**MINUTES**
**CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL**
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026**

The Tuesday, October 6, 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**

Paul Andrew Didon, Foundation member of Fort Hospital, would like an impact study before voting on the ordinance 12-26.

Melinda Perez, 125 E. Woolcock St., is in support of Mercy Healthcare and would like to see an impact study done.

Terri Wenkman, 626 Fairway Lane, would like to see an impact study done before voting on the ordinance 12-26 as we have two ERs in the county already.

Lisa Jensen- N2930 Bower Lane, Fort Atkinson, stated that the Fort Hospital has given 84 years of service to the community and is in favor of an impact study before voting on ordinance 12-26.

Dr. Donald Williams, 411 Fredrick Ave., has been a doctor at Fort Healthcare for 46 years and would like an impact study before the council votes on ordinance 12-26.

Mike Soleska, 140 S. Dewey Ave., stated that the city had a referendum a few years ago for full-time EMS.

Julia Chady, 214 E. Greenwood, worried about the transfer costs being passed onto the public if a hospital came to Jefferson.

Kara Sankey, Orfordville, Chief Nursing Officer for Mercy Healthcare, is in favor of Mercy building in Jefferson.

Kati Wetzel, N6760 County Road P, Director of Quality & Risk Management for Fort Healthcare, would like an impact study done before voting on ordinance 12-26.

Sue Rienen, 44 years as an EMS, believes that Mercy would be very beneficial to the City of Jefferson.

Todd Clark, 236 Kranz Ave., would welcome a closer hospital.

Ladd Udy, 1140 Crest Lane, Milton, Vice President of Mercy Hospital would like the council to consider passing the ordinance 12-26.

Dr. Micheal Anderson, CEO for Fort Hospital would like to see an impact study done before voting on ordinance 12-26.

Dr. Chris Wistrom, Janesville, Chief Medical Officer for Mercy Healthcare also spoke in favor of Mercy building in Jefferson.

Jenna Bennington, Mercy Healthcare is pro Mercy building in Jefferson.

Becky Adams, 434 N. Midway Ave., is in support of Mercy Healthcare for their expansion in our community as she believes it will bring more specialties doctors and clinics closer to Jefferson.

Dave Madison, 531 Woodland Dr., would like to see an impact study to find out more facts on how a hospital would impact the community.

James Nelson, 418 Hickory St., CFO of Fort Healthcare would like an impact study done.

Rober Langenohl, Janesville, is in support of Mercy Healthcare building in Jefferson.

Ron Wegner, Fire Chief of Jefferson, is in favor of Mercy Healthcare building in Jefferson.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: PUBLIC POWER WEEK, OCTOBER 4-10TH**

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**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PUBLIC POWER WEEK, OCTOBER 4-10: A WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF JEFFERSON ELECTRIC UTILITIES' YEAR-ROUND SERVICE**

**WHEREAS,** we, the citizens of the City of Jefferson, place high value on local choice over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility and, as customers and owners of our electric utility, have a direct say in utility operations and policies;

**WHEREAS,** Jefferson Electric Utilities provides our homes, businesses, schools and social service and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and safe electricity employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates;

**WHEREAS,** Jefferson Electric Utilities is a valuable community asset that contributes to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness;

**WHEREAS,** Jefferson Electric Utilities is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place to live and work, and contributes to protecting the global environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that Jefferson Electric Utilities will continue to work to bring low-cost, safe, reliable electricity to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1901, the year when the utility was created to serve all the citizens of the City of Jefferson; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the week of October 4-10 be designated Public Power Week to recognize Jefferson Electric Utilities for its contributions to the community and to educate customer-owners, policy makers, and employees on the benefits of public power;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that our community joins hands with more than 2,000 other public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power, which put our residents, businesses, and the community before profits.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 4-10TH**

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**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS,** City of Jefferson is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in the City of Jefferson and visiting; and

**WHEREAS,** fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and
**WHEREAS,** The City of Jefferson Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires by providing fire prevention, education and protection; and

**WHEREAS,** homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire, and it is important to have a home fire escape plan that prepares your family to think fast and get out quickly, and

**WHEREAS,** if your first escape route is blocked by smoke or flames, having two ways out is a key part of your plan; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the National Fire Protection Association, one-third of American households surveyed thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire becomes life threatening, but in reality, your home could be engulfed in smoke and flames in just a few minutes; and

**WHEREAS,** only 8% of households surveyed said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out of the house; and

**WHEREAS,** although three-quarters of American do have an escape plan, less than half have actually practiced it, and

**WHEREAS,** City of Jefferson's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Jefferson Fire Department will host a Pancake Breakfast on October 4, 2026, at Fire Station 351 East Racine Street from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

**THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Dale W. Oppermann, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week throughout City of Jefferson.

**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 second reading by Ald. Tully.)

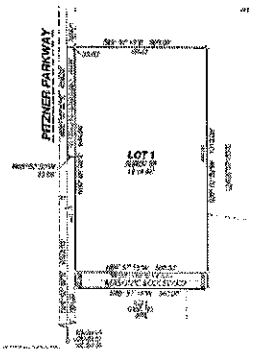
**CITY OF JEFFERSON**
**PROPOSED ORDINANCE # 12-26**

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.

Ald. Obernberger motioned, seconded by Ald. Beyer to table the ordinance. On call of the roll, motion failed by a vote of 5-2 with Ald. Pernat abstaining.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Neils, moved to approve Ordinance No. 12-26. On call of the roll, Motion carried 6-1 with Ald. Obernberger no vote and Ald. Pernat abstaining.

**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 REZONGIN OF PARCEL NUMBER 241-0614-0343-000 AND 241-0614-0342-000**
(To be introduced for first reading by Ald. Neils.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**
**PROPOSED ORDINANCE # 13-26**

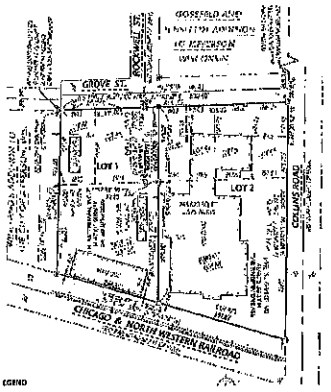
**An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map for Section 300-10.31 of the Municipal Code of the City of Jefferson Related to the Rezoning.**

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 part of parcel number 241-0614-1134-044 and 241-0614-1134-043 from Light Industrial (LI) to the zoning designation of Medium Industrial (MI).

Description:

Starting at the SE corner of the Highway Landscapers Property and extending 32.18 feet to the north, then 171.37 feet to the west, then 32.22 feet to the south and then returning 171.27 feet to the east to the point of origin. All per the highlighted area on the attached survey map.



**Parcel#:** 241-0614-1134-044 and 241-0614-1134-043

**Address:** 211 Collins Road

**Proposed Permanent Zoning Designation:** Medium Industrial (MI).

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. 53**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for October 6, 2026, is hereby adopted.

A. Vouchers Payable for October Payables in the amount of $758,137.16, September Manuals in the amount of $57,810.00. Payroll Summary for September 18, 2026, amount of $220,930.59 and Payroll Summary for October 2, 2026, amount of $254,253.18.

B. Council Minutes from September 15, 2026, of the Common Council.
C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee:
    1. Operator's Licenses.
    2. Closure of ROW- JMSA- Boo Bash, Firehouse Alley, October 15, 2026.
    3. Sales of Goods in the ROW- JMSA- Boo Bash, Firehouse Alley, October 15, 2026.
    4. Closure of ROW- City of Jefferson- Boo Bash, Portion of S. Dodge Street, October 15, 2026.

Ald. Teeter, seconded by Ald. Beyer, moved to approve Resolution No. 53. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING EXEMPTION FROM COUNTY LIBRARY TAX**

(To be introduced by Ald. Stallman.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**
**RESOLUTION NO. 54**

**WHEREAS** the Jefferson County Board has established a county library service and levies a county library tax as authorized under Section 43.57 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and

**WHEREAS** Section 43.64 (2) (b) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that a village or city is exempt from the county library tax if it levies a tax for public library service and appropriates and expends for a library fund as defined by s.43.52 (1) during the year for which the county tax levy is made a sum at least equal to the county library tax rate in the prior year multiplied by the equalized valuation of the property in the city or village for the current year, and

**WHEREAS** the city of Jefferson will, in 2027, appropriate and expend an amount in excess of that calculated above,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the city of Jefferson hereby requests of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the city of Jefferson be exempted from the payment of any tax for the support of the County Library Service as provided in Section 43.64 (2).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be forwarded by the city/village clerk to the following parties:

ADMINISTRATOR
Jefferson County Library Council
Dwight Foster Public Library
209 Merchants Avenue
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

COUNTY CLERK
311 S. Center Street, Room C2045
Jefferson, WI 53549

Ald. Stallman, seconded by Ald. Mattke, moved to approve Resolution No. 54. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Mattke, seconded by Ald. Neils moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 8:51 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.