

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 October 1st 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall

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MEETING NOTICE – COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday October 1st 2013 – 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. PUBLIC HEARING – Amended 2013 Budget

B. ACTION of aforesaid agenda item – Approval of amended 2013 Budget

C. PRESENTATION – Trail of Presidents on St. Feriole Island

Tom Nelson will provide an update to the Council on the project. A map of the proposed sites for the trees and a description of the project is included in the packet.

D. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2013-34 (COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF JUDEEN AMES ON THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)

This resolution honors Alderwoman Ames, whose resignation was official on September 30th, for her service on the Common Council.

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 17th 2013
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – September 17th 2013
- C. NORTHERN ENGRAVING COMMITTEE – November 8th 2012
- D. NORTHERN ENGRAVING COMMITTEE – September 11th 2013
- E. PARK BOARD – July 24th 2013
- F. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – August 28th 2013
- G. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 17th 2013
- H. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any)
- I. CHANGE OF AGENT – Craig Atkinson (Dancindy Enterprises, LLC.)
- J. CLASS B BEER/LIQUOR LICENSE – Leisure Time Sportsbar & Bowl LLC
- K. OKTOBERFEST 2013 – October 19th 2013 on St. Feriole Island (This would be for a 3-year commitment between the City and Oktoberfest)

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 – Resolution 2013-33 (DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF BORROWING)

The City's Financial Advisor (PFM) has recommended that the City adopt a reimbursement resolution which would preserve the City's right, but not require the City, to borrow funds to finance the acquisition of properties involved in the Marquette Road project, which the Council approved at its September 17th meeting. This would allow the acquisitions to be possibly financed on a tax exempt basis, preserving the TID District's funds for either new projects not eligible for tax exempt financing or for paying down the existing taxable CDA debt.

C. PUBLIC WORKS – Lead Operator Position in Street Department

A proposed job description for the position is included in the packet. Staff will outline the process and timetable for filling the position at the meeting.

D. PUBLIC WORKS – Request by James & Mary Jo Noel for approval/easement to use unopened alley for access to their property at 409 S. State Street, Union Plat, Block 134

Jim Noel (409 South State Street) is requesting an easement in the public right-of-way from the City to allow him to make repairs to an alley and maintain private access to a garage.

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Stop Signs on Overview and Rice and Overview and Glenn

Staff is requesting that stop signs be approved for installation on Overview and Rice and Overview and Glenn Streets now that the reconstruction of those streets is complete.

F. PUBLIC WORKS - Application for the Hazard Mitigation program

In conjunction with the August 8th Presidential Disaster Declaration, Wisconsin received +/- \$1.8 million for this program. The pre-application is due on October 11th. The project to be included in the pre-application are the two detention basins that we included in the presentation made to the Council at its September 17th meeting. FEMA funds 75%, the State funds 12.5% and 12.5% comes from local funds. The CDBG program can fund the 12.5% local share. Staff would recommend approval of moving forward with the pre-application process.

G. NORTHERN ENGRAVING COMMITTEE – Proposal for Northern Engraving Site

The report of the Committee will be presented to the Council, which includes short-term and long-term proposals for the redevelopment of the property.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Development of the multi-family portion of the Woodridge Acres subdivision

The intent of the developing the parcel located west of 22nd Street in the Woodridge Acres subdivision (9.18 acres) was to create a multi-family (duplexes and/or apartments) project. Staff would recommend the Council sell that parcel to the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) in order for the RDA to being the development process.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – City Administrator's Report on Public Information Meetings regarding the proposed resort area sales tax

A report from the City Administrator on the two meetings held September 19th, as well as recommendations, is included in the packet.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request for extension of utilities in Woodridge Acres

Brian Edwards is requesting that the water and sewer utilities in Woodridge Acres be extended in two of the three cul-de-sacs to service his adjacent properties. The Public Works Committee rejected this proposal in May (minutes included in packet). Staff would recommend that, if the request is approved, it be made contingent on Mr. Edwards agreeing to pay the estimated cost for the extensions prior to installation, and then the final payment will be adjusted accordingly once the final bill is received.

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Quiet Zone on the Wisconsin Southern Railroad (WSOR) Corridor

The Mayor and staff will be seeking feedback from the Common Council on whether or not to proceed with the application process for a Quiet Zone Designation on the WSOR tracks within the City limits. The City is currently in the process of applying for a permanent Quiet Zone designation for the BNSF tracks in the City. An attachment from WSOR regarding the blowing of train horns is included in the packet.

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Writ of Mandamus regarding Haydn Street crossing

The City Administrator is requesting that the Council approve the filing of a Writ of Mandamus to compel the Office of Commissioner of Railroads to release the findings of the Haydn Street crossing hearing held earlier this year.

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

G. ADJOURN into closed session

- 1) Under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (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: Block 43 litigation
- 2) Under Wisconsin 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: Business Expansion Assistance
- 3) Under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (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: Utility Ownership Issue before the Public Service Commission involving the City of Prairie du Chien and the Town of Bridgeport

H. CONVENE into open session

I. ACTION from closed session

IX. ADJOURN

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator