healthcare economic development study before approving the rezoning.
Dr. Chris Whistrom, Janesville, is with Mercy Healthcare and would like to try to keep the citizens that are leaving Jefferson County for healthcare here in the county and would like to serve the community together with Fort Healthcare.
Mayor Oppermann received 4 letters he received on Mercy Healthcare and will read those at the Plan Commission meeting next Tuesday.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 14-10 OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

(To be introduced for second reading by Ald. Neils.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON
ORDINANCE NO. 11-26

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson (the City) has owned and controlled an Electric Utility that furnishes electric power to the residents and businesses of the City; and

WHEREAS, originally a Utility Commission was established that was responsible for the management and control of the Electric Utility and also the Communication Utility; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to redefine the duties and powers of the Utility Commission so as to create better and more cost-effective efficiencies.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin, adopts the following ordinance:

Section One: §14.10 of the City's Code of Ordinance is abolished in its entirety and re-stated as set forth below.

Section Two: The Communication Utility is hereby abolished due to its non-use by the City. The official name of the body that oversees the electric utility shall henceforth be the Jefferson Electric Utility Commission.

Section Three: Official Name. The official name of the utility shall henceforth be "Jefferson Electric Utility Commission" (hereinafter the Utility).

Section Four: Composition. The Utility shall be governed (as set forth below) by the Jefferson Electric Utility Commission consisting of the Mayor, four citizens, and two alderpersons from the Common Council.

Section Five: Appointments and terms. Commissioners shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to Council confirmation. The terms of citizen representatives shall be four years, with the terms staggered so that not more than one term expires annually. The term of the Mayor shall coincide with the Mayor's term in office. In addition to the seven voting members of the Commission, the City Administrator shall serve as an ex officio (nonvoting) member.

Section Six: Powers and Duties.

a) The Jefferson Electric Utility Commission

1. The Jefferson Electric Utility Commission shall be responsible for the management and control of utility operations while remaining under the general control and supervision of the City of Jefferson Common Council.
2. The Jefferson Electric Utility Commission shall be deemed to be a department of the City of Jefferson and the Utility Manager shall be considered to be the department head of the Utility.

3. The Jefferson Electric Utility Commission shall function as a semi-autonomous, non-partisan public body with authority, among other things to:

    i. Authority to appoint and establish compensation of the Utility Manager and

the Electric distribution operations staff by adhering to/following City compensation practices, including City compensation plan;

ii. Authority to hire Utility Manager and Electric distribution system operations staff;
iii. Enlist services of municipal engineers;
iv. Contract for services in its own name;
v. Authority to retain its own attorney;
vi. Oversee/supervise construction of its own infrastructure;
vii. Establishes, adheres to, and follows Utility policies as it relates to contracting, bidding, and purchasing, electric utility operations standards and best practices and safety policies;
viii. Adheres to/follows City personnel policies and procedures, may recommend specific Electric Utility personnel policies to City Council in order to maintain comparable policies with other Wisconsin electric utility employers.

b) The City Council shall:

1. Adopt annual Utility budget and Utility capital budget;
2. Retain all authority to tax and borrow;
3. Retain final rate-making authority;
4. Retain final authority to hire Utility office staff;
5. Retain final authority to place Utility office staff on City compensation plan.

Section Seven: Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Ald. Obernberger motioned to table Ordinance No. 11-26. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Mattke, moved to approve Ordinance No. 11-26. On call of the roll, Motion carried 7-1 with Ald. Obernberger no vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR SECTION 300-10.31 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON RELATED TO THE REZONING OF PARCEL NUMBER 241-0614-0343-000 AND 241-0614-0342-000
(To be introduced for first reading by Ald. Tully.)

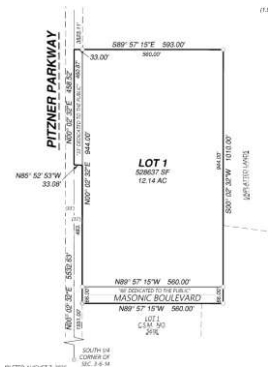
CITY OF JEFFERSON
PROPOSED ORDINANCE # 12-26

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

Section 1. Section 300-10.31 of the Zoning map, City of Jefferson, Wisconsin, which is herein made a part, is amended to change district boundaries of parcel number 241-0614-0343-000 and 241-0614-0342-000 from RH-35 Rural Holdings to the zoning designation of Institutional (I).

