COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2026

5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Winkelman

ABSENT: None

Mayor Berry presided.

During the open forum Larry Joy inquired about the water drainage system on the east side of town. Scott Peterson, City Administrator, advised that the city is actively working on the issue.

On motion by Wetrich, second by Sloan, the Council approved the following consent items: Council minutes from October 13, 2026, Appoint Noah Juergensen and Keith VanBeek to the Park & Rec Board for a term to expire December 31, 2029, Henry Polhlmeyer as a member of the Jefferson Fire Department, Class C Retail Alcohol License for Public House, LLC dba The Public House & Lounge.

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

This was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Proposed Change to At-Grade Portion of Cemetery known as the "Lawn Level" area. Mayor Berry called for oral or written comments and there were none. On motion by Winkelman, second by Wetrich, the Council approved to close the Public Hearing.

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

On motion by Winkelman, second by Sloan, the Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, by amending provisions pertaining to Jefferson Cemetery Headstones.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69 -26

On motion by Winkelman, second by Sloan, the Council approved Resolution No. 69-26, a resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Jefferson and Iowa Department of Transportation Regarding the Access Management Plan for US 30/220th Street & IA 4 in the City Limits of Jefferson.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-26

On motion by Wetrich, second by Ahrenholtz, the Council approved Resolution No. 70-26, a resolution approving a Donation Policy for the City of Jefferson Park & Recreation Department.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71 -26

On motion by Winkelman, second by Jackson, the Council approved Resolution No. 71-26, a resolution approving Purchase Agreement for Property at 203 West State Street.

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

President Hollie Roberts of Library Foundation Board updated the Council on the Jefferson Public Library Foundation Campaign.

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Wetrich, the Council committed up to 1.25 million with City Funds for the Library Expansion Project. The funds would not be paid to the project until fundraising is nearing successfully completed and the project is proceeding toward construction. This would be from the TIF fund and to use TIF for this Library Project requires the use of a reverse referendum.

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

The City Administrator Scott Peterson recognized City Clerk Roxanne Gorsuch for receiving her recertification as a Municipal Finance Officer at the IMFOA conference in October.

City Administrator Scott Peterson discussed ongoing software/system issues and vendor coordination challenges impacting the timely generation and mailing of monthly water bills. Staff and Software Vendors are actively working to resolve these technical issues. Bills may not be sent out on time.

There being no further business the Council agreed to adjourn at 6:16 p.m.

Craig J. Berry, Mayor

Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk