

**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN – MAY 8, 2012**

The Common Council of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, met in special session at the Council Chambers in City Hall on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Alderpersons Kevin Bauer, Scott Crevier, Jim Kneiszel, Larry Lueck, Dan Robinson, Michael Donovan and Kathy Van Vonderen. Alderperson James Boyd was excused.

Item 2A. Discuss Riverwalk Change Order #5 to Janke General Contractors, Inc.

Alderperson Bauer moved, seconded by Alderperson Crevier, to approve Riverwalk Change Order #5 to Janke General Contractors, Inc.

Marty Kosobucki provided a staff report.

Alderperson Donovan questioned whether more advanced notice could be available for change orders. Marty Kosobucki indicated the project is near its end and didn't anticipate any more significant change orders.

Discussion ensued on the timing for the removal of the barges and completion of the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Preparation of 2013 City of De Pere Budget. The City Council and Mayor discussed the various items listed on the work outline for the meeting. The group did not make any decisions regarding any of the items listed on the plan. The City Council identified the following items as areas they would like to see more information about: 1) Request for some level of analysis showing impact of 2011 reductions to services; 2) Clear wording for a referendum if a referendum is recommended; 3) Have services with fees be self-sustaining through their own fees; 4) Continue to pay for short term capital items from the General Fund; 5) If a referendum is implemented, identify its impact to the property tax levy under the State levy limit; 6) Provide a comparison of De Pere with other communities for total debt and debt per capita; 7) Revise the seven year CIP and provide to council; 8) Revise methods used to get citizen engagement.

Item 2B. Discuss request for conflict waiver – Stellpflug Law Firm. Alderperson Lueck moved, seconded by Alderperson Robinson, to convene in closed session at 7:27 p.m. pursuant to §19.85(1)(g) regarding Item 2B., Discuss request for conflict waiver – Stellpflug Law Firm. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderperson Crevier moved, seconded by Alderperson Donovan, to reconvene in open session at 7:32 p.m. pursuant to §19.83 and 19.85(2). Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderperson Donovan motioned, seconded by Alderperson Lueck, to deny claim. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Alderperson Donovan, seconded by Alderperson Van Vonderen, the Common Council unanimously adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Delo
City Administrator