

**GOLF COURSE
ADVISORY BOARD**

MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM

City Hall

101 N Mott Street, Janesville, Minnesota

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Jake Sonnek. Members present were Ben Salaba (arrived a few minutes after), Jake Sonnek, Andy Dessner, and Council representative Andy Ahlman. Absent was Tim Corry. Also present were Mayor Andy Arnoldt, City Administrator Clinton Rogers, Grounds Superintendent Jakob Lehrke, and Clubhouse Manager Kevin Cumberland.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ahlman, seconded by Sonnek to approve the agenda. Voting in favor: Dessner, Salaba, and Ahlman; voting against: none; absent: Corry and Salaba. Motion carried 3-0-2 (Corry and Salaba absent).

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Ahlman, seconded by Dessner to approve the October 28, 2025. Voting in favor: Dessner, Salaba, and Ahlman; voting against: none; absent: Corry and Salaba. Motion carried 3-0-2 (Corry and Salaba absent).

IV. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Improvement Remaining for 2025

Rogers stated the City Council approved the purchase of the spreader from Tessman for \$ 7,823.87. Lehrke stated that it should arrive next week.

The Board also discussed plans and ideas for an addition to the Clubhouse. Rogers explained that we have reached our debt limit due to other necessary plans with utilities. Ahlman explained that the City will not be able to bond for this project due to the limits. Sonnek's employer had some sample plans of clubhouse additions in other communities. He shared some possibilities with an addition to the south of the clubhouse and another option to the north. The addition would be around 5,000 square feet and would feature cart storage, a kitchen, and banquet/meeting area. Estimated costs would be \$1.3 to 1.6 million for the addition and more for a parking lot with either asphalt or concrete. The facility could see a variety of uses, especially during the

warmer months. Cumberland stated that, if an addition like this is added, we would need to seriously consider more staff as current clubhouse staff would not be able to run the course as well as events. Ahlman agreed and said that we would need to consider catering for events with the caterers doing the work. Lehrke has stated we've done that in the past with weddings and clubhouse staff served the beverages. It was busy for staff, but they made it work.

Lehrke thanked Sonnek for the information and stated that the current septic system is to the south of the clubhouse. We would need to make improvements to this with any addition. Arnoldt said that we would probably need a new system with any addition.

Salaba asked what the next steps should be. Rogers said that the money for this is the most important part right now. The Board agreed that we will need major fundraising for this. This could take some time. Rogers also said that nothing has been brought to the Council and no motions have been made to look into this. We need to have the Council look at this and get on board with any ideas. Arnoldt agreed and suggested that Sonnek put together preliminary plans. Sonnek will put together a feasibility study together for the Council to review. Rogers said that there is no money in the budget to pay for the study. Sonnek stated that there will be no charge to put the study together. He will put some information together for the next meeting. We could present this to Council early next year.

2. 2026 Draft Budget and Discuss Any Plans for the Year

Rogers stated that the budget tonight is similar to what we looked at last month. He updated a few insurance figures since we have the new rates. The budget still looks at breaking even with the conservative approach we are taking. The City Council will review this budget on November 24.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Dates for 2026


The Board agreed that we will meet on Wednesdays throughout the summer months. The next meeting, looking at the feasibility study, will be Thursday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Cumberland said that he would like to see the Membership Drive move into early February so that he can have time to review rates and other incentives for the drive. Staff will look at other course pricing and look at 2026 rates with that information. He would also like to offer discounts as we have done in the past and has a few other ideas that we can review later. Ahlman stated that the Council will approve the City Fee Schedule at the beginning of the year. We will have prices in place by then.

Motion by Dessner, seconded by Ahlman to adjourn at 6:17 pm. Voting in favor: Dessner, Salaba, Dessner, and Ahlman; voting against: none; absent: Corry. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Corry).

Respectively signed by:



Clinton Rogers
City Administrator
City of Janesville

11/21/2025
Date

02/12/2026
Approved