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MEETING NOTICE – COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday October 4th 2011 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers – City Hall

Notice is hereby given according to State Statutes that the **COMMON COUNCIL** of the City of Prairie du Chien will meet on **Tuesday October 4th 2011 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PROOF OF POSTING AFFIDAVIT: This agenda was posted more than 24 hours prior to the start of this meeting as follows: City Hall, 214 E. Blackhawk Avenue (kiosk) - Library, 125 S. Wacouta Avenue - U.S. Post Office, 120 S. Beaumont Rd. - Mailed & emailed to Members - News media as requested – emailed:

By _____

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator - Date: September 30th 2011

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON:

- * Call to order/Roll Call.
- * Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda
- * Pledge of Allegiance

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

II. CONSENT AGENDA

(The following items may be approved on a single motion and vote due to their routine nature or previous discussion. Please indicate to the Mayor/Council President if you would prefer separate discussion and action.)

- A. COUNCIL MINUTES – September 20th 2011
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – September 20th 2011
- C. PROTECTION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE - May 19th 2011
- D. PROTECTION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – September 27th 2011
- E. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – September 15th 2011
- F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – July 14th 2011
- G. PLAN COMMISSION – September 19th 2011
- H. DOWNTOWN REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE – September 14th 2010
- I. OKOTOBERFEST PARADE – October 15th 2011 from 10-11 AM in downtown Prairie du Chien
- J. BILLBOARD LEASE – This lease with Waterside Investment Company, LLC will replace the current lease with Select Realty

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR’S REPORT

V. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC INPUT

(Please limit comments to no more than three minutes)

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

B. FINANCE – Amended 2011 Budget (NOTE: The Finance Committee approved the amended 2011 budget at its September 20th meeting.)

C. FINANCE - Finances of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Fund 610) (NOTE: On September 20th, the Committee approved the following motion: To do the following in 2011 - Transfer roughly \$24,000 from the Redemption Account to the Depreciation Account to bring it to a balance of \$120,000; use \$448,000 from the Redemption Account to pay off the remainder of the 1994 Clean Water Account, resulting in a savings of \$16,000 in interest; transfer all surplus funds to the Replacement Account, and to do the following in 2012 - Transfer roughly \$65,000 to a new cash account to cover compensated absences and retirement payouts for existing employees, and determine if any additional funds in the redemption account can be used to pay off additional long-term debt obligations or can be transferred to the Replacement Account, and to direct to the Public Works Committee the issue of an anaerobic digester system for the facility being constructed, with a tentative target year of 2015.)

D. FINANCE/ PUBLIC WORKS - Iowa and Wisconsin Street Project Funding (NOTE: After the bids on the project were opened, a shortfall was uncovered in the projected city's share, mainly in the water component. A proposal for how the city will fund its portion was presented to the Finance Committee earlier this evening. Last week, the Public Works Committee reviewed the overall project.)

E. FINANCE - Site Assessment of the Prairie Street Fire Station Property (NOTE: Staff is seeking permission to spend \$15,000 from TIF #4 to an environmental assessment of the property for its eventual reuse and redevelopment. This expenditure would have no impact on the general fund.)

F. PERSONNEL – Ordinance 2011-26 (AMENDING SECTION 1.06 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE (RESIDENCY)) (NOTE: This ordinance would change the city's current residency requirement. It require all new full-time employees to reside in the city limits, no part-time employee can accept a full-time position and not move into the city limits, and current employees are “grandfathered” from the new ordinance.)

G. PROTECTION AND HEALTH - Ordinance 2011-27 (REPEALING SECTION 9.041 (SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA) AND REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 9.01 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS – STATE STATUTE ADOPTED)) (NOTE: This proposed Ordinance would repeal the city ordinance on synthetic marijuana, which was adopted earlier this year, and adopt the state statute on synthetic cannabinoids as a city ordinance. The state statute became law earlier this summer.)

H. PROTECTION AND HEALTH - Ordinance 2011-28 (REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 9.02 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (FIREARMS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS) (NOTE: This proposed Ordinance would bring the city's Municipal Code into compliance with the state's Conceal-Carry Law, which takes effect November 1st.)

I. PROTECTION AND HEALTH - RFP for Garbage and Recycling Services (NOTE: Committee members received the three bid packages last week. Scores and comments were tabulated earlier tonight.)

J. PUBLIC WORKS - Pedestrian crosswalk at 17th and Wells (NOTE: A memo from the staff outlining the concerns in this area is included. The Committee recommended that Section 7.03 (4) of the City Code be amended to create a 15 mile per hour speed limit on Wells Street from the intersection with Fremont Street east to the city limits at all times. If the Council accepts the Committee report, a vote on the Ordinance will be held October 18th.)

K. PUBLIC WORKS – Boat Landing Improvements (NOTE: The Committee voted on September 29th to approve a contract with Iverson Construction, not to exceed \$4,150, to place a 2-inch mat of asphalt on both boat ramp approaches this fall. They also directed staff to work first on expanding and improving the Campion boat landings. The second priority was the Marina boat landing, and the third was a long-term plan for improving and expanding the Villa Louis boat landing.)

L. PARK COMMITTEE – Fund 80 Update (NOTE: In August, Park and Rec Director Mike Ulrich reports to the Park Committee that the Fund 80 programming with the school district has been approved for fall and winter, however there may be some changes for the summer suggested by the Superintendent.)

M. PARK COMMITTEE – Goddens’ Pit (NOTE: In August, the Committee voted to recommend staff put together a Goddens Pit Action Plan with priority being most feasible to least feasible to provide to the Public Works Committee and Council. That plan will be reviewed tonight, with a recommendation to send to the Public Works Committee for possible implementation.)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (Including items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment)

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2011-30 (HONORING THE HOWE FAMILY FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, AND DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17th 2011 “HOWE FAMILY APPRECIATION WEEK” IN PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2011-31 (PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 9TH TO OCTOBER 15TH FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Land Donation to the Wisconsin Historical Society (NOTE: On September 26th, Michael Douglas, Site Director for the Villa Louis, sent a letter to the City Administrator requesting a donation of land from the City on St. Feriole Island. The letter and a plat map are included in the packet. Staff will be seeking direction on what the Council would like to do with the request.)

D. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment

IX. ADJOURN

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator