

**CITY OF RIPON
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
Monday, August 25, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to order/roll call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation – Jeremy Vander Galien
- III. Approval of agenda
- IV. Public communications and comment
- V. Resolution – recognizing/commending Officer Randy Butters for his service

(NOTE: At this time, there will be a 10-minute break for visiting and refreshments)

- VI. Consent calendar
 - 1. Operator License for the 2014/2015 licensing period (see attached listing)
- VII. Action items
 - 1. Ordinance – Amend subsection 8.04.010(C) Definition of Kennel
(Staff note: Current ordinance defines kennel as any establishment where 3 or more dogs or cats are kept for breeding, selling or sporting purposes. Brian Hansen, 524 Scott Street, is requesting the definition of kennel be changed to 4 or more dogs or cats. Staff has no objections.)
 - 2. Reconsider operator license denied on June 10th – Jeffrey Wills
(Staff note: Upon staff's recommendation, the Council denied Mr. Wills' operator license renewal application, due to the fact that he was convicted of, and currently has a charge pending, for two Operating While Intoxicated offenses within the last 7 years (2013 and 2014). The denial was in accordance with Guideline #3 of the City's standard policy, a copy of which is attached. Mr. Wills wishes to appeal this decision.)
 - 3. The following business has applied in the City of Ripon for "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license for the 2014-2015 licensing year: Zuzaks Enterprises Inc., (trade name) Zuzaks, 119 Watson Street, Ripon, WI 54971, John P. Maczuzak, W12677 Olden Rd, Ripon, Agent.
(Staff note: The City's guidelines for the issuance or denial of a liquor license is attached. If council approves this license, the City will still have 3 available "Class B" licenses left.)

4. Request for street closures – Chamber (Septemberfest)
(Staff note: The Ripon Chamber of Commerce is seeking approval of street closures, parking restrictions, and open intoxicants in conjunction with its Septemberfest event on September 20th. Staff has concerns about the open intoxicant request and recommends beer tents similar to past years. See attached memo from the Police Chief.)
5. Request for street closure – Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County
(Staff note: The Volunteer Center of FDL County is seeking approval of street closure and parking restrictions in conjunction with its “Kickin’ Up Kolor” family fun run/walk on Saturday, September 20th from 8 a.m. to noon. Seward Street would be closed from Watson to Woodside, and Woodside and Ransom Streets from Seward to Thorne. Staff has no objections.)
6. Request for street closure – Commonwealth Management Corp.
(Staff note: Commonwealth is requesting the closure of Jefferson Street from Harris Street to the City Hall parking lot on Wednesday, October 1st, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to allow them to have residents moving in drive directly up to their front door without causing traffic safety issