

Common Council Agenda – August 19th 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 August 19th 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

MEETING NOTICE – COMMON COUNCIL (Amended)

Date: Tuesday August 19th 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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL – August 5th 2014; B. FINANCE – August 5th 2014; C. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – June 25th 2014; D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – July 8th 2014; E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – July 22nd 2014; F. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD – June 11th 2014; G. PLAN COMMISSION – July 21st 2014; H. BOARD OF CANVASSERS – April 7th 2014; I. BOARD OF REVIEW – May 15th 2014; J. SPECIAL EVENT/PARADE PERMIT – Prairie du Chien High School Homecoming Parade (October 1st 2014); K. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – July 2014; L. 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 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)

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Scheduling of Public Works Committee meeting – August 28th**
- B. Results of Dust Sample Collections (Wisconsin Southern Unloading Site)**
- C. Public Works Project Updates**

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

B. FINANCE – Approval of Land Acquisition Fees (Safe Routes to School)

Four parcels of land, totaling \$2,050, are needed to be acquired to complete the Safe Routes to School project. Staff would recommend the funds come from the City's Contingency Fund.

C. PUBLIC WORKS – Request for Alley Improvement

Mo Ardestani is requesting to add recycled asphalt and gravel, thus improving access to city utilities, to the alley south of Mooney Street abutting his property for the purpose of providing access to his new storage buildings.

D. PUBLIC WORKS – Road Closures on St. Feriole Island

Last year, the Council approved removing the following streets - 1) Roulette, from Second Street to Villa Louis Road; 2) Fisher from 4th Street to 5th Street, with a bicycle/walking path replacing the street, and; 3) Brisbois from 2nd Street to Villa Louis Road - and that 4th Street from Fisher to Bolvin be closed to through traffic with barriers placed across the entrances to that section of street that could be removed by City staff for special events and other traffic situations. At its July 22nd meeting, the Committee looked at including the following closures: 4th Street (Fisher to Bolvin), Fisher (Water to 2nd) and Roulette (Water to 2nd).

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2014-21 (RECREATING CHAPTER 8.05 (OBSTRUCTIONS AND ENCROACHMENTS) AND REPEALING CHAPTER 8.055 (INTERSECTION VISIBILITY REQUIREMENTS) AND CHAPTER 8.056 (PENALTIES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

The purpose of this Ordinance is to combine the existing Ordinances in a more applicable and understandable manner, and add regulations for the placement of garage and rummage sales.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Pedestrian walkway/sidewalk on west side of Marquette Road (2017)

Due to comments from city officials and the public regarding the existing multi-use trail on the west side of the roadway from Parrish Street to Mooney Street at the Public Involvement meeting held on July 8, 2014, the engineers have requested the Common Council provide a motion supporting reducing the existing multi-use trail on the west side of the roadway from Parrish Street to Mooney Street down to a 5-foot sidewalk, or maintaining the 10-foot width when reconstruction occurs.

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request for Exemption from Ordinance 9.06 (LOUD AND UNNECESSARY NOISE PROHIBITED)

Anne Lerch (829 North Wacouta) is seeking an exemption from the prohibition on Public Address Systems and Amplifiers, which reads "(n)o person shall use or operate any P.A. system, amplifier or device which increases the volume of voice, music or other sounds so loud as to disturb the public peace." For the purpose of having a live band at her residence the evening of Saturday August 30th. The Council may waive the restrictions under the Ordinance for good cause.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Possible re-scheduling of September 16th Council meeting

The Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday September 16th, the same night as the second regularly-scheduled Council meeting of the month. Chamber officials would like to have city officials present for their event, and have asked the Council to consider re-scheduling the Council meeting. Under Chapter 2.02 (2) (a), the Council can re-schedule the meeting: The Common Council, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members, may re-schedule a future regularly-scheduled meeting. Staff would recommend, if the Council elects to move the meeting, to schedule it for Tuesday September 23rd, one week later.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Replacement of Water Operator's Position

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Dan Odeen has submitted his resignation from the Water Department, effective August 27th, to take a position elsewhere. Water Department Director Gates is requesting the position be posted internally for two weeks, and, if no one indicates an interest, the position will be posed externally with a target date of filling the position by October 1st.

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

E. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION

Under Wisconsin State 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: Prohibited Practice Complaint before the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (Wisconsin Professional Police Association/Law Enforcement Employee Relations Division o/b/o Prairie du Chien Professional Police Association Local 258 vs. City of Prairie du Chien), Case 77 No. 73223 MP-4797

F. CONVENE into open session

G. ACTION from closed session

12. ADJOURN

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator

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NOTE: Amended items are italicized.