

MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
OCTOBER 5, 2004

The Tuesday October 5, 2004, meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Stevens. Members present were: Ald. Wagner, Ald. Bare, Ald. Olsen, Ald. McGrath, Ald. Benka, Ald. Gang, Ald. Coffman and Ald. Stewart. Also present were: City Administrator Bierma, Assistant City Attorney Hannah, and City Clerk/Treasurer Stewart.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tom Pinnow, 410 East Ogden Street, addressed the Council regarding his new role as the Jefferson Development Commission President. Mr. Pinnow stated that he wants to see the Commission take a proactive approach to development. He stated that, in the document that he provided to the Council, he has outlined an action plan for the JDC and a process for gaining information to make informed decisions on development. He stated that he feels that information seeking not only involves the Commission, but the Council and the community as a whole. Mr. Pinnow also thanked prior JDC President Steve Lewis for his hard work and dedication to the City.

Bill Koehler, Highway K, addressed the Council regarding Wal-Mart. Mr. Koehler provided the Council with a report regarding Wal-Mart. He then read an excerpt of the report.

Steve Lewis, 1157 Hillebrand, addressed the Council regarding the skatepark. Mr. Lewis thanked the Council for their support of the skatepark and stated that he felt the Council would be surprised at how much activity the park will receive. He encouraged the Council to stop by and check out the athleticism of these young adults.

Patti Lorbecki, 714 Windsor Terrace, addressed the Council regarding the Wal-Mart forum. She thanked the City for organizing the forum and allowing the Coalition's participation. She stated that many issues need to be answered by Wal-Mart and she hoped that there would be a resolution soon. She then encouraged the Council to read the report handed out by Mr. Koehler. Mrs. Lorbecki stated that the Bill Moyer show was not filming the forum at the request of the Coalition or any of its members. She stated that they had contacted her about a follow up to the Tyson story which aired last year and during the course of conversations the forum came up. It was then the producers decision to film the forum. She stated that over the past two years the Council has been given many articles to support the Coalition's claims and views. She asked that if the Council or JDC would like specific lists of references to contact for additional information that the Council pass a resolution directing the Coalition to do so.

Janet Twist, 663 North Dewey Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the Wal-Mart forum. Ms. Twist stated that she appreciated the forum, but found it very biased. She stated that she felt that a group of individuals which support Wal-Mart coming to Jefferson should have also been included. She also stated her disappointment that the Council did not sit together on the stage for

the public to see. She acknowledged Ald. Benka for facing the public. She concluded by stating that the Council was hosting this forum and should have sat together. She also added that the Coalition added that we are a mobile society and that we can drive to these stores. Twist questioned how mobile we will be when gas reaches \$2.50/\$3.00 a gallon. She also addressed such issues as increased crime and operational hours.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald. Wagner introduced Resolution No. 56.

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 56

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for October 5, 2004 is hereby adopted.

The consent agenda for tonight includes:

- ◆ Vouchers Payable for October 2004 in the amount of \$166,166.13 and Payroll Summary for September 17, 2004 in the amount of \$103,677.70.
- ◆ Council Minutes from September 21, 2004 Regular and Closed Session Meetings of the Common Council.
- ◆ Approval of 2004 Small Animal Collection Contract between the Jefferson County Humane Society and the City of Jefferson.
- ◆ Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee
 - ▣ Operator's Licenses
 - ▣ Special Class B Licenses

Ald. McGrath clarified the terms of the Small Animal Collection Contract.

Ald. Wagner, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to approve Resolution No. 56. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT FOR RIVERFRONT PARK

Ald. Gang introduced Resolution No. 57.

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 57

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to purchase skatepark equipment from Enterprise Lighting at a not to exceed price of \$30,000.

Ald. Bare questioned why \$30,000 was being requested when the bid was for \$27,000.

Director Keller stated that at the time the resolution was written, a donation of a crane had not been realized. She stated that she has now secured a donation. She also stated that the dollar amount was increased slightly so that additional safety rails could be added to a couple of the ramps. She also stated that the kids had “approved” a layout, but she had picked out materials for the equipment which would be comparatively quieter, relatively unmovable and easier to maintain. She stated that the department would strive to provide the same layout that the kids likes while using the more friendly materials.

Keller added that community volunteers would complete installation.

Ald. Olsen stated that the equipment in the resolution is not the equipment that the kids chose.

Director Keller then explained how the choice of staff and the kids would be meshed together for the skate park.

Ald. Wagner stated that he would be requesting signage that all kids using the park would need to wear helmets.

Ald. Bare stated that he would like to make a motion to reduce the amount in the resolution to \$27,216.41.

Ald. Gang stated that the \$27,000 figure would not allow for the additional safety railing that Keller had spoke about.

Ald. Bare, seconded by Ald. Coffman moved to amend Resolution No. 57 to a not to exceed dollar amount of \$28,000. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Olsen said that it is time for this project and stated that he feels the park will get a lot of use.

Ald. Gang, seconded by Ald. Benka moved to recommend Resolution No. 57. On call of the roll, motion carried by a vote of 7 to 1. Ald. Stewart cast the dissenting vote.

AGREEMENT WITH CUSTOM FIRE APPARATUS, INC. & TOWNSHIPS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EQUIPMENT TRUCK

Ald. Stewart introduced Resolution No. 58.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 58**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the City Administrator is authorized to sign an agreement with Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc. for the purchase of a new equipment truck and loose equipment (and the installation of such equipment) in the amount not to exceed \$270,000.00, subject to all of the townships that are in the fire district signing agreements that they will pay their share of the fire truck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into agreements, as drafted by the City Attorney, with the townships that are in the fire district to pay for their share of the fire truck and necessary equipment.

Ald. Bare questioned the City's cost of the truck. City Clerk/Treasurer Stewart stated the City's portion, if the entire \$270,000 is spent, would be \$40,500.

Ald. Stewart stated that approval of Resolution No. 58 was unanimous at Finance Committee.

Ald. Stewart, seconded by Ald. Olsen, moved to recommend Resolution No. 58. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION INCREASING FEE WITH VIRCHOW KRAUSE TO PERFORM
SANITARY SEWER RATE STUDY**

Ald. Olsen introduced Resolution No. 59.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 59**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the City Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement with Virchow, Krause & Company to perform a sanitary sewer rate study for a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Ald. McGrath questioned if we didn't already have this in place.

City Administrator Bierma stated that the review was necessary to maintain compliance with the Treatment Plants Clean Water Act.

Ald. Coffman asked if our revenues were down.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stewart stated that revenues were not meeting projections.

Ald. Olsen, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Resolution No. 59. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM GEMUETLICHKEIT DAYS COMMITTEE FOR CITY FUNDS

Ald. Gang introduced Resolution No. 60.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 60**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin to give \$3,000 to the Gemuetlichkeit Days Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by that the disbursement be made out of account 01-55310-50-516 and that funds be transferred from the General Fund Fund Balance for such donation.

Ald. Gang stated that this resolution was a result of his insistence he stated that he can't say enough about the many people involved in the celebration. He stated that he felt it was the City's duty to help fund the event.

Ald. Wagner stated that the event brings many people into the City.

Ald. Bare questioned if the Council had removed the request from the budget or if the organization had requested funds for 2004.

City Clerk/Treasurer Stewart indicated that funds had been removed from the budget and that a letter of request was received.

Ald. Gang, seconded by Ald. Olsen moved to recommend Resolution No. 60. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT FOR ASSESSMENT SERVICES

Ald. Benka introduced Resolution No. 61.

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 61

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the contract for annual assessment services by and between the City of Jefferson and National Appraisal Corporation for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 assessment years is hereby approved in the amount of \$7,600 and \$7,800 per annum respectively. And,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator is authorized to execute said contract.

Ald. Bare stated that he was going to request that we put the service out for bids, however, in light of a small survey that he had just received it looked as though we were getting a pretty good deal. He went on to read that many municipalities pay extra each year to keep their fair market value at 100%, he questioned if the City of Jefferson should consider this. Ald. Bare stated that he would like to table action on the resolution until we investigate this possibility. Ald. Coffman, seconded the motion.

Ald. Stewart stated that the Finance Committee would also like to do this, but believe that there is not enough time to do so before the end of the year. He stated that this is something that can be done in the near future.

Ald. Wagner stated that he preferred a one-year contract for now. Ald. Gang concurred.

Ald. Coffman and Ald. Bare withdrew the motion to table.

Ald. Gang, seconded by Ald. Wagner moved to amend the resolution to a one-year contract. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Benka, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Amended Resolution No. 61. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

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

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

HIRE AND CLASSIFICATION OF LTE POLICE TYPIST

Ald. Coffman introduced Resolution No. 62.

CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 62

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to create the position of LTE Police Typist and assign it to Level 2 of the Non-Union Compensation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the starting pay range shall be \$7.89 to \$9.56 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joyce L. Kirkvold is hereby hired as LTE Police Typist at a pay rate of \$8.25 per hour and that said position shall be reviewed prior to January 1, 2006.

Ald. Benka stated that the position had been cut because it was determined that a full-time position was not needed at this time. He added that this position is being recommend as an LTE position because it is anticipated that it will be replaced in the near future by voice recognition technology.

Ald. Coffman, seconded by Ald. Benka moved to recommend Resolution No. 62. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. McGrath, seconded by Ald. Stewart moved to adjourn the October 5, 2004 meeting of the Common Council. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The minutes of the October 5, 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.

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Need an affidavit

Not in the legal section