

Common Council Agenda – March 4th 2014

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 March 4th 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

MEETING NOTICE – COMMON COUNCIL (Amended)

Date: Tuesday March 4th 2014

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Council Chambers – City Hall

ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Proposed Improvements to Marquette Road (2017)

The Council will take comments from the public on the proposed improvements to Marquette Road scheduled for 2017. The section of road that is scheduled to be reconstructed is bordered by La Pointe Street on the south and Mooney Street on the north.

B. ACTION of aforesaid agenda item (Amended Contract with DOT for 2017 Marquette Road project)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – February 18th 2014; B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – February 18th 2014; C. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – November 13th 2013; D. PROTECTION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – August 13th 2013; E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - February 18th 2014; F. BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS - February 19th 2013; G. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any); NOTE: These 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.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (NOTE: Please limit citizens' comments to no more than three minutes)

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2014-10 (DECLARING MARCH 15th 2014 AS "MATTHEW ANTOINE" DAY IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN IN HONOR OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE 2014 WINTER OLYMPICS)

B. PRESENTATION -2014-2016 Capital Borrowing

Brian Della (PFM Financial Management) will present the proposed borrowing schedule and information for the 2014-2016 Capital Borrowing.

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C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2014-11 (RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,940,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2014A)

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2014-12 (RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$495,000 SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2014B)

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2014-13 (RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$885,000 TAXABLE NOTE ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2014C)

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

B. FINANCE – Reallocation and close out of 2011-2013 Capital Budget

Staff is requesting to re-allocate the remaining funds in the 2011-2013 General Fund Capital Account (\$6,314.16) and assign them to the 15th Street Mill and Overlay Project (2013 - \$87,465.30). These funds would then be placed in the General Fund Reserve account.

C. FINANCE – Replacement of City Computers

A memo from the City Administrator outlining the replacement proposal is included in the packet.

D. PUBLIC WORKS – Awarding of Bid for Godden Pit Dredging Project

Bids were opened on Wednesday February 26th. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Rule Construction (\$243,680).

E. PUBLIC WORKS - CREATING SECTION 7.44 (TRAVEL REGULATIONS IN THE ALLEY EAST OF CITY HALL) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

This Ordinance will restrict traffic in the alley to one-way in a southerly direction.

F. PLAN COMMISSION – Preliminary subdivision plat for the former Prairie Maison Site

This is being brought to the Commission by the City’s Redevelopment Authority.

10. OLD BUSINESS

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Acceptance of FEMA Award

The City has been awarded \$46,762.24 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to cover the costs incurred during the severe weather of last June. Staff would recommend approval.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Vineyard Coulee Road

A new proposal to improve Vineyard Coulee Road east from Highway 35 to a point midway along the boundary of the land recently annexed into the City is being forwarded to the Council from the Town of Bridgeport and Crawford County. The city’s section of the road would total 632 feet, but there would be no

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cost to the City. There would also be no obligation to the City to participate in any future improvements east of the current proposal.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Meeting with Town of Bridgeport on Water-Sewer Utility Merger

In February, the Common Council extended an invitation to the Town of Bridgeport to discuss a merger of the water and sewer utilities. In a letter, dated February 18th, the Town's attorney, Todd Infield, replied that the Town would meet under two conditions:

1) The City serves their residents in a "professional, cost-effective and non-discriminatory manner"

2) The City agrees not to annex any more territory from the Town of Bridgeport

Staff will be seeking direction before moving forward.

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Reducing the Size of the Council

Alderman Kozelka is requesting the Council re-visit the issue of reducing the size of the Council. In an April 2011 advisory referendum, voters approved reducing the Common Council by a vote of 663-410 (62-38%). In December 2011, a motion to reduce the Council to six members, one per ward, and two at-large members failed on a 5-4 vote. A memo from the City Administrator addressing this issue from July 2011 is included in the packet.

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Mayoral Appointments

1) LaRiviere Park Board - Dave Shihata (61543 Limery Road – Prairie du Chien) (Chairperson), Mike Mara (960 South Beaumont Road – Prairie du Chien), Dave Troester (410 South Ohio Street – Prairie du Chien), Ivan Hoffland (37003 Wilderness Road – Prairie du Chien), and Dee Baker (23262 State Highway 27 – Eastman) to 5-year terms expiring April 1st 2019.

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

G. ADJOURN to 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

RE: Roger Seitz, Sara Seitz and a minor versus the City of Prairie du Chien

RE: Condemnation of property for public need

2) Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) (c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over whom the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:

RE: Vacancy at City Hall

H. CONVENE into OPEN SESSION

I. ACTION from CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURN

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator

NOTE: The amended item under Adjourn to Closed Session is in *italics*.

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