

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 August 21st 2012 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall

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MEETING NOTICE – COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday August 21st 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

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 – August 7th 2012
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – August 7th 2012
- C. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – July 16th 2012
- D. NORTHERN ENGRAVING REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – July 19th 2012
- E. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – July 11th 2012
- F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – July 24th 2012
- G. PARK BOARD – June 20th 2012
- H. PLAN COMMISSION – July 16th 2012
- I. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – July 2012
- J. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT – Second Quarter 2012
- K. PARK BOARD - Use of Cedar Building for Haunted House (NOTE: Nick Gilberts, representing Scream Extreme, is requesting to utilize the Cedar Building on St. Feriole Island for a co-sponsored haunted house in October. The Park Board approved this item on August 15th.)
- L. PARK BOARD – Oktoberfest (NOTE: Tom Nelson, representing Oktoberfest, is requesting the usage of St. Feriole Island for a co-sponsored event on October 19th to 21st, with the actual event on October 20th, including a parade starting at 10 AM. The Park Board approved this item on August 15th.)
- M. OPERATORS LICENSES

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 - Policy 2012-06 (POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY FOR TAX-EXEMPT AND TAX ADVANTAGED OBLIGATIONS) (NOTE: The IRS has been strongly encouraging issuers to adopt general policies for tax compliance on an overall basis. The IRS has gone so far as to suggest that, in the event of an audit, an issuer will receive more favorable treatment if it has a policy in place. Staff recommends approval.)

C. FINANCE – Awarding of Bid for LaPointe Street Extension (NOTE: Bids for this project, which is being funded by TID District #5, were opened on Wednesday August 15th. The low bidder was Gerke Excavating, Inc, of Tomah for \$269,966. This is approximately \$80,000 below our estimates, and staff would recommend awarding the bid as such.)

D. FINANCE/PUBLIC WORKS - Update on Champion Street Boat Landing and Washington Street Park Improvement projects (NOTE: A memo in the packet outlines the various funding sources for the Champion Street Boat Landing (\$238,694 projected cost) and the Washington Street Park Improvements (\$175,197). The City will be committing \$195,141 to the projects (\$156,141 in boat launch fee revenues, \$16,000 in TIF funds and \$23,000 in Capital Budget funds. The remainder (\$218,750) will come from grants and private donations. No formal action by the Council is requested at this time.)

E. FINANCE/PUBLIC WORKS - Ordinance 2012-14 (AMENDING THE SEWER USE ORDINANCE (RECREATIONAL HOLDING TANK, SEPTIC TANK HAULERS AND PORTA-POTTY HAULERS) (NOTE: This ordinance has been drafted to address the issue of excessive amounts of sewage being sent through our Wastewater Treatment Facility, and establishes new criteria and a new fee schedule.)

F. PUBLIC WORKS - St. Feriole Island Marina (NOTE: On August 14th, the Committee found that the operators of the Marina were in breach of contract due to their failure to notify the Mayor of their intent to renew their lease through November 1st 2017 before the 90-day notice of renewal deadline. Furthermore, the Committee will tour the site on Thursday August 23rd to determine if a further contractual breach has occurred due to a failure to comply with Section 5 (a) of the original 1963 lease which calls for the current operators to “operate a high grade marina and maintain the operation of the areas rented in a continuous peaceful and efficient manner...maintain its docks and approaches thereto and the banks to which the its docks attach in a safe, clean and orderly condition and maintain its buildings and the lands it uses in a clean and orderly condition consistent with a high grade marina operation.”)

G. PLAN COMMISSION - Review and recommendation on proposed certified survey map located in Government Lots 4 and 5 of Section 24, and Government Lot 1, Section 25, T7N, R7W, and parts of Lots 1 and 2 of the Original Main Village to the City of Prairie du Chien, City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin. Also being lands described in Volume 621, Pages 297 and 298, Document # 256669.

H. PARK BOARD – Skateboard Park (NOTE: Lorie Floyd, representing the Childrens’ Advisory Board, appeared before the Board on August 15th to seek approval to move forward with plans to build the Skateboard Park near the Outdoor Aquatic Pool on Wells Street. This is a renewal of the previous 3-year option to install the facility.)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 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.)

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)

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request for Proposal for Assessment Services for the City of Prairie du Chien (NOTE: This RFP would cover the years 2013 to 2017, and includes a component involving a possible re-evaluation of the City during that time period. If approved, the Personnel Committee would review the RFPs, with the Council making the final decision in October.)

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Mayoral Veto of Ordinance 2012-13 (NOTE: On August 13th, Mayor Hemmer vetoed the Council action on Ordinance 2012-13, which created an anti-scavenging ordinance. A 2/3 vote is required to override the veto.)

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2012-15 (AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) (NOTE: This Ordinance will officially annex the 31 acres the City purchased north of TIF District #6 – the North Gateway Business Park.)

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
2. Under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (g) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. RE: Possible litigation
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F. CONVENE into open session

G. ACTION from the closed session

IX. ADJOURN

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator