

COUNCIL MEETING

April 22, 2025

5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

ABSENT: None

Mayor Berry presided.

Mayor Craig Berry read proclamation to declare the calendar year of 2025 as the “Year of Great American Main Street Award” in the City of Jefferson and Friday, May 9, 2025, as “GASMA Celebration Day” in Jefferson, Iowa. Mayor Berry presented the plaque to Amy Milligan, President of Jefferson Matters and Councilman Matt Wetrich who is the Executive Director of Jefferson Matters.

Cindy Wise addressed the council in open forum regarding concerns with the City providing funds to a private business that may host a drag queen bingo private event in the future.

On motion by Zmolek, second by Jackson, the Council approved the following consent items: (2) April 1, 2025 Special Council Minutes, Neighborhood Improvement Incentive Program application for 607 S. Oak Street, Tree Removal Assistance agreement for 1407 S. Elm Street (506 S Rushview Drive was removed from the agenda), Sewer Bill Forgiveness at 301 East State Street and 400 South High Street, Gax #9 for Centennial Upper Story Housing Grant 23-HSGU-003, Cloud Wine, LLC , DBA Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for events July 13, 2025 and October 5, 2025 and payment of monthly bills from City Funds.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: Sloan

Sarah Morlan, City of Jefferson Finance Officer, provided the Council with a presentation on FY 2025-2026 Budget Adoption.

This is the time and place for the Public Hearing on FY 2025-2026 Budget and Certification of City Taxes. The mayor called for oral or written comments and there were none. On motion by Wetrich, second by Zmolek, the Council closed the Public Hearing.

AYE: Zmolek, Wetrich, Sloan, Jackson, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 21-25

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Sloan, the Council approved Resolution No. 21-25, a resolution approving FY 2025-2026 Budget and Certification of City Taxes.

AYE: Sloan, Jackson, Ahrenholtz, Zmolek, Wetrich

NAY: None

ORDINANCE NO. 643

On motion by Jackson, second by Sloan, the Council approved third reading and final adoption of an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, by amending tree species specifications and planting regulations.

AYE: Jackson, Ahrenholtz, Zmolek, Wetrich, Sloan

NAY: None

This is the time and place for the Public Hearing on the Plans, Specifications, and Estimated Construction Cost for the Construction of the Fuel Farm Improvement Project at Jefferson Municipal Airport in Jefferson, Iowa. The mayor called for oral or written comments and there were none. On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Wetrich, the Council closed the Public Hearing.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 22-25

On motion by Zmolek, second by Sloan, the Council approved Resolution No. 22-25, a resolution approving Plans, Specifications, and Estimated Construction Cost for the Construction of the Fuel Farm Improvement Project at the Jefferson Municipal Airport in Jefferson, Iowa.

AYE: Zmolek, Wetrich, Sloan, Jackson, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 23-25

On motion by Zmolek, second by Jackson, the Council approved Resolution No. 23-25, a resolution accepting bid authorizing the Award of Contract, Contingent upon the receipt and execution of Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration and Approving an Application for Federal Aviation Funding Assistance for the Construction of the Fuel Farm Improvements Project at the Jefferson Municipal Airport in Jefferson, Iowa. Evora Energy, LLC of Grimes, Iowa was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and was 9% below the engineer's estimate for Base Bid, Alternate Bid 'A', Alternate Bid 'B' and Alternate Bid 'C' at \$836,409.51.

AYE: Jackson, Zmolek, Sloan, Wetrich, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 24-25

On motion by Zmolek, second by Jackson, the Council approved Resolution No. 24-25, a resolution approving Greene County Community School District Application for Plat of Survey.

AYE: Zmolek, Sloan, Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Wetrich

NAY: None

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Wetrich, the Council approved to move forward on the concept for the former Middle School Housing Re-development Project. Chris Deal is asking for final financing from the city of a \$300,000 Forgivable Loan and 10-year Tax Abatement.

AYE: Jackson, Ahrenholtz, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: Sloan

On motion by Wetrich, second by Jackson, the Council approved a façade grant for Art on the Fly LLC (Jolene Peters) for \$47,500 enhancements at 116 N Wilson Street (now the office of Bolton & Menk).

AYE: Zmolek, Wetrich, Jackson, Sloan, Ahrenholtz

NAY:

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Zmolek, the Council approved change order #26 to Shank Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$226,321.59 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project.

AYE: Sloan, Jackson, Ahrenholtz, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: None

Chad Stevens, Building Official/Code Enforcement for City of Jefferson updated Council on Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Study.

On motion by Wetrich, second by Sloan, the Council moved to go into Closed Session 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to the individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek
NAY: None

On motion by Jackson, second by Wetrich, the Council moved to return to the open session.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Zmolek, Wetrich, Sloan, Jackson
NAY: None

No further action was taken.

On motion by Jackson, second by Ahrenholtz, the Council Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek
NAY: None

The following bills were approved for payment from City funds:

ABC PEST CONTROL	SN PEST CONTR	379.22
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CPIER LSE	919.50
ACCO UNLIMITED CORP	WA CHEM	8,592.75
ACUSHNET COMPANY	GCRSE MERCH	1,311.56
AG SOURCE COOP SERV	WA TSTG	1,224.15
ALLIANT ENERGY	AP UTILITIES	18,251.54
ANATOMY IT, LLC	PA SSL CERT	1,417.76
ANGELA YOUNGERS	LB SPEAKER FEE	70.00
BILL MCDOWELL	HEALTH INS SINK	1,791.91
BLUE EARTH LABS, LLC	WA SUPP	9,622.71
BOMGAARS	SUPP	992.02
BUSY BEES TREE SERV	604 S MAPLE (TREE REMOVE)	3,000.00
CARD SERVICE CENTER	CREDIT CARDS	3,472.15
CHAD STEVENS	REIMB POSTAGE/CLASS	512.97
CINTAS CORP	FIRST AID	161.46
COBRAHELP	PA ADMIN FEE	15.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CASE ID 1034974	300.00
COMMUNITY INS AGENCY	CYBER & PRIVACY RENEW	279,812.10
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	WA SALT	4,559.37
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP	SUPP	298.91
COON RAPIDS HARDWARE HANK	RN WASHER	1,403.99
COSTUME SPECIALISTS	LB COSTUME RENTAL	270.00
DAVID TEEPLES	RUT BOOTS	80.99
DEMCO INC	LB PROG SUPP	81.68
ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT CO.	ANIMAL SHELTL ALARM MONITOR	105.00
EFTPS	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	21,755.35
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO.	SN BUSHING FLANGED	4,752.54
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE SER	ENVIRO SITE ASSESSMENTS	5,000.00
FAIRVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC	ANIM SHELTL - VET EXP	776.50
FAREWAY	LB PROG TREATS	86.29
FASTLANE MOTOR PARTS LLC	PARTS	4,325.03
GREENE COUNTY LIBRARIAN AS	LB - FOUNDATION GRANT 2025	3,000.00
GROW REPAIR LLC	RN LED BULBS PKG LOT	1,530.69
HOME STATE BANK	ACH	92.64
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	SW SUPERXL	270.00
HOYT, MORAIN & HOMMER, P.C	LEGAL GENERAL MATTERS	1,814.50
IOWA COVER CROP	CEM GRNDSKEEPER BLEND	268.00
IOWA INFORMATION MEDIA GRO	PA LEGALS	593.24

J & M DISPLAYS, INC.	FIREWORKS	10,000.00
J & M GOLF	GCRSE MERCH	108.15
JANE MILLARD	LB REIMB BOOKS;SUPP	59.85
JEFFERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	LB PETTY CASH	50.00
JEFFERSON ROTARY CLUB	PA DUES	133.00
JOHNSON FITNESS & WELLNESS	RN MAINT	837.70
KAREN EASON	WA DEP REF	150.00
KIMBALL MIDWEST	RUT PAINT	126.60
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC.	RUT PARTS	539.24
LINDA BETSINGER MCCANN	LB SPEAKER FEE	150.00
METRO WASTE AUTHORITY	SN/RC FEES	7,243.75
MIDLAND POWER COOPERATIVE	AP LIGHTS	708.81
MOTOR PARTS	PARTS	1,551.12
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY	WA METERS	2,197.50
NEESE, INC.	SW EMERGENCY HAULING	1,000.00
PER MAR SECURITY SERVICES	RN FIRE ALARM MONITORING	90.00
PUB ADVENTURES, LLC	FORGIVABLE LN PMT#2	89,775.00
PVS DX, INC	WA CHEM	711.12
RACCOON VALLEY RADIO	GCRSE - ADV	1,524.37
REGION XII COUNCIL - GOVT	RUT TRANSIT	1,013.44
RITE-WAY TOWING & RECOVERY	PD IMPOUND - TOW	214.00
ROXANNE GORSUCH	REIMB CAF;MILEAGE;MEALS	171.45
SHADRAN	SUPP	1,388.99
SHINEON DESIGNS	RN RUN T-SHIRTS	460.00
SPRING-GREEN	PA MAINT	51.15
SRIXON/CLEVELAND GOLF	GCRSE MERCH	1,664.62
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SW TSTG	295.00
STONE	SW DOOR HANGERS	90.75
THOMAS JEFFERSON GARDENS	HOT/MOT QRTLY PMT FY24-25	5,000.00
TREVOR J. HANSEN	PD ACADEMY MEALS	174.21
U.S. CELLULAR	PD PHONE	353.61
VERIZON WIRELESS	PD PHONE	282.99
ZIMCO SUPPLY CO.	GCRSE CHEM	4,860.00

FUND TOTALS

001	GENERAL FUND	140,871.89
110	ROAD USE TAX	65,278.31
112	CAFETERIA PLAN	25.00
125	TIF	240.00
128	HEALTH INS. SINKING	1,700.00
134	LIBRARY AGENCY	587.97
149	DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS	89,775.00
600	WATER	88,083.73
610	WASTEWATER	66,880.36
660	AIRPORT	3,402.48
670	SANITATION	49,796.57
671	RECYCLING	9,246.63
	GRAND TOTAL	515,887.94

Craig J. Berry, Mayor

Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk