

MINUTES
Town of Jefferson
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
Jefferson Community Center

Members Present:

James Miller – Mayor
Jane Johnson – Council Member
Alvin Myers – Council Member
Tonya Rollings – Council Member
Genevieve Rollings - Council Member

Others Present:

Howard Garland – Town Administrator
Stacey Cook – Town Clerk

Andrea Alderidge
Tim Eubanks
Casey Catoe (Carolina Civil)
Donna Johnson
Judy Plyler
Laura Horton

Jerry Haigler
Sharon Eubanks
Brenda Oliver
Becky Burch (Chesterfield Co. Library)
Lisa Bell

Call to Order

- **Mayor Miller** called the meeting to order @ 6:00 pm.

Invocation

- **Council Member Myers** gave the invocation.

Town Talk

- **Mrs. Horton** gave an update on the May Festival, stated it had great response. Mrs. Horton stated they were still trying to have the October Festival but didn't have a date on the books. Mrs. Horton stated the lightning near Classic Corner and the apartments were put up. Thank you!
- **Mr. Eubanks** stated he had questions for Mr. Catoe in relation to the waterline project.
- **Mrs. Johnson** the town needed to have a better way to communicate with the citizens. She stated she didn't have Facebook and the town needed to give a call out, like before.
- **Mrs. Oliver** questioned the water situation, getting conflicting information. She stated communication needed to be better as well.
 - **Mayor Miller** stated he didn't have access to the phone tree, but that the town would work on getting better communication out to the citizens when situations occur.
- **Mr. Haigler** asked how did the town prioritized what was important to the town? He mentioned he had talked to the Town Clerk in relation to a leak that had been leaking for 2-1/2. The answer the Public Works Department gave was they would get to this as they could. Mr. Haigler asked who held all the employees accountable? He stated he would like to see accountability. He stated that he felt the Mayor

& Council were responsible. Mr. Haigler also stated that he didn't think the town had this kind of money to waste.

- **Mayor Miller** stated Public Works had found the leak and they had found another leak as well. Mayor Miller mentioned the leak on N. Main Street. Public Works was not aware of where the leak was. He mentioned the Public Works Department did fix the leak at Family Dollar that another council member had found.
- **Mrs. Plyler** stated she was not on Facebook. She was not aware of the Boil Water Advisory.
 - **Mayor Miller** apologized and stated we will have to get a better system.

FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2026

- a. **Council Member Johnson** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented at the April 21, 2026, council meeting.
- b. **Council Member Myers** seconded the motion.
- c. Approval passed by unanimous vote. (5-0)

B. Becky Burch – Jefferson Library

- a. **Mrs. Burch** asking the town for \$150.00 for a bicycle in support of the Summer Reading Program. She also mentioned that Jefferson Library Day would be on June 5th, from 2:00p to 4:00p which would be based on the 250 years anniversary. She stated they had partnered with the state libraries. She mentioned they were grateful for all the town was doing and had done in resolving the bees out of the library. She also mentioned that since the bee situation, they had been trying to bring the Book Mobile on Wednesday's.

C. Larry Brown – Sheriff's Department Summer Camp

- a. **Mayor Miller** told the council to look over this.

D. Jefferson Main Street Water line Project Update – Carolina Civil

- a. **Mr. Catoe** gave a brief overview of the waterline project and some of the struggles they had faced while doing the project. Below is brief list of the delays. Mr. Catoe stated that they will have to shut the water off at least 5 more times to be able to tap in the old lines before the project was completed.
 - i. 1938 mapping – 54 undocumented days lost due to lack of locations. (80 yrs. No records)
 - ii. 5 different types of material
 - iii. Daily surprises with utilities not being marked properly.
 - iv. New taps not able to fit the old taps.
 - v. Leaks on existing lines once being exposed making them flex and break.
- b. **Mr. Catoe** also stated that they will have to shut the water off at least 5 more times to be able to tap in the old lines before the project was completed.
- c. **Mr. Catoe** did state that going forward the new lines do have a copper lining in the pipes to help easily locate the lines, as well as new mapping for the areas that were replaced.
- d. **Mr. Catoe** apologized for all the delays and hoped going forward there wouldn't be any unforeseen problems but guaranteed nothing.

E. First Reading Ordinance 277 – Tax Anticipation Notice (TAN)

- a. **Council Member Johnson** made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 277 for the Tax Anticipation Notice (TAN).
 - b. **Council Member Rollings** seconded the motion.
 - c. Approval passed unanimously vote. (5-0)
- F. First Reading Ordinance 278 – Business License Renewal**
- a. **Council Member Robinson** made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 278 for the Business License Renewal.
 - b. **Council Member Johnson** seconded the motion.
 - c. Approval passed unanimously vote. (5-0)
- G. First Reading Ordinance 279 – 2026-2027 Jefferson Budget**
- a. **Council Member Myers** made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 279 for the 2026-2027 Jefferson Budget.
 - b. **Council Member Johnson** seconded the motion.
 - c. Approval passed unanimously vote. (5-0)

FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION:

A. Financial Report

- a. The financial report was submitted for the council's information and signed.

B. Water/Sewer Report

- a. **Admin Garland** stated that the waterline project began in 2019. It has taken 6 years to get this far. It was originally budgeted to go as far as Caro Knit.
- b. **Admin Garland** stated that we will be changing engineering to Davis & Brown for future projects.

C. Fire Department Report

- a. **Admin Garland** mentioned that he had spoken with the Fire Chief regarding fire dues. Chief Catoe said that fire dues were going up to \$3400.00 a month, \$32000.00 in total a year.

D. Administrative Report

- a. **Admin Garland** mentioned the town was still waiting for confirmation on the sewer grant and the funds that were asked for from Cody Mitchell for the upgrades to the parking lot beside town hall, community center improvements, and park upgrades.

E. Council and Staff Time

- a. **Town Clerk** stated the guy removing the bees at the library would be coming this weekend. We hope this will be taken care of this weekend and maybe the Summer Reading Program can be held at the library.
- b. **Council Member Myers** wanted to thank Mr. Catoe.
- c. **Council Member Rollings** wanted to thank Mr. Catoe.
- d. **Council Member Johnson** wanted to thank Mr. Catoe. Mrs. Johnson stated she had gotten a quote to remove the trees at the park that were discussed. (Bradford Pears) She stated they were doing to wait on the trees on N. Main St. Mrs. Johnson stated the lightning on W. Church St. was put up as well.
- e. **Council Member Robinson** wanted to thank everyone for coming.

F. Mayor's Report

- a. **Mayor Miller** thanked Casey from Carolina Civil for coming and presenting an update. Mayor commented that he couldn't recall having a project of this magnitude in our town. He stated that we would work on getting better communication with the citizens.
- b. **Mayor Miller** also stated that we continually work on the bee situation.

Executive Session (7:15 pm)

- **Council Member Johnson** made a motion to go into executive session.
- **Council Member Robinson** seconded.
- Approval passed by unanimous vote. (5-0)

Adjournment (7:45 pm)

- **Council Member Johnson** made a motion to adjourn.
- **Council Member Myers** seconded.
- Approval passed by unanimous vote. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Cook

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Town Clerk