

CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

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Notice is hereby given according to State Statutes that the **COMMON COUNCIL** of the City of Prairie du Chien will meet on **Tuesday July 17th 2012 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall

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MEETING NOTICE – COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday July 17th 2012 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers – City Hall

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Filling Vacancy in the First Ward (NOTE: Alderman Riebe’s resignation took effect on July 4th. The Council approved filling the vacancy after receiving applications for eligible residents. The term will run through April 2013, at which time the seat will be placed on the ballot for a special one-year term.)

B. PRESENTATION – 2011 Audit (NOTE: Al Brey, from Johnson Block, will present the 2011 audit and field questions from the Council.)

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Approval of the 2011 Audit

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 – July 3rd 2012

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – July 3rd 2012

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE – July 10th 2012

D. PROTECTION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – February 28th 2012

E. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – June 13th 2012

F. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – June 20th 2012

G. PLAN COMMISSION – June 18th 2012

H. REQUEST from the Prairie Street Farmers Market to use the city lot located behind Starks Sports Shop on Saturday August 21st (7:00 AM until Noon)

I. OPERATORS LICENSES

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR’S REPORT

A. UPDATE – North Gateway Business Park

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 – \$1,555,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 (NOTE: The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to refund certain of the Outstanding Obligations of the City as defined herein, and to pay the cost of issuing the Bonds. The bonds to be re-financed - Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003B (\$905,000) and a 2011 State Trust Fund Loan (\$597,354).)

1. Resolution 2012-26 (AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,555,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012)

C. FINANCE - Resolution 2012-27 (AWARDING THE SALE OF \$1,445,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2012) (NOTE: These funds will be used the renovation of Hoffman Hall.)

D. FINANCE - Approval of Sealcoating Bids (NOTE: The City took bids on our sealcoating for this summer. We had budgeted \$40,000, and the winning bid was \$30,960 (Fahrner). Staff is requesting the additional funds we budgeted be applied to repairing Wells and Dousman Streets, which were damaged recently due to the excessive heat and extra traffic when sections of Marquette Road were closed due to pavement failures.)

E. FINANCE - Authorization to purchase buses for commuter bus project (NOTE: A note from City Planner Frable is included in the packet. It was originally intended that the contracted service provider would provide buses initially with the City providing the buses in the first full year of the service. However, the City only received one proposal. In surveying potential bidders, we found that the single reason potential bidders did not submit proposals to provide the service was the lack of the buses at startup of the program. Eighty-three percent (83%) of the cost of the buses will be in the form of a grant. The remaining 17 percent (\$43,513) will come from local partners and tax increment financing.)

F. PROTECTION AND HEALTH – Feasibility Study on Municipal Court (NOTE: At its July 12th meeting, the Committee approved a motion which recommended the Council move forward with an investigation into the feasibility of a Municipal Court. The item would be sent back to the Protection and Health Committee for the study, if approved by the Council.)

G. PLAN COMMISSION - Certified Survey Map located in Farm Lots 17 and 18 of the Private Land Claims at Prairie du Chien, City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, also being Lot 3, Crawford County Certified Survey Map Number 1199, Document Number 300566 – brought by the City of Prairie du Chien

H. FINANCE/REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - Authorization to sell the Prairie Street Fire Station property to the Redevelopment Authority conditioned on its current uses continuing until said time that some or all uses are adequately and appropriately relocated (NOTE: Under this proposal, the City would sell the station to the Redevelopment Authority (RDA), and the RDA would then creatively redevelop the site without the need and pressure to market and sell the property to a future user immediately. The City generates capital from the sale to the RDA that in turn could be utilized for the new Water Department building the need for which is the result of the Fire Department's aerial truck and desire to consolidate sites. The RDA met on Monday evening to hold a public hearing designating the boundaries of the redevelopment area, designating such redevelopment area as a blighted area, and approving a redevelopment plan. The Plan Commission has also met and recommended moving forward.)

1. Resolution 2012-29 (RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BOUNDARIES OF A REDEVELOPMENT AREA, DESIGNATING SUCH REDEVELOPMENT AREA AS A BLIGHTED AREA, AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN)

2. Resolution 2012-30 (TRANSFERRING SURPLUS FUNDS FROM TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 5 (TID #5) TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 4 (TID #4))
3. Resolution 2012-31 (AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$173,800 OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 4 (TID #4) FUNDS TOWARD THE PRAIRIE STREET FIRE STATION REDEVELOPMENT PLAN)
4. Motion to hold a public hearing on August 7th for the purpose of determining whether or not there is a public need for the Prairie Street Fire Station property

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Direct annexation of land (NOTE: The City Administrator will be petitioning the Common Council to annex the land recently acquired north of TID District #6, comprising roughly 31 acres.)

B. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – Committee and Commission Assignments

1. Appointment of Kathleen Hein, replacing Amber Pulda, on the Design and Preservation Commission (PDRI Board Representative)
2. Appointment of Judeen Ames, replacing Kathleen Hein, on the Design and Preservation Commission (Common Council Representative)
3. Common Council Committee Assignments

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Amendment #4 to Contract between City and MSA for Marquette Road land acquisitions (NOTE: This amendment will add another appraiser to the contract.)

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

E. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION

1) Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

RE: Acquisition of property

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RE: Discussions related to negotiations with the Prairie du Chien Police Union

F. CONVENE into OPEN SESSION

G. ACTION from CLOSED SESSION

IX. ADJOURN

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator