



Common Council

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

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	Excused	
Pamela Gantz	Aldersperson	Present	
Jonathon Hansen	Aldersperson	Present	
Amy Chandik Kundinger	Aldersperson	Present	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Aldersperson	Present	
Devin Perock	Aldersperson	Present	
John Quigley	Aldersperson	Present	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Present	
James Boyd	Mayor	Present	

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2022 Common Council meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz, Aldersperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

4. Public Hearing to act on a discontinuance of a public thoroughfare at 1891 & 1895 Commerce Dr, adjacent to parcels ED-344-102-4 and ED-344-102.

A. Notice of Public Hearing.

City Clerk Carey Danen reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Green Bay Press Times on May 13, May 20, and May 27, 2022.

B. Recommendation from the Plan Commission.

Development Services Director Dan Lindstrom reported that this request is related to business park improvements. Commerce Drive is currently being extended, and when that is completed the cul de sac bulb will be vacated. Mayor Boyd declared the public hearing open; no one wished to speak so he declared the hearing closed.

C. Resolution #22-31 Regarding the Vacation of a Portion of a Public Thoroughfare (Right-of-Way Discontinuance at 1891 and 1895 Commerce Drive Adjacent to Parcels ED-344-102-4 and ED-344-102).

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Devin Perock, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

5. 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.
6. Presentation on the East River Watershed Resilience Project.

Kayla Wandsnider, East River Resilience Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy, provided an overview of the project. Maps showing one-year precipitation amounts under high and low lake levels, as well as 100- and 500- year flooding projections, were distributed to Council members. These maps are also available on The Nature Conservancy's website. Ms. Wandsnider reported that De Pere's priorities based on the community self-assessment were to update zoning codes, and implement nature-based flood design features like bioswales and native plants for bank stabilization. The next steps for the project include continuing cross-boundary communication & coordination, community level planning, partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers on flood mitigation projects and forecasting, and a project to designate the East River as a water trail. Ms. Wandsnider also fielded questions from staff and Council members.
7. Update Regarding Ongoing Complaints at Voyageur Park.

Police Chief Muraski reviewed the information he provided in his memo to Council, stating that 212 of the 287 calls for service to Voyageur Park year-to-date were self-initiated, because police officers have been doing more patrols of the park. Seventy-five calls were initiated by members of the public; twelve resulted in full reports, and seven of these led to citations, mostly for disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle (squealing tires, etc.). The Police Department is really trying to encourage people to call while things are actually happening in the park. Steps taken by the Police Department include: a zero-tolerance campaign which began last year; a recent community engagement meeting held at the library; the deployment of the new surveillance trailer at the park; additional funding for Community Service Officers (CSOs) for 35 hours per week; and the implementation of the new bike patrol.

Assistant City Attorney Kristen Johnson reported that the Legal Department has researched potential ideas as well, including installation of new signage restricting parking, and the implementation of an ordinance which would prohibit trespassing/loitering in City-owned parking lots.

Alderperson Kunding said people are disheartened that issues have continued despite the efforts that have been invested, and spoke in favor of the suggested loitering ordinance. She asked how the number of service calls to Voyageur compares to other

City parks. Chief Muraski said they do get significantly more calls to Voyageur; the same amenities that draw visitors are also drawing troublemakers. Jeremy said their hope is that the surveillance trailer will make residents feel it's worthwhile to call, because the police can take action even if an officer wasn't present at the time. Alderperson Ledvina questioned if a potential loitering ordinance would only push the problems into the park itself; Jeremy noted that most of the problems have been vehicle-based.

Discussion followed regarding the implementation of overtime for bike patrol to address problems, as well as concerns whether loitering enforcement could push the problems to other City parks, and/or negatively impact people who have a legitimate reason to sit in their cars (i.e., grandparents watching their kids play or a person on their lunch break.)

Alderperson Gantz asked how many of the 75 resident-initiated calls were related to the "trucking" group. Jeremy did not have that information, but he noted that but they do record anyone who gets a citation so they can escalate to a park eviction if they come back. The group is not always the same, but is typically comprised of young adults ages 16-23, from all over the region.

Alderperson Quigley asked about the deployment of the CSOs. Jeremy said they are not 100% dedicated to Voyageur; Parks Department staff are able to request them if there's an event somewhere else, for example. He reported that the new CSOs have only been in place for about a week.

Alderperson Hansen asked if the six-month park ban should be extended. Jeremy explained that it can be doubled to 12 months if someone violates the ban. Council members and staff agreed that a combination of efforts is needed to be effective, such as issuing citations, community engagement, surveillance, and aggressive observation tactics, especially with summer break starting. Alderperson Raasch advocated for an aggressive approach, explaining that he has witnessed the group actually sitting on the surveillance trailer rather than it serving as a deterrent.

