

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 November 5th 2013 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall

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MEETING NOTICE – COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday November 5th 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. PRESENTATION – Bird City Application

Denny Kirschbaum will provide an update on efforts to designate the City as a Bird City Wisconsin community.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2013-38 (DECLARING MAY 10th 2014 AS INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY DAY IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)

C. PRESENTATION – Pedestrian-Vehicle Safety Issues at Well Street-Marquette Road intersection

Staff will present an update on the possible options for improving pedestrian-vehicle safety at this intersection.

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 – October 15th 2013
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – October 15th 2013
- C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – September 10th 2013
- D. PLAN COMMISSION – September 16th 2013
- E. DESIGN AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION – October 9th 2013
- F. PRAIRIE DU CHIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY PARADE – December 6th 2013
- G. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any)

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

IV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'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 - Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Vierbicher Associates

This PSA cover the Marquette Road Construction Phase Services, including the following proposed projects: Water Main and Sanitary Sewer and Landscaping - Community Sensitive Design (CSD). The general services

include surveying, engineering, landscape architecture and Safe Drinking Water Loan administration for the construction phase of the above projects. The cost (\$70,610) will come from various sources – the 2014-2016 Capital Budget, TIF District #6, and the General Fund.

C. FINANCE – Resolution 2013-41 (INCLUSION UNDER GROUP LIFE INSURANCE)

Under our current plan with the State, a final post-retirement benefit in the amount of 25 percent of an employee's pre-retirement Basic coverage is 20 percent of the total employee premium. This resolution would increase the final benefit to 50 percent of an employee's pre-retirement benefit, at the cost of 40 percent of the total employee premium (this would result in an increase of roughly \$400 per year, to \$800 per year, to the General Fund). This would allow for retirees to maintain their life insurance coverage post-employment.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Possible Changes to Council Agenda and Rules of Procedure

A memo from the City Administrator with a proposed change to the Council Agenda, as well as some proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure for the Council, is included in the packet.

B. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

A memo with the new Committee assignments is included in the packet.

- a) Jamie Wagar to the Plan Commission replacing Judeen Ames (Council Representative)
- b) Jim Welsch to the Park Board, replacing Jaaren Riebe to a term expiring May 1st 2016

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2013-39 (ENCOURAGING THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE TO ENACT THREE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILLS IN THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION)

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2013-40 (DECLARING NOVEMBER TO BE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2013-42 (OPPOSITION TO SB 349, PREEMPTING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO REGULATE WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY, AIR QUALITY, USE OF EXPLOSIVES, BORROW PITS ASSOCIATED WITH DOT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, AND NONMETALLIC MINING)

The Wisconsin League of Municipalities opposes SB 349 (Eliminating or reducing municipal authority to regulate air quality, water quality and quantity, the use of explosives at quarries, borrow pits and material disposal sites related to DOT construction projects, and non-metallic mining). Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) introduced the bill on October 22. His committee held a hearing on the bill on October 24. The League is asking members to pass the enclosed resolution and to share it with our local legislators.

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

G. ADJOURN into closed session

- 1) 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: Block 43 litigation
- 2) 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
- 3) 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: Haydn Street railroad crossing (litigation)
- 4) Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. RE: Appointment of a Lead Operator in the Street Department

5) 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

H. CONVENE into open session

I. ACTION from closed session

IX. ADJOURN

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator