

RESOLUTION 2015-15
**SUPPORTING THE JOINT EFFORTS ON DETERMINING A REUSE OF THE EXISTING
PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SITE**

WHEREAS, in 1954, a group of visionary leaders met to plan for the construction and operation of a new hospital in the City of Prairie du Chien, and;

WHEREAS, in 1957, after a dedication and groundbreaking, the hospital opened with a staff of 29 people, with an average daily census of acute patients of 14 during the first year of operation, and a high of 60 shortly after building an addition in 1972–73.; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, a major renovation and expansion of the hospital occurred with the increase of beds from 40 to 82; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the hospital was designated as a critical access hospital; and,

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Hospital's Board of Directors announced a bold and visionary decision to build a new hospital, with the hospital purchasing land later that year across from the Prairie du Chien Municipal Airport, which features adequate land for future expansion and allows easy access for patients and med flight and other emergency vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015, a new hospital, the Crossing Rivers Health Medical Center is scheduled to open, providing a new, modernized level of service and commitment to the health and wellness needs of the City of Prairie du Chien and the surrounding area; and,

WHEREAS, there is a desire to redevelop the current site of the Hospital in a manner which complements and improves the community, and not to leave a vacant facility which would become a blight to the neighborhood and the City, as a whole;

NOW BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the members of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien do hereby support and encourage the joint efforts of the Crossing Rivers Health Medical Center, the Prairie du Chien Economic Development Corporation, the Crawford County Economic Development Corporation, the Prairie du Chien Area School District, and the City of Prairie du Chien in developing a plan to redevelop the current hospital facility which encouraging its reuse in a manner which promotes economic and community development, befitting the legacy of the facility which has been located on the site since 1957, and, if said efforts are unsuccessful, developing a plan to raze the current facility and redevelop the site in a manner which complements the surrounding neighborhood and encourages economic and community development.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 21st day of April, 2015.

By a vote of: _____ in favor, _____ against, and _____ abstain.

David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien

ATTEST:

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator of the City of Prairie du Chien