Alderperson Hansen moved, seconded by Alderperson Kunding to open the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously. Resident Brenda Busch said that she has lived adjacent to the park for eleven years; these problems did not start until the summer of 2020. She is disheartened that the troublemakers are disrespecting the taxpayer dollars that have been spent to address the problem. She noted that she and her neighbors are weary of making calls because it doesn't seem to provide quick results. Ms. Busch asked what authority the CSOs have; Jeremy said they can write parking tickets but can't make arrests. They do have police radios to get an officer on site when needed. She stated that her biggest concern is that a child will be hit by one of the trucks as they speed out of the parking lot. She also described a recent incident when she had a guest at her home, who found her car was completely parked in when she attempted to leave. Both women were intimidated to approach her car. She also noted that she no longer goes down to the park in the evening because of these issues. Alderperson Raasch moved, seconded by Alderperson Ledvina to close the meeting. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderperson Kunding asked staff to look into text messaging apps that residents could use to report problems. Alderperson Ledvina asked the police chief what number citizens should call to report an incident, and he indicated that it is acceptable to call 911.

8. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to Accept an \$800 Donation from De Pere Optimists for Beer Gardens.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kundinger, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

9. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to Accept a \$300 Donation from De Pere Men's Club for Summer Carnival.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Jonathon Hansen, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

10. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to Approve Request from Mathewson Monuments for Reimbursement of \$750 expense for the VFW Monument and for the funds to come from Unassigned Reserves.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

11. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to Approve Contingency Plan for Hours of Operation of Swimming Pools.

Alderperson Hansen asked whether a pool manager has been found. Parks Director Marty Kosobucki reported that they have hired someone, but noted that the staffing situation continues to fluctuate daily.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

12. Recommendation from the License Committee on an application for a premises description change submitted by La Vie Taverne.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Pamela Gantz, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

13. Recommendation from the License Committee on an Application for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License for ESales, Inc. (DBA VIP Daiquiri Lounge) 308 Main Av. Submitted by ESales, LLC; Agent Tye Hartwell, De Pere, WI.

Mayor Boyd moved this item to be heard after agenda item #6.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Pamela Gantz, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Devin Perock, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

14. Recommendation from the License Committee on renewal applications for the licensing period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

A. Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor Licenses

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Devin Perock, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

B. Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Licenses

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Devin Perock, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

15. Resolution #22-49 Authorizing Agreement for Consulting Services Between the City of De Pere and McMahon Associates, Inc. (Nelson Family Pavilion Technical Design, Bidding and Construction Management).

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

16. Resolution #22-50 Approving Memorandum of Understanding for Locally Hosting an X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Device for Lead Abatement Projects Between the City of De Pere Health Department and State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Lead-Safe Homes Program (LSHP).

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen, Alderperson
SECONDER:	John Quigley, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

17. Resolution #22-51 Redirecting Excess Stadium Tax Allocation from the Streetscape Allocation to the Public Art Allocation.

Alderperson Hansen reported that he talked to Public Works Director Scott Thoresen about potential locations for the sculptures; Definitely De Pere's Public Arts Committee is currently considering five potential sites. He asked if Council will need to approve the final locations once they have narrowed it down to three. Definitely De Pere Board member Alexis Arnold and City Administrator Larry Delo confirmed this. He also asked about the \$30,000 for public art identified in Definitely De Pere' memo. Larry explained that there is already \$5,000 in the public art fund, so only \$25,000 needs to be transferred from streetscapes. Finally, Alderperson Hansen asked if the three sculptures selected by the Public Arts Committee will require Council signoff; Larry indicated they will not. Alderperson Raasch asked if the relocation of the existing sculpture outside of Pasquale's will be funded from public art allocation; it will not.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

18. Resolution #22-52 Awarding Official City Newspaper Contract.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kundinger, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

19. Resolution #22-53 Authorizing Agreement for Consulting Services Between the City of De Pere and Avant Acoustics, LLC (Noise Consultant Services).

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Quigley, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

20. Voucher approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Gantz, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Perock, Quigley, Raasch
EXCUSED:	Dan Carpenter

21. Future agenda items.

Alderperson Hansen requested that the Legal Department draft an ordinance to prohibit loitering in City-owned parking lots. He also asked if staff could present ideas on how to use the remaining \$35,000 of stadium tax revenue funds. City Administrator Larry Delo suggested that this could be done as part of the 2023 budget process.

22. Adjournment.

Alderperson Raasch moved, seconded by Alderperson Ledvina to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Danen, City Clerk