



Common Council

Regular Meeting

Final Minutes

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<https://www.deperewi.gov/>

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

7:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor James Boyd.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dan Carpenter	Aldersperson	Present	
Mike Eserkaln	Aldersperson	Present	
Pamela Gantz	Aldersperson	Present	
Jonathon Hansen	Aldersperson	Present	
Amy Chandik Kundinger	Aldersperson	Present	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Aldersperson	Present	
Devin Peroock	Aldersperson	Present	
John Quigley	Aldersperson	Present	
James Boyd	Mayor	Present	

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Approval of the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Common Council meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Aldersperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Peroock, Quigley

4. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Common Council. §6-3(f) DPMC

None.

5. Commendation for honoring Claire Pribyl.

Mayor Boyd announced that this item will be moved to a future meeting because the honoree could not attend tonight.

6. Proclamation for Wisconsin Stormwater Week September 21-29, 2024.

7. Presentation from the De Pere Beautification Committee.

Eben Erhard and Sue Walsh from the De Pere Beautification Committee reviewed the group's activities over the past year. They recognized the members of the committee, volunteers, business donors, and City staff for their support and hard work. Erhard and

Walsh announced they are teaming with a mail order bulb company that partners with non-profit groups; the Beautification Committee will receive 25% of the total cost of orders placed. They hope to raise enough funds to plant 700 daffodils for next spring in conjunction with the NFL Draft.

8. Recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee to approve 2025 Non-Benefit Eligible Employees Wage Scale.

Human Resources Director Shannon Metzler answered questions about the proposal. She noted that when a retired employee comes back to a similar position at their previous wage, staff's intention would be to have them follow the same wage scale increases in the proposed four-step plan and then be eligible for cost-of-living increases after that.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderperson
SECONDER:	John Quigley, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley

9. Ordinance #24-18 A Charter Ordinance Creating Chapter 3 City Manager Plan and Various Corresponding Amendments to the De Pere Municipal Code.

Alderperson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderperson Ledvina to open the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously. Dr. Mike Ford, Professor of Public Administration at UW-Oshkosh, answered questions from Council members. Discussion followed regarding the difference in chief executive officer authority between the two forms of government. Council members requested that they be involved earlier in the budget process if the city manager form of government is approved. Dr. Ford confirmed that Council members would no longer vote to approve department head appointments under the city manager format. Staff would initiate the recruitment process and assemble an interview panel; alderpersons and/or the mayor could be included on that panel. Dr. Ford also confirmed that the city manager would present monthly reports to Council, and that alderpersons could request a specific format for these reports if they wish. City Attorney Tony Wachewicz reported that if a future Council ever wanted to revert back to the city administrator form of government, they would follow the same process of enacting a charter ordinance. Dr. Ford explained that under the city manager format, the mayor is essentially the Council president and must be a voting member so there would be a total of nine voting members on the Council. The mayor would no longer hold veto power, and there would also be a deputy mayor instead of the Council president as there is currently. Discussion followed regarding the timing of election cycles under the proposed three-year terms of office. Staff noted that the charter ordinance requires a two-thirds majority in favor to be adopted. Alderperson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderperson Gantz to close the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Devin Perock, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley

10. Resolution #24-84 Approval of a \$1,200 grant from NEWRTAC to purchase bike helmets to give away at Bike Rodeo Safety Events.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunderling, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kunderling, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley

11. Resolution #24-85 Authorizing Backup Internet Service Subscription with TDS Telecommunications LLC.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Devin Perock, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kunderling, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley

12. Resolution #24-86 Approving Annuity Internal Exchange/Transfer Request Authorizing Pelion Benefits, Inc. to Establish Life Insurance Company of Southwest Annuity Contract for FICA Alternative Retirement Plan.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Devin Perock, Alderperson
SECONDER:	John Quigley, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kunderling, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley

13. Resolution #24-87 Approving Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the City of De Pere (Weights and Measures Program).

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kunderling, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley

14. Resolution #24-88 Approving Grant Agreement Modification to Divisions of Public Health Contract No. 62109-3.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Pamela Gantz, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kunderling, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley

15. Resolution #24-89 Granting a Planning Option to Purchase to Jim Cornell Plumbing LLC (East De Pere Business Park; Part of Parcel ED-2313-1).

Development Services Director Dan Lindstrom reported that the applicant has not applied for TID assistance yet. If the option to purchase is exercised, they could ask for it during

negotiations of the developers' agreement. Lindstrom acknowledged that the selling price per acre has been at \$30,000 for a while now; staff will be presenting revised appraisals at a future Finance-Personnel Committee meeting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Devin Perock, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley

16. Future agenda items.
None.

17. Consideration and Possible Action on Screening City Administrator Applications.
Alderperson Gantz moved, seconded by Alderperson Quigley to go into closed session at 8:31 PM. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
Alderperson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderperson Gantz to return to open session at 10:01 PM. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

18. Adjournment.

Alderperson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderperson Ledvina to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Danen, City Clerk