

**MINUTES  
CITY OF JEFFERSON COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020**

The Tuesday, June 16, 2020 meeting of the City of Jefferson Common Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Oppermann. Members present were: Ald. Krause, Ald. Tully, Ald. Neils, Ald. Young, Ald. Miller, Ald. Beyer, and Ald. Brandel. Absent: Ald. Lares. Also present were: City Administrator Freitag, City Attorney Rogers, City Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Maahs and City Engineer Pinnow.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jen Pinnow, Executive Director Jefferson Chamber of Commerce – City Banner Sponsorship

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JEFFERSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCORPORATE A LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENT AMENDING PANEL NO. 55055C0193F OF THE ADOPTED FLOODPLAIN MAPS, CITY OF JEFFERSON, WI.**

Tabled.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(To be introduced by Ald. Beyer.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 14**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the consent agenda for June 16, 2020 is hereby adopted.

- A. Vouchers Payable for June 2020 in the amounts of \$408,624.54, and May Manuals in the amount of \$3,250.00. Payroll Summary for June 5, 2020 in the amount of \$172,503.97.
- B. Council Minutes from June 2, 2020 of the Common Council.
- C. Licenses as Approved by the Regulatory Committee.
  - 1. Operator's Licenses
  - 2. Special Class B Licenses- New & Renewals.
  - 3. Alcohol Beverage Licenses- New & Renewals.
  - 4. Cigarette Licenses- Renewals.
  - 5. Change of Agent-Speedway.

Ald. Beyer, seconded by Ald. Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 14. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE REVIEW OF THE 2019 CMAR**

(To be introduced by Ald. Krause.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 15**

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE REVIEW OF THE 2019 CMAR**

**WHEREAS**, it is a requirement under a Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, for the City of Jefferson to file a Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) by June 30<sup>th</sup> annually for its wastewater treatment system under Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 208;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to acknowledge that the governing body has reviewed the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR);

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin that the Common Council hereby informs the Department of Natural Resources that said Council has reviewed the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the calendar year 2019.

Ald. Krause, seconded by Ald. Beyer moved to approve Resolution No. 15. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FIRE DISTRICT AND DESIGNATING RIVERSIDE ALLEY AS A FIRE DISTRICT AND ALSO UPDATING DOWNTOWN STREESCAPE CONDITIONS**

(To be introduced by Ald. Miller.)

**CITY OF JEFFERSON  
RESOLUTION NO. 16**

**RESOLUTION CREATING A FIRE DISTRICT AND DESIGNATING RIVERSIDE ALLEY AS A FIRE DISTRICT AND ALSO UPDATING DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council for the City of Jefferson, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 62.11(5), 196.58(1r), and 182.017(1r), has been granted the authority to determine the terms and conditions under which public utilities and any other “company” as defined in Wis. Stat. § 182.017(1g)b, may occupy rights-of-ways under the City’s jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to establish Fire Districts within the City of Jefferson; and

**WHEREAS**, a Fire District is an area within the City limits that, due to the presence of narrow rights-of-ways, utility poles, and aerial lines (collectively “aboveground facilities”) presents a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare because the combination of narrow rights-of-ways and aboveground facilities can hinder firefighting efforts and result in more serious personal injuries and greater property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of the City of Jefferson Fire Department has determined (see Exhibit A) that the aboveground facilities located in the area shown on Exhibit B (i.e. the area along Riverside Alley from Dodge Street to Candise Street – collectively “Riverside Alley”) create

a significant danger to safe aerial ladder operations of the Fire Department and, therefore, threaten the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the replacement of the aboveground facilities in Riverside Alley with underground facilities will protect the public health, safety, and welfare by reducing the risk to life and property in the event of a fire or other emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jefferson intends for the orderly and timely overhead to underground conversion of its electrical distribution facilities as well as other improvements in Riverside Alley; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jefferson also intends to update and improve the current downtown streetscape conditions,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson that:

1. Riverside Alley is hereby declared to be a Fire District.
2. The public health, safety, and welfare require the removal of all existing aboveground facilities in Riverside Alley.
3. The City of Jefferson's municipal electric utility (Jefferson Utilities) shall, at its own expense, remove all of its aboveground facilities within Riverside Alley and replace them, at its discretion, with appropriate underground facilities. Said removal shall be performed no later than June 30, 2022.
4. No later than June 30, 2022, any company currently maintaining aboveground facilities within Riverside Alley shall at the direction of Jefferson Utilities and at the company's sole expense, remove such facilities, and if desired, relocate such facilities underground with the approval of Jefferson Utilities.
5. The City shall cause to be made certain improvements to its downtown landscape from Dodge Street north to East Mechanic Street. Said improvements shall be performed no later than December 31, 2022.

Approved this day of June 16, 2020.

Approved:

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**EXHIBIT A**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF STATEMENT**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN 53549  
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June 6, 2020

To: Mayor Oppermann & City Council

Re: Riverside Alley Fire District

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

I wanted to follow up with you regarding our conversation around "Riverside Alley" and the concerns I have with the electrical utilities, cable television and phone installations and our ability to safely conduct firefighting operations.

As has been discussed, the overhead power lines and transformers, phone and cable lines located in this area present a significant challenge to aerial ladder operations. This alley is narrow and is lined with power poles, highline wires, transformers cable tv and phone lines that run the length of this alley. As we embark on our Community Risk Reduction Planning efforts and Pre-Incident Planning, we have identified this area of significant exposure and risk for safe aerial ladder operations. As you are aware, we are required to maintain significant distance from highline wires with aerial equipment due to the hazards of both contact and arching potential. In a fire event in this area it is critical that we have the ability to deploy aerial master stream operations in order to effectively fight a fire and protect the adjacent exposures so that we do not lose an entire section of the downtown business area.

These installations have been present for many, years and I thoroughly understand this, however emergency services today have been tasked with proactive initiatives such as Community Risk Reduction and Pre-Incident Planning for enhanced life safety and property conservation. We are looking at exposures through a different set of eyes today.

I strongly advocate for the elimination of these overhead utilities in the alleyway to enhance our fire and rescue operations throughout the length of the alleyway.

Sincerely,

*Ronald A. Wegner*

Ronald A. Wegner

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**EXHIBIT B**

**DEPICTION OF RIVERSIDE ALLEY**

See Attachment.

Ald. Miller, seconded by Ald. Neils moved to approve Resolution No. 16. On call of the roll, Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION: FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Administrator Freitag gave an overview on the Fire Station Improvement Projects.

Chief Wegner provided additional information on the project. There have been water issues in the hose tower through the wall. There is interior and exterior damage to the hose tower. The 1983 Eface material is causing the issues along with the installation back then.

The face of the building where the windows are is also leaking. When the new building was added on water was found as they drilled into the walls. A trench drain also collapsed. One of the drains had a crack but the other one collapsed. These were also installed in 1983. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> drain that is in need of repair as well. These drains are 3 feet deep with the floor poured around these. This will require saw cutting and repairs/replacements made. The departments will need to be relocated during the repairs.

The solar system is a good fit to try in on this project. It was included in the 5 year capitol plan. Chris from Sunvest Solar, LLC gave technical information on solar power and answered questions from the committee.

No further action taken.

Ald. Tully seconded by Ald. Young moved to adjourn the Jefferson Common Council Meeting at 8:02 p.m., carried unanimously on a voice vote.