Description:

LOT 1, CSM 6141-36-025, DOC 1439104. EX CSM 6246-36-348, DOC 1456451. ALSO, COM S1/4/C S85DG53'E 1484.81FT, N04DG06 'E 156.68FT TO POB, N20DG05' E 22.90FT, N07DG08'E 165.67 FT, S86DG34'E 31.79FT, S01DG 08'W 57.16FT, S16DG22'W 61. 45FT, S31DG35'W 79.69FT TO POB. AND NW1/4 SE1/4. EX CSM 4274-21- 133



Parcel#: 241-0614-0343-000/241-0614-0342-000

Address: Land East of Pitzner Boulevard, South of Gravel Road & North of Masonic Boulevard.

Proposed Permanent Zoning Designation: Institutional (I).

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force after passage and publication as provided by law and notification and attestation of the district boundary changes incorporated herein the zoning map, City of Jefferson.

CONSENT AGENDA

(To be introduced by Ald. Teeter.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 48

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for September 15, 2026, is hereby adopted.

A. Vouchers Payable for September Payables in the amount of $271,623.29, September Manuals in the amount of $1,476.00. Payroll Summary for September 4, 2026, amount of $239,777.38.
B. Council Minutes from September 1, 2026, of the Common Council.
C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
    1. Operator's Licenses.
    2. Class B Beer and Liquor License- Endless Chapters, LLC- 223 S. Main Street.
    3. Temporary Class B Picnic License- Thrive- Kikkoman Grand Opening, Kikkoman Way- September 18, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF SQUAD CAR FOR THE JEFFERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

(To be introduced by Ald. Mattke.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 49

WHEREAS, Police Chief Richter is recommending a sole source purchase on a squad car for the Jefferson Police Department, and is recommending acceptance of a bid from Ewald Automotive for the purchase of a 2027 Ford Police Interceptor Utility in the amount of $45,005.00; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2027 City of Jefferson Capital Equipment Replacement Budget includes an appropriation in the amount of $47,000.00 to fund the purchase of the 2027 squad car; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Finance Committee has reviewed Chief Richter's recommendation and is recommending the purchase of the 2027 Ford Police Interceptor Utility in the amount of $45,005.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein authorizes the purchase of a 2027 Ford Police Interceptor Utility for the Jefferson Police Department from Ewald Automotive Group, in the amount of $45,005.00.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Neils moved to approve Resolution No. 49. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WATEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

(To be introduced by Ald. Stallman.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 50

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Wastewater Utility looking to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and Town & Country Engineering has completed the Facilities Plan and Preliminary Design; and

WHEREAS, Town & Country Engineering provided a proposal to perform the engineering services for WWTF Final Design; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein authorizes Town & Country Engineering to perform the engineering plans for WWTF Final Design; 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. Stallman, seconded by Ald. Teeter moved to approve Resolution No. 50. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION APPROVAL FOR 2026 WISCO CHASE REGATTA

(To be introduced by Ald. Neils.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 51

WHEREAS, The Jefferson County Rowing Club has submitted a public special event application to hold their 2026 WISCO Chase Rowing Regatta at Rock River Landing Park on Sunday October 4th; 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 4th, 2026, at Rock River Landing Park.

Ald. Neils, seconded by Ald. Mattke moved to approve Resolution No. 51. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JEFFERSON SPONSORSHIP OF THE FREEDOM 250 CITY ART POSTER PROJECT

(To be introduced by Ald. Obernberger.)

CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 52

WHEREAS, the National Endowment of the Arts is sponsoring a nationwide patriotic local art poster project that allows school age children to develop and submit local art poster **projects for their community; and**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson has been asked to be a sponsor of this program which is **being coordinated by local individuals; and**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that it herein agrees to be a sponsor of the Freedom 250 City Art Poster Project.

Ald. Obernberger, seconded by Ald. Stallman moved to approve Resolution No. 52. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Neils moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 8:02 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.