MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL July 21, 2026

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 7:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Mark Gillitzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Present: Nick Crary, Vicki Waller, Bob Granzow, Jaaren Riebe, Todd Crotty, Kayla Ingham and Andy Ringgold. Absent: Nate Bremmer. City Staff present, Police Chief Kyle Teynor, Zoning Administrator Cassie Rickleff, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Megan Pedretti. Others present: Mayor Mark Gillitzer, Dan Lipke, Steve Van Hooten, Randy Fortier, Mary Houghton, Ashley de Venecia
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Crary, Second: Ringgold, Voice Vote: 7-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Councilperson Waller

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING VACATING THAT PORTION OF FOWLER STREET LYING WEST OF SOUTH 22ND STREET AND LOCATED IN BLOCKS 31 & 32, CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

B. ACTION ON AFORESAID ITEM - RESOLUTION 2026-21 RESOLUTION VACATING THAT PORTION OF FOWLER STREET LYING WEST OF SOUTH 22ND STREET AND LOCATED IN BLOCKS 31 & 32, CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. ACTION: To adopt Resolution 2026-21 and waive the first and second reading of the Resolution. Motion: Crotty, Second: Ingham. Roll Call Vote 7-0.

C. PUBLIC HEARING VACATING ALL THAT PART OF A CERTAIN ALLEY THAT RUNS NORTH AND SOUTH BETWEEN BEAUMONT ROAD AND VACATED 3RD STREET, LOCATED IN BLOCK 6, BEAUMONT'S ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

D. ACTION ON AFORESAID ITEM - RESOLUTION 2026-22 RESOLUTION VACATING ALL THAT PART OF A CERTAIN ALLEY THAT RUNS NORTH AND SOUTH BETWEEN BEAUMONT ROAD AND VACATED 3RD STREET, LOCATED IN BLOCK 6, BEAUMONT'S ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. ACTION: To adopt Resolution 2026-22 and Waive the first and second reading of the Resolution. Motion: Crary, Second: Waller. Roll Call Vote 7-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. COMMON COUNCIL – July 7, 2026
B. FINANCE – July 7, 2026
C. PUBLIC WORKS – July 7, 2026
D. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – January 9, 2026
E. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD – May 20, 2026
F. Change of premises for the Blackhawk adding outside patio.

(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.) – There was discussion on removing items from the Consent Agenda. Toddy Crotty requested item D be removed and Jaaren Riebe requested item F be removed. Action: To approve items A, B, C and E on the consent agenda. Motion: Riebe, Second: Granzow, Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There was a discussion on Item D, the minutes from the Redevelopment Authority meeting from January 9, 2026. The purchase of land by NEIT was discussed. Action: To approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2026 Redevelopment Authority Meeting. Motion: Crary, Second: Crotty. Motion Carried

There was a discussion on Item F regarding the Change of premises for the Blackhawk Tavern adding the outside patio. Councilperson Riebe excused himself for the discussion and vote. The Tavern added their outdoor patio on their license to be included in their premises. Motion: Crary, Second: Ingham. Motion Carried

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - Individuals may speak for up to 3 minutes. Comments only—no discussion or response from elected officials or staff during this portion of the meeting.

Randy Fortier who lives at Lawler School Lofts discussed a fire that recently occurred in one of the apartments at Lawler School Lofts. He also discussed the living conditions in the complex. Mary Houghton lives in the apartment where the fire took place. She discussed the conditions at Lawler School Lofts. They were concerned about mold, nonworking fire alarms, nonworking elevator among other items.

Ashley de Venecia discussed the presence of Radon in the City of Prairie du Chien. She was also concerned about air and water conditions within the City.

8. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION
A. FINANCE

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Claims – Action: To approve the claims. Motion: Waller, Second: Crary, Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2026-02 CREATING SECTION 7.07 (14) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RELATING MOTORIZED SCOOTERS PROHIBITED ON WALKING AND BICYCLE PATHS. – No action.

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2026-05 REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 9.39 (CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOL). – Action: To approve Ordinance 2026-05 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Riebe Second: Crotty, Voice Vote: 7-0.

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

A. DISCUSSION: Councilperson Riebe suggested that the Building Inspector be contacted regarding the Lawler School Lofts. It was also discussed that on August 4, 2026, a Personnel Meeting should be scheduled. It was requested that the agenda should include the Fire Chief regarding the Lawler School Lofts and he should bring all his inspection reports to the meeting.

12. ADJOURN (7:37 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Waller, Motion Carried.