

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL February 25, 2025

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 7:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Call to order/Roll Call – All present, Cray Zoom. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Police Chief Kyle Teynor, City Planner Nate Gilberts and City Administrator Chad Abram.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ingham, Roll Call Vote: 8-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Bowar

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. COMMON COUNCIL – February 4 and 12, 2025

B. FINANCE – February 4, 2025

C. PUBLIC WORKS – January 21, 2025

D. PARK BOARD – January 15, 2025

E. St. Patrick's Day Parade March 15, 2025

F. Secondhand Article & Jewelry Dealer and Antique License – Cabinet of Curiosity's Jennifer Busarow owner

G. Cigarette, tobacco & electronic vape license – Fernandes LLC dba Paradise Smoke Shop Ligorio Fernandes – Agent/owner, Cianna Fernandes, owner.

H. PDC Oktoberfest INC. October 18, 2025. Set up October 12 and tear down October 20.

I. Prairie Dog Blues Society July 24-27, 2025. Fencing will be erected starting July 16.

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.) – Action: To approve the consent agenda. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 8-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- Pizza Ranch Closed on 02/21/25 and construction will be starting soon.
- All tree removal on Vineyard Road has been completed.
- The brush pile will be burned during this week in preparation for 2025 season.
- All USDA Paperwork for the Public Safety Center has been signed by the Mayor and submitted to Kou our contact at USDA for review.
- Nate, Larry, Nick, Matt Muchow and I will be meeting to discuss finalizing the infrastructure at Prairie Bluffs Court.
- Matt, Larry and I are looking into possible funding sources with the DNR, to help replace galvanized water services on the private side of the system under the LSL replacement program.
- The Fort Fun fundraiser had a good turnout and a great start for an improved park in the future.
- The new ADA Chair was installed at Hoffman Hall and the Outdoor Pool will be done in the next week.
- Hoffman Hall Gym Floor will be redone March 10th and 11th and will be not be able to be used until March 17th.
- Mike and Morgan informed me that the last Kids Night Out had great numbers again regardless of the snow storm outside.
- January of 2025 had an increase of 102 daily passes for pickle ball from January of 2024.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Claims – Action: To approve the claims. Motion: Waller, Second: Ringgold, Voice Vote: 8-0.

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Agreement with Rivers and Bluffs Animal Shelter for boarding of animals. – Action: To approve the agreement with Rivers and Bluffs Animal Shelter. Motion: Ingham, Second: Riebe, Voice Vote: 8-0.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – (7:09 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

A. Under Wisconsin State Statutes 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 – Possible Land Purchase

12. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (7:30 P.M.) – Motion: Bremmer, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 8-0.

13. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION – Action: To allow Moto Tire to exercise its option to purchase the 1.43 acres to the north and direct the City Attorney, City Administrator and Moto Tire to draft a Development Agreement for Council to review. Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

- Action: To direct the City Attorney to amend the current Development Agreement and to remove the requirement for Moto Tire to construct the 2nd stage of a 10,000 square foot separate facility on current site. Motion: Ingham, Second: Bowar, Voice Vote: 8-0.

14. ADJOURN (7:32 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Granzow, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator