

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 20, 2004**

The Tuesday, April 20, 2004, meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Brawders. Members present were: Ald. Wagner, Ald. Coffman, Ald. Bare, Ald. Gang, Ald. Stevens, Ald. McGrath, Ald. Carnes and Ald. Stewart. Also present were: City Attorney Brantmeier, City Engineer Ludwig and City Clerk/Treasurer Stewart

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Janet Werner, N4018 Highway Y, addressed the Council on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Werner thanked the Council for their help this upcoming "car show" weekend. She also thanked Arnie for his support and help over the last 10 years as Mayor.

**PRESENTATION: CUB SCOUT PACK #147**

Cub Scout Pack #147 then gave a presentation to the Council and to the public regarding non-point pollution. Mr. Sukow stated that the pack would like to put a message on the pavement in front of the storm sewers reminding citizens that these drains go right to the river. He stated that the purpose of this program is to educate.

He stated that the program will be spearheaded by the pack, but will (and is) receiving support from other agencies such as the Wisconsin DNR and the Rock River Coalition. He stated that several agencies have donated materials to make the project happen and that over 400 volunteer hours have been donated toward the cause. He stated that the Cub Scout Pack is looking for the City's cooperation in this project and requested that the proposal be reviewed by the appropriate City Committee. He stated that if the Committee was in favor of the project, they would also need to: approve of the stencil, approve of the paint color, approve of the process and provide a detailed drawing of the City's storm drains, process approval.

Ald. McGrath stated that he would support the proposal but felt that the area that they are working in would need to be "coned off", vests should be worn, and they would need to provide proof of liability insurance. Similar to what the City requires from contractors.

Atty. Brantmeier stated that he had worked with this group for many years and that obtaining a certificate of liability insurance would not be a problem for the group

Mike Cross, the WI DNR Conservation Warden in the Jefferson area stated that non-point pollution is a huge concern of the Department of Natural Resources. He stated that he has come across individuals dumping waste material into storm sewers, thinking that it went to the Treatment Plant and not the river.

Mayor Brawders then introduced his family and thanked them for attending the meeting this evening and supporting him over the last 18 years.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON RELATED TO SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Ald. Bare introduced Ordinance #6-04 for its second reading.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
ORDINANCE #6-04**

An Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02(b) of the Municipal Code Related to Salaries of Elected Officials.

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

**Section 1.** Section 1.02(b) is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) Salaries. (Am. #2-93; Am. #25-95; Am. #6-04) 1. Mayor. The annual salary paid to the Mayor shall be \$3,000 per year. Effective May 1, 1996, the salary of the mayor shall increase to \$4,000 per year. Effective May 1, 2004 the salary of the mayor shall decrease to \$3,200
2. Alderpersons. (Am.#25-95; Am. #6-04) The annual salary to be paid to the alderpersons shall be \$1,400 per year. Effective May 1, 1996 the salary for alderpersons shall be increased to \$2,500 per year. (Inapplicable for midterm incumbents until May 1, 1997.). Effective May 1, 2004 the salary for alderpersons shall be decreased to \$2,000 per year. (Inapplicable for midterm incumbents until May 1, 2005.)

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Atty. Brantmeier stated that according to State Statutes no one will need to abstain themselves from the vote on the resolution. Atty. Brantmeier added that at some point it will effect anyone.

Mayor Brawders stated that he feels uncomfortable decreasing the compensation. He added that we are not talking about a lot of funds.

Ald. Carnes stated that he would not support ordinance even though it would not effect him. He stated that the last increase was in 1996, almost every job has taken an increase since then. Carnes added that for anyone to do a good job at an elected office, it is time consuming. He added that he felt it is not asking too much. Carnes concluded by stating that the Council works hard and should get something back for their efforts.

Ald. Wagner stated that his opposition is not about money. He stated that the Council puts in many hours and should be compensated in some fashion. He stated that he had contacted the surrounding towns/cities and discovered that the City's compensation is write in line with others.

Ald. Bare asked how old the Statute was that stated that the compensation could not vary by more than 20%. Atty. Brantmeier stated it had been in effect since 1985.

Ald. Bare stated that the history was more than a 20% increase. Ald. Bare added that he thinks this whole issue was brought about when City employees were asked to take cuts and reduce the amount of increases in their wages. He stated that this was a moral issue.

Ald. Bare, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to recommend Ordinance #6-04. On call of the roll, motion was defeated by a vote of 6 to 2. Ald. Bare and Ald. McGrath voted in favor of the Ordinance.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ald. Wagner introduced Resolution No. 158.

#### **CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 158**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the consent agenda for April 20, 2004 is hereby adopted.

The consent agenda for tonight includes:

- ◆ Vouchers Payable for March and April 2004 in the amounts of \$12,432.09 and \$1,048,872.30 and Payroll Summary for March 19, 2004 and April 2, 2004 in the amounts of \$100,501.74 and \$95,316.56.
- ◆ Council Minutes from the March 16, 2004 Regular and Closed Session Meetings of the Common Council.
- ◆ 2004 Petition for County Highway Aid -- \$8,240.
- ◆ 2004 Township Fire Contracts.
- ◆ Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee
  - ▣ Operator's Licenses
  - ▣ Special Class B Licenses
  - ▣ Class B Beer License – Jefferson Blue Devils

Ald. Wagner, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Resolution No. 158. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION TO RENEW INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH WAUSAU INSURANCE COMPANIES**

Ald. Stewart introduced Resolution No. 159.

#### **CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 159**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the Acting City Administrator is hereby authorized to continue the City-wide insurance coverage through Wausau Insurance for the 2004-2005 insurance year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Acting City Administrator is authorized to sign any related documents.

Ald. Stewart stated that Resolution No. 159 was unanimously approved at Finance Committee.

Ald. Bare asked about the equipment policy. Carolyn Ramult-Sacco of Wausau Insurance Companies provided more information regarding the potential policy.

Ald. Wagner asked why the workers compensation policy went up in double digits. Ms. Ramult-Sacco stated that the City's experience mod went up 8% and the City's payrolls went up 10%, she added that the premium rates are designated by the state. All of these factors combined created the double-digit increase. She stated that everyone in the state pays the same rate.

Ald. Stewart, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to recommend Resolution No. 159. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF TENNIS COURTS AT RIVERFRONT PARK**

Ald. Gang introduced Resolution No. 160.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 160**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director is hereby authorized to purchase Sport Court tiles from Sport Court of Milwaukee at a not to exceed price of \$42,900.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following budget adjustment is hereby accepted: *(A transfer of \$12,900 into the Riverfront Park line item would come from Park Development Fund Fund Balance.)*

<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>CURRENT BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>REVISED AMOUNT</b>
<b>FUND 43</b>				
<b>Riverfront Park</b>	43-50000-40-438	\$25,000.00	<b>\$17,900.00</b>	\$42,900.00
<b>Stoppenbach Park</b>	43-50000-40-435	\$5,000.00	<b>(\$5,000.00)</b>	\$0.00

Steve Chard from Sport Court, gave a presentation regarding the Sport Court tile system. He stated that his company only does one thing, tennis courts. He stated that warranty for their

product is 10 years. He stated that they have courts in Wisconsin and Minnesota that have lasted 17 and even 26 years. He stated that Sport Court is recognized by the NCAA, WIAA, ITA. He stated that the surface is also durable enough for other uses.

Ald. Bare asked how long it would take before the tile imbeds in the asphalt. Mr. Chard stated that the tiles allow for expansion and contraction and have lateral forgiveness. He stated that Sport Court has never seen that as a problem; no matter how hot the asphalt gets. Mr. Chard stated that they have courts all over the nation and internationally and have never experienced this problem.

Ald. McGrath asked if we would be receiving these promises all in writing? Mr. Chard stated that they would be able to do anything the Council wants.

Ald. Coffman stated that he had spoke to Steve Rogers and stated that he was very much in favor of this type of court. He stated that if the City put this type of court in, we would be setting the standard.

Ald. Gang gave an explanation of the needs of the courts. The courts were not in good shape and the Commission wanted a good product. Ald. Gang stated that the Committee was reproached by citizens for revitalization of the Stoppenbach Courts as well, but the Commission was recommend that we try Riverfront this year and potentially Stoppenbach Park in the future.

Ald. Gang, seconded by Ald. Stevens moved to recommend Resolution No. 160. On call of the roll, motion carried by a vote of 7 to 1. Ald. Bare cast the dissenting vote.

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SANITARY SEWER REPAIR IN THE NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Ald. McGrath introduced Resolution No. 161.

### **CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 161**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the City Engineer is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Visu-Sewer Clean and Seal, Inc. of Pewaukee, WI for the repair of a sanitary sewer pipe along East Puerner Street and North Parkway, for an amount not to exceed \$13,540.

It was indicated that Resolution No. 161 was unanimously approved at the Streets Committee.

Ald. McGrath, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Resolution No. 161. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE ASPHALT PAVING OF SOUTH JACKSON AVENUE, FAIRWAY LANE AND EAST WASHINGTON STREET**

Ald. Coffman introduced Resolution No. 162.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 162**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the Acting City Administrator is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Wolf Paving Co., Inc. for the asphalt paving of South Jackson Avenue, Fairway Lane and East Washington Street for the contract amount of \$43,079.00.

Ald. Wagner stated that he felt we were getting a good price for the asphalt. He also added that the three streets that were being paved had lasted a long time.

Ald. Coffman, seconded by Ald. Carnes moved to recommend Resolution No. 162. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL PAYMENT TO BRAY AND ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS**

Ald. Stevens introduced Resolution No. 163.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 163**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that a final payment of \$5,082.13 is released to Bray and Associates Architects for the completion of the City Hall Remodeling Project.

Ald. Stevens, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Resolution No. 163. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE AMY TURNER**

Ald. Wagner introduced Resolution No. 164.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 164**

**WHEREAS**, God in his infinite wisdom and mercy, has chosen to call from his life, Amy Turner, and

**WHEREAS**, Amy was a trusted and loyal citizen of the City of Jefferson.

**WHEREAS**, Amy served the City of Jefferson as a Police and Fire Commission Member for many years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, by this Resolution extends its sympathy to the family of the late Amy Turner and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family.

Ald. Wagner, seconded by Ald. Stevens moved to recommend Resolution No. 164. The Council stood for a moment of silence in unanimous support of the resolution.

Ald. Carnes, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) and 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss litigation and employment. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald., seconded by Ald. moved to reconvene to open session. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

#### **HIRE OF SENIOR CENTER COORDINATOR**

Ald. Carnes introduced Resolution No. 165.

#### **CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 165**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the Acting City Administrator is hereby authorized to hire Brenda Neubauer at an hourly rate of \$15.75, 30 hours per week.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said employee is eligible for performance adjustments in the amount of: 5% - 6 months, 5% - 18 months, 2 ½% - 30 months, and 2 ½% - 42 months (in accordance with the non-union compensation plan).

Ald. Carnes, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Resolution No. 165. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Carnes, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to adjourn the April 20, 2004 meeting of the Jefferson Common Council. Motion to adjourn carried on a voice vote.

The minutes of the April 20, 2004, meeting of the Common Council are uncorrected. Any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which time the minutes are approved.