

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2004**

The Tuesday October 19, 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, City Attorney Brantmeier, City Engineer Ludwig, and City Clerk/Treasurer Stewart.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Scott Endl, 115 East Greenwood Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the proposed cut of the Park, Recreation and Forestry Director. Endl stated that he was addressing the Council as a City resident, a program participant, a parent of program participants and a Park and Recreation professional. He stated that his concern was that the members of the Council that he was able to speak to were not able to tell him who would take over what duties and how things would be handled in the absence of a director. He stated that this would be a tough and long reaching cut and encouraged the Council to educate themselves on the staff that they have. He stated that gathering information is essential to making an educated, informed and fiscally responsible decision. Endl concluded by stating that Parks are one of the most important factors to recruiting new residential and business growth.

Janet Twist, 663 North Dewey Avenue, addressed the Council regarding several issues. Twist stated that she could not support the cutting of the two staff positions. She stated that she felt the City would suffer without these two departments. She stated that she appreciated the Finance Committee investigating ways to save money, but felt that this was not the way. She suggested that the Council consider welcoming Wal-Mart into the community, for this would easily bring a great deal of tax revenue to the community. She stated that this would be a great way to maintain the services we are accustomed too. She then questioned if the Council had moved forward on a PA system.

Tim Koehler, Highway K, addressed the Council regarding Wal-Mart. Mr. Koehler presented the Council with an article indicating the true cost of a Wal-Mart store. He then read an excerpt.

Cheryl Higgins, 776 North Jackson Avenue, addressed the Council on Wal-Mart for her sister Charlotte Goers-Nevin. Ms. Higgins read the letter that stated that the information handed out at the October 5, 2004 Council meeting by Mr. Koehler was not entirely accurate. She stated that the document compared their wages to those of industry, not retail. She also added that several references within the document were referencing 2001 stats and others, statistical information from 1993 & 1994. She stated that much of the other information was geared for California standards, a market which is not similar to Wisconsin. Ms. Goers-Nevin indicated that the information we receive should be accurate for now and for Jefferson.

Bill Koehler, Highway K, addressed the Council regarding Wal-Mart. Mr. Koehler stated that some of the references in the document that was handed out at the previous Council meeting were a bit dated. He added however, that in a large sense the document is very accurate about Wal-Mart. Mr. Koehler then read an excerpt from the article noting the social impact of Wal-Mart due to the low wages.

Patti Lorbecki, Windsor Terrace, addressed the Council regarding Wal-Mart. Ms. Lorbecki noted that the Wal-Mart issue is dividing the community and asked when the public could look forward to a proposal from the company. She stated that the majority of the people in the community just want to see some type of resolution so that they can move on. She questioned why Wal-Mart, if they are so interested in Jefferson, has not brought forth a proposal. Ms. Lorbecki then questioned the path that a proposal would take once it has been received by the City.

John Foust, 235 South Main Street, addressed the Council on several issues. Mr. Foust stated that he was bringing some good news in the fact that the public access channels approved by the Council last July are now only small steps away from being activated. He stated that a Cable Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday to go over information related to this and other issues effecting the channels and encouraged the Council's participation. Mr. Foust also stated that on his gojefferson website he has the Powerpoint presentations from both Walmart and the Sierra Club for anyone who may be interested.

Bill Pinnow, Highway K, addressed the Council regarding Wal-Mart. Mr. Pinnow stated that he does not understand how Wal-Mart continues to find employees if they are so terrible to work for. He questioned if individuals were receiving public assistance prior or after/during employment with Wal-Mart. He added that maybe Wal-Mart was the only place that would hire some of these individuals. He also said that Wal-Mart gets big profits by employing new technology. He then explained a banding system that Wal-Mart is looking to implement soon.

#### **PRESENTATION: TID LAW CHANGES (MSA)**

Clem Sufranik and Chuck Sulik of Mid State Associates then gave the Council a presentation on Tax Incremental Districts. The consultants provided the Council with a summary of the changes in TIF Law. Sufranik and Sulik then outlined their past experiences with TIF Districts and the different ways that the City can use a district to make a difference in their communities.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ald. Wagner introduced Resolution No. 63

#### **CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 63**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for October 19, 2004 is hereby adopted.

The consent agenda for tonight includes:

- ◆ Vouchers Payable for September and October 2004 in the amounts of \$780.45 and \$144,414.29 and Payroll Summary for October 1, 2004 in the amount of \$101,947.67.
- ◆ Council Minutes from October 5, 2004 Regular and Closed Session Meetings of the Common Council.
- ◆ Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee
  - ▣ Operator's Licenses
  - ▣ Special Class B Licenses
  - ▣ Combination Class B License – Towne Inn (Brumm)

Ald. Wagner, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to recommend Resolution No. 63. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

### **TAXI CAB CONTRACT**

Ald. Stewart introduced Resolution No. 64.

#### **CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 64**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Brown Cab Inc. for taxicab service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said contract is for a period of one-year, renewable up to five years.

Ald. Stewart, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Resolution No. 64. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

### **CANCELATION OF COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

Ald. Bare introduced Resolution No. 65.

#### **CITY OF JEFFERSON RESOLUTION NO. 65**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the regular Common Council meeting night of November 2, 2004, is hereby cancelled.

Ald. Bare, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Resolution No. 65. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Gang, seconded by Ald McGrath moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to confer with Legal Counsel. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

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

Ald. Gang, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to adjourn the October 19, 2004 meeting of the Common Council. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The minutes of the October 19, 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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Not in the legal section