

COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 27, 2025

5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

ABSENT: None

Mayor Berry presided.

During open forum Cindy Wise voiced her concerns about congregate meals site. Gary Goodwin offered words of encouragement and advice to the City Council.

On motion by Wetrich, second by Jackson, the Council approved the following consent items: May 13, 2024 Council Minutes, Class C Retail Alcohol License for Greene County Fair Association, Class C Retail Alcohol License for Wild Rose Jefferson, LLC, dba Wild Rose Casino, Fireworks permit for City of Jefferson for July 4<sup>th</sup> at Greene County Fairgrounds, Nick Foster appointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2028, Bryanna Zmolek appointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2031, Sewer forgiveness for 400 S High Street in the amount of \$1,157.82, Sidewalk Reimbursements for 304 W Lincoln Way in the amount of \$2,500 and 622 S Chestnut in the amount of \$1750.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: None

Sarah Morlan, City of Jefferson Finance Officer, provided the Council with a presentation on FY 2024-25 Budget Amendments.

This is the time and place for the Public Hearing on FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendments. Mayor Berry called for oral or written comments and there were none. On motion by Jackson, second by Zmolek, the Council closed the Public Hearing.

AYE: Zmolek, Wetrich, Sloan, Jackson, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-25**

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Zmolek, the Council approved Resolution No. 33-25, a resolution Amending the Current Budget for the FY 2024-2025.

AYE: Sloan, Jackson, Wetrich, Zmolek, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

This is the time and place for the Public Hearing on the Disposition of a Vacated Alley in Block 34, Original Town of Jefferson, Greene County, Iowa. Mayor Berry called for oral or written comments. Gary Goodwin raised issues about common law ownership of the property of years of use. On motion by Jackson, second by Sloan, the Council closed the Public Hearing.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-25**

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Wetrich, the Council approved Resolution No. 34-25, a resolution approving Sale of Property Located at 203 West Harrison Street.

AYE: Sloan, Jackson, Ahrenholtz, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-25**

On motion by Jackson, second by Wetrich, the Council approved Resolution No. 35-25, a resolution approving Second Amendment to Employment Agreement with City Administrator. The only change is the annual salary which will increase from \$120,000 to \$125,000 on July 1, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 36-25**

On motion by Wetrich, second by Sloan, the Council approved Resolution No. 36-25, a resolution Approving and accepting Water Well and Access Easements.

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

On motion by Wetrich, second by Jackson, the Council approved hiring Shaydon Thurman as a Jefferson Police Officer at an annual salary of \$60,341.47 with start date May 30, 2025. On July 1, 2025 salary will increase to \$62,151.71.

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

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Zmolek, the Council approved change order #9 in the amount of \$95,218.49 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

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

Scott Weber, GCDC President updated the Council. On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Jackson, the Council approved the quarterly payment of \$12,500.00 to GCDC.

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

There being no further business the Council agreed to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.

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Craig J. Berry, Mayor

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Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk