

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL January 6, 2026

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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, Bowar on Zoom. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Police Chief Kyle Teynor, City Planner Nate Gilberts, Public Works Superintendent Nick Gilberts, Utility Director Larry Gates, and City Administrator Chad Abram.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ringgold, Roll Call Vote: 8-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Kayla Ingham
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
5. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. COMMON COUNCIL – December 16, 2025
 - B. FINANCE – December 18, 2025
 - C. PLAN COMMISSION – October 20, 2025
 - D. LARIVIRIE PARK BOARD – September 19, 2025

(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: Ingham, Voice Vote: 8-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Christmas Lights will be taken down this week along with Christmas Tree pick up. PW staff will start tree trimming along city streets. The Library will be hosting a Soup-To-Go fundraiser on January 28, 2026. Activities are still popular at the library and will continue into 2026. Nate and I have heard back from the USDA and we are hoping to get the Public Safety Center bids out by February.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

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

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Ordinance 2026-01 REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 12.02 (5) (INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES: LICENSE FEES). – Action: To approve Ordinance 2026-01 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 8-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Agreement to provide services of termination of housing revolving loan funds with the City of Prairie du Chien and Community Development Alternatives Inc. This partnership will terminate local control of the funds per the directive from the Department of Administration. – Postponed.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:07 P.M.) – Motion: Waller, Second: Crary, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

A. 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. – R.E. Police Department

12. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (7:20 P.M.) – Motion: Crary, Second: Granzow, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

13. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION – To approve the Police Union Contract and MOU associated with it and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to sign and ratify the contract. Motion: Riebe, Second: Ringgold, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

14. ADJOURN (7:22 P.M.) – Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator

Ordinances Passed

Ordinance 2026-01 REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 12.02 (5) (INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES: LICENSE FEES).