

MINUTES
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 1, 2005

The Tuesday March 1, 2005, 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. Coffman, Ald. Bare, Ald. Gang, Ald. Benka, Ald. McGrath and Ald. Stewart. Absent was: Ald. Olsen. Also present were: City Administrator Bierma, City Attorney Brantmeier, City Clerk/Treasurer Stewart and City Engineer Ludwig.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Trisha Wagner, 521 East South Street, addressed the Council regarding the recently passed Dogs in the Park Ordinance. Ms. Wagner stated that she felt it unfair that her rights as a responsible pet owner had been taken away; she added that she did not feel it fair that she should be punished for the irresponsible actions of other owners. She asked the Council to revisit the issue and offered her assistance in trying to find a compromise in the situation. Wagner also stated her concern over the future enforcement of the ordinance and the conflicting information she has been given.

Patti Lorbecki, 714 Windsor Terrace, addressed the Council regarding the February 22, 2005 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Ms. Lorbecki stated her displeasure with the fact that no public participation was allowed at the meeting. Ms. Lorbecki stated also noted her disappointment in the report presented by the JDC Research Committee. Ms. Lorbecki stated that much of the information was either old or repetitive and very little new information was provided. She also indicated that the bias of some of the individuals involved didn't make for a well presented document and that it just fell short of her expectations.

Tim Bare, 217 Meadow Court, addressed the Council regarding the February 22, 2005 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mr. Bare stated that he feels that Roberts Rules of Order and the City's use of the Committee of the Whole Meetings are in direct conflict with each other. He stated that if the City wants to continue to use COW Meetings (as the standing Committee it is set up to be) then they need to be restructured. He concluded by stating that the current COW meeting structure is a complete waste of time and nothing productive comes out of them.

PROCLAMATION FOR MEDIA DEMOCRACY WEEK MARCH 13-20, 2005

Mayor Stevens read a proclamation declaring March 13-20 as Media Democracy Week.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – CABLE COMMISSION

Ald. Wagner, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to recommend that Mike Swartz be appointed to the Cable Commission. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Ald. Wagner stated that he felt that Mr. Swartz would do a great job on the Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ald. Wagner introduced Resolution No. 115.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 115**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for March 1, 2005 is hereby adopted.

The consent agenda for tonight includes:

- ◆ Vouchers Payable for February 2005 in the amount of \$175,102.62; Payroll Summary for February 18, 2005 in the amount of \$98,431.44.
- ◆ Council Minutes from February 15, 2005 Regular and Closed Session Meetings of the Common Council.
- ◆ Greenwood Cemetery Association - \$12,850.
- ◆ Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee
 - ▣ Operator's Licenses
 - ▣ Special Class B Licenses

Ald. Wagner, seconded by Ald. Gang moved to recommend Resolution No. 115. On call of the roll, motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0, Ald. Bare abstained from the approval of the February 15, 2005 Council minutes.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A SEPARTATED BICYCLE PATH
WITHIN THE STATE HIGHWAY 26 EXPANSION PROJECT RIGHT OF WAY**

Ald. Gang introduced Resolution No. 116.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
RESOLUTION NO. 116**

WHEREAS, bicycling is a viable form of community, and,

WHEREAS, bicycling reduces vehicle emissions, and,

WHEREAS, Jefferson, Rock and Dodge Counties are in danger of becoming ozone non-attainment areas, and transportation emission uniformity budgeting would be a consequence of ozone non-attainment budgeting, and,

WHEREAS, bicycle community would help balance such an emissions budget, and,

WHEREAS, a separated bicycle path would be a good incentive to attract economic development into Jefferson County, and,

WHEREAS, a bicycle lane along the length of the Highway 26 Corridor expansion would link the Drumlin, Wild Goose, and Glacial River trails, creating a vital link in Wisconsin's recreation trail system, which would stimulate local tourism and economies, and,

WHEREAS, separated bicycle paths are much safer and therefore much more likely to be used by bike commuters and recreationalists than non-separated bicycle lanes, and,

WHEREAS, bicycling promotes health and fitness, which reduces health care costs and associated burdens on society, and,

WHEREAS, the incorporation of a bicycle lane done during the planning and construction of the Highway 26 utility expansion will be cost effective and efficient,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Jefferson does hereby support the simultaneous construction of a separated bicycle and pedestrian path within the Highway 26 freeway corridor expansion right of way, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Jefferson goes on record request the WisDOT to build a diverse transportation system, which includes human powered methods, reflecting the will of the people and the future environmental and economic needs of Jefferson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the WisDOT, Jefferson, Dodge and Rock counties, all state and federal representatives and all municipal governments along the Highway 26 corridor expansion project.

Ald. Wagner questioned if this would be at no cost or liability to the City. Both of these were confirmed.

Ald. Gang, seconded by Ald. Benka moved to recommend Resolution No. 116. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Stewart, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) to Discuss Real Estate Negotiations. 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.

Ald. Benka, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to adjourn the March 1, 2005 meeting of the Common Council. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The minutes of the March 1, 2005, 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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