



Common Council

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<http://www.de-pere.org>

Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

7:30 PM

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	Alderman	Present	
Mike Eserkaln	Alderman	Present	
Jonathon Hansen	Alderman	Present	
Amy Chandik Kunding	Alderman	Present	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Alderman	Present	
Casey Nelson	Alderman	Present	
Dean Raasch	Alderman	Present	
Kelly Ruh	Alderman	Present	
James Boyd	Mayor	Present	

2. Approval of the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Common Council meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderman
SECONDER:	Casey Nelson, Alderman
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

3. Public Hearing on a request to rezone Parcels WD-57, WD-67 and WD-70-1 at Fort Howard Avenue, located directly east and northeast of the Fort Howard Avenue and Parkview Dr intersection, from I-3 PDD (General Industrial District with a Planned Development Overlay) to a revised I-3 PDD.

A. Notice of Public Hearing.

City Clerk Carey Danen reported that the notice of public hearing was published in the Green Bay Press-Gazette on September 1 and September 8, 2020.

B. Recommendation from the Plan Commission.

Development Services Director Dan Lindstrom reviewed the items in the revised Planned Development District and the conditions requested by staff. He explained that Brown County is revising their master plan, and that these items will come back for a future Precise Implementation Plan review by the Plan Commission and Council.

C. Ordinance #20-13 Rezoning Certain Property I-3 PDD General Industrial District with a Planned Development District overlay to Revised I-3 PDD (Parcels WD-57, WD-67 and WD-70-1; 1500 Fort Howard Avenue).

Mayor Boyd declared the public hearing open. No one wished to speak and he then declared the hearing closed. Alderman Raasch moved, seconded by Alderman

Carpenter to adopt the ordinance based on the recommendation of the Plan Commission, with the amendment that the gravel drive areas must be hard surface.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

4. Consideration and Possible Approval of \$1,450 Donation from Baycare Clinic Foundation to Police for Bleeding Control Kits.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Nelson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Mike Eserkaln, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

5. Recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee to Increase 2020 wage rates for Chief Election Inspector & Election Inspector.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Nelson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Jonathon Hansen, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

6. Consideration and acceptance of fish sculpture donation from Definitely De Pere (approximate value of \$8,000).

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

7. Recommendation from the Board of Public Works to approve Definitely De Pere's Request for Permanent Fish Sculpture Location at the corner of George Street and Wisconsin Street

RESULT:	APPROVED [7 TO 1]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Casey Nelson, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh
NAYS:	Jonathon Hansen

8. Recommendation from the Board of Public Works to approve award of Contract 20-20 Commerce Drive Utility Extension to Peters Concrete Co. in the amount of \$168,557.15

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

9. Recommendation from the License Committee on the application for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License for De Pere Deacons Hockey Team, Inc. (DBA De Pere Deacons Hockey), 450 Ft. Howard Av. Submitted by De Pere Deacons Hockey Team, Inc: Agent David Lepp De Pere, WI.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

10. Resolution #20-98 Authorizing Redevelopment Agreement Between Cobblestone Hotel Development, LLC and the City of De Pere (Main Avenue and North 5th Street).

Alderperson Carpenter stated that when Council approved the feasibility study, he thought they were told the City would be reimbursed for the cost of the study. City Administrator Larry Delo said that Cobblestone required the City to do a generic study that would be applicable to any hotel group; he noted that the City has provided that study to other interested hotels.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

11. Resolution #20-99 A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of \$8,340,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020A, and All Related Details.

Finance Director-Treasurer Joe Zegers reviewed the items included in the 2020 borrowing program. Justin Fisher from Baird reported that the City received an AA2 rating from Moody's, noting that the City has a strong fund balance and is in a strong financial position. The final interest rate for the tax exempt financing is 0.97%, and for the taxable side is 1.24%.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Kelly Ruh, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

12. Resolution #20-100 A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Sale and Issuance of \$2,657,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020B, and All Related Details.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

13. Resolution #20-101 Authorizing Amendment to Boat Launch Fees.

Parks Director Marty Kosobucki fielded questions from Council members and reported that daily fees average \$45-55,000 per year; the City's portion of season pass fees averages \$15-20,000 annually. Alderperson Carpenter asked if the City should be getting more than 5% for having three of the launches covered by the pass. Marty explained that the proportion of the cut was calculated from the results of a head count conducted at each launch. Alderperson Hansen asked if staff would recommend trying to renegotiate the percentage; Marty stated that the results of the head count were favorable to the City.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Kelly Ruh, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

14. Resolution #20-102 Authorizing Amendment to Division of Public Health DPH Contract #43561-3.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Nelson, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderperson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

15. COVID-19 update from Health Department.

Health Director Deborah Armbruster reviewed the most recent COVID-19 statistics and answered Council members' questions. She reported that the Legal Department had researched Alderperson Carpenter's question about reporting businesses with positive COVID cases; both the County and the state Department of Health Services stated that they do not publicize businesses with positive cases. The City of La Crosse does publish that information, which was included in the agenda packet.

Debbie stated that the City's health department conducts a thorough investigation of all businesses with a positive case to ensure compliance. She would only consider publishing if they did not comply.

Alderperson Raasch asked if the City or private businesses have to report positive cases to OSHA; City Attorney Judy Schmidt-Lehman replied that the Legal Department can look into that question.

Alderperson Carpenter requested that the Health Department include school district numbers in the daily reports. Debbie replied that she can do the school numbers on a weekly basis, because gathering those figures is a little more burdensome.

16. Operator License Applications.

Alderson Carpenter moved, seconded by Alderson Eserkaln to approve New Operator applications #1-6. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

17. Voucher approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

18. Future agenda items.

Alderson Raasch requested information on the costs incurred by the two protests that went through the City of De Pere recently, and potential fines that could have been imposed by failing to obtain a special event permit. City Attorney Judy Schmidt-Lehman said that the Legal Department has been preparing information for the Police Department on that topic, which can be shared with Council members once completed.

19. Resolution #20-103 Ratifying Contract with the De Pere Professional Firefighter's Association – IAFF Local #141.

Alderson Kunding moved, seconded by Alderson Nelson to close the meeting at 8:45 PM. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderson Raasch moved, seconded by Alderson Carpenter to open the meeting at 8:50 PM. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderson
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter, Alderson
AYES:	Carpenter, Eserkaln, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Nelson, Raasch, Ruh

20. Adjournment.

Alderson Raasch moved, seconded by Alderson Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Danen, City Clerk