

**RESOLUTION 2022-28**  
**AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR**  
**A VIBRANT SPACES GRANT THROUGH THE WISCONSIN ECONOMIC**  
**DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE**  
**WATERFRONT AREA ON ST. FERIOLE ISLAND**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Prairie du Chien recognizes that vibrant public spaces enhance community quality of life, increase opportunities for public interaction, support nearby local businesses, and facilitate public discourse; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Feriole Island abuts Prairie du Chien's Historic Downtown, and the City's *Downtown Master Redevelopment Plan* prioritized public improvements on St. Feriole Island as essential to the revitalization of the downtown and its businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will enhance the pedestrian-oriented public space on historic St. Feriole Island, support a range of events and user groups, continue public improvements on St. Feriole Island, and further outdoor recreation opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project provides access to other existing pedestrian and outdoor recreation facilities on St. Feriole Island and provides connectivity along the length of the St. Feriole Island riverfront; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is consistent with the City's *Comprehensive Smart Growth Plan*, *Downtown Master Redevelopment Plan*, *Waterfront Plan*, and *St. Feriole Island Reuse Plan*; and the project is identified in the City's *Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is supported by the Prairie du Chien Main Street program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has secured for the project a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Grant, financial assistance from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Commission, the Alliant Energy Foundation, and the Madison Gas and Electric Foundation, and donations from local businesses and citizens, and the City has committed funding through its capital budget for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has successfully implemented numerous projects utilizing state and federal grant funding including funding from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns the land on which the project will be implemented;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the project will be started and completed in 2023;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Prairie du Chien authorizes Chad Abram, City Administrator, to act on behalf of the City of Prairie du Chien to:

1. Submit an application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for a Vibrant Spaces Grant;
2. Submit signed documents and necessary documentation;
3. Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project; and
4. Comply with all rules for the program

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien at a legal meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022

Resolution introduced and adoption moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion for adoption seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien

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Chad Abram, City Administrator of the City of Prairie du Chien