MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL August 18, 2026

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, August 18, 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 – All present. City Staff present Police Lieutenant Jeremy, City Administrator Chad Abram, City Planner Nate Gilberts, Utility Director Larry Gates.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ringgold, Voice Vote: 8-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Gillitzer

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. CONSENT AGENDA:
A. COMMON COUNCIL – August 4, 2026
B. FINANCE – August 4, 2026
C. PUBLIC WORKS – August 4, 2026
D. PERSONNEL – August 4, 2026
E. Street Closure Permit for Holy Family Parish September 19-20, 2026

(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: Crary, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 8-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

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.

8. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Update on the WISDOT Roundabout project, Outdoor Pool Closed for the season, and updated residents on the garbage and recycle services.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION
A. FINANCE

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

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Proposed 2026 Stream Improvements – Mill Coulee Creek and awarding of bids. - Action: To approve the low bid from Bacon Concrete for $141, 500 and use ADM Redemption Funds contingent on getting contract signed by the landowner. Motion: Waller, Second: Crary, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2026-08 REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 7.05(7) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN, RELATING TO CITY BOAT LANDINGS, PARKING REGULATIONS, AND BOAT LAUNCH FEES, AND REPEALING SECTION 12.40 IN ITS ENTIRETY. – Action: Action: To approve Ordinance 2026-08 repealing and recreating section 7.05(7) of the code of ordinances of the city of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, relating to city boat landings, parking regulations, and boat launch fees, and repealing section 12.40 in its entirety and the first and second reading. Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0. Riebe excused himself at 7:20 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2026-09 REPEALING AND RECREATING 12.07 ENTERTAINMENT AND OUTDOOR MUSIC. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2026-09 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Ingham, Second: Ringgold, Voice Vote: 7-0. Riebe returned at 7:21 P.M.

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

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:22 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 8-0.
1. Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public R.E. Deputy Clerk.

2. 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 – Land Sale.

13. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (7:33 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

14. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

To accept the resignation on Megan Pedretti as full time Deputy Clerk/Treasurer on August 28, 2026 and re-hire as a part time Administrative Assistant. Motion: Riebe, Second: Crary, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

To approve the land swap with Maura Garrity. Motion: Crotty, Second: Crary, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

15. ADJOURN (7:35 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Granzow, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Chad Abram
City Administrator