

**MINUTES  
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007**

The Tuesday, January 2, 2007 meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Myers. Members present were: Ald. Wagner, Ald. Tully, Ald. Beyer, Ald. Peachey, Ald. Stewart, Ald. Havill and Ald. McGrath. Absent was: Ald. Endl. Also present were: City Engineer Ludwig, City Attorney Brantmeier and City Clerk/Treasurer Stewart.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Robert Mercer, 216 South Whitewater Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the Downtown Redevelopment & Riverfront Plan. Mr. Mercer stated that he was in favor of the project because it would make Jefferson better and bring people to our town.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DOWNTOWN AND RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Mayor Myers called the public hearing to order.

Interim City Administrator Stewart read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Mayor Myers then gave an explanation of the Plan. (Jolena Presti of Vandewalle and Associates also provided an overview.)

Myers indicated that the document is conceptual and the actual outcome or results of the plan will most likely be different from the document in front of everyone this evening. Myers noted that this plan could take as many as 5 to 10 to 20 years to implement – if portions are ever implemented.

Jolena Presti of Vandewalle then reviewed page 3 of the Plan and reviewed the executive summary for the Council.

Mayor Myers then announced that if any citizen wished to address the Common Council on this issue, they could stand and give their name and address and address the Council at this time.

Janet Twist, 663 North Dewey Avenue, stated that she disagrees with many aspects of the plan. She questioned the thought process of putting additional residential development in the downtown area when business is truly what is needed. She also noted her concern over residential development being the largest user of public services.

Kate Lorenz, N3599 Schmidt Road, addressed the Council regarding the Plan. Lorenz stated that she was concerned (in her capacity as Library Director) that the Library be considered when future development is contemplated on the City Hall/Library block. She noted that the life expectancy of the Library was approximately 15 to 20 years and that the facility is now 20+ years old. Lorenz concluded by stating that the plan is very interesting and that she hoped the Council would continue to not only pursue the plan, but keep the interests of the City facilities in mind when doing so.

Dorothy Harwell James, 330 Wisconsin Drive, addressed the Council regarding the proposed Riverwalk. Ms. James, as an owner of river frontage, indicated her concern

over a walk in her backyard. She questioned how the approval of the plan would effect her property.

Bob Mercer, 216 South Whitewater Street, stated that he was in favor of the plan. He stated that he felt the increased number of individuals using the river would help offset the vandalism and gang activity that may be occurring now.

Hearing from no one else, Mayor Myers closed the public hearing.

Ald. Beyer introduced Resolution No. 93.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 93**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the Common Council hereby adopts the Downtown and Riverfront Redevelopment Plan.

Ald. Beyer stated that she felt the plan was good and that it provided a general outline for the City. She stressed that some components of the proposal may not be right for Jefferson and then the Council can choose not to pursue them or choose to modify them to fit the community's needs.

Ald. Havill clarified that approval of the plan does not bind the City to spend funds. He questioned what type of tax impact could be expected if every project presented in the plan came to fruition. Jolena Presti stated that she did not have those figures, but could get a very rough idea of the potential impact to Ald. Havill after the meeting.

Ald. McGrath questioned the reluctance of private homeowners to go along with the City Plan.

Ald. Peachey then provided some insight on the discussion regarding the plan at the Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

Ald. Wagner questioned if the parcels/people discussed in the plan want to be included and if they were looking for TIF District tax assistance.

Mayor Myers stated that the parcels involved in the plan were spurred on by the interest of the owners. He added that the owners had not contacted the City looking for an increment "kickback". He added that the businesses identified in the plan want to remain in the community, however, may not be "tied" to their present site.

Ald. Wagner then outlined his concerns over numerous aspects of the proposal.

Ald. Tully stated that he felt the plan is good for the long term and will be tweaked numerous times before aspects become implemented. He added that he is excited about the establishment of the CDA.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Havill moved to recommend Resolution No. 93. On call of the roll, motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2. Ald. Wagner and Ald. McGrath voted against Resolution No. 93.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Ald. Wagner introduced Resolution No. 94.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 94**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for January 2, 2007 is hereby adopted.

The consent agenda for tonight includes:

- ◆ Vouchers Payable for December 2006 and January 2007 in the amounts of \$193,521.84 and \$63,105.97 Payroll Summary for December 22, 2006 in the amount of \$123,804.19.
- ◆ Council Minutes from the Regular and Closed Sessions of the December 19, 2006 Common Council.
- ◆ 2007 Nutrition Site Rental Agreement with Jefferson County.
- ◆ 2007 Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium Fees -- \$7,754. (TABLED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)
- ◆ 2007 Contract for County Library Services -- \$129,832.
- ◆ Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee.
  - ◆ Operator's Licenses
  - ◆ Special Class B Licenses

Ald. Havill stated that the Finance Committee had tabled the approval of the JCEDC Fees for 2007. He stated that the Finance Committee had requested a presentation from the Consortium at the next meeting.

Ald. Wagner, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to recommend Resolution No. 94. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2007 POLICE SQUAD**

Ald. Havill introduced Resolution No. 95.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 95**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the Common Council authorizes the purchase of a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria from Kayser Ford, Madison, WI in an amount not to exceed \$20,499.

Ald. Havill stated that Resolution No. 95 was unanimously approved at the Finance Committee meetings.

Ald. Beyer asked how much longer Ford was going to continue making the Crown Victoria.

Ald. Havill stated that it appears that Ford will maintain the fleet for the next three or four years.

Ald. Havill, seconded by Ald. Peachey moved to recommend Resolution No. 95. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR FIREWORKS ON JULY 3**

Ald. Peachey introduced Resolution No. 96.

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 96**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director is hereby authorized to accept the proposal from Five Star Fireworks in the amount of \$4,500 for the services to provide a firework display on July 3 at Pitzner Parkway in the City of Jefferson.

Ald. Peachey, seconded by Ald. McGrath moved to recommend Resolution No. 96. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Wagner, seconded by Ald. Tully moved to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin State Statutes To Discuss Potential Litigation. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Tully, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to adjourn the Tuesday, January 2, 2007 meeting of the Common Council. On call of the roll, motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the Tuesday, January 2, 2007, 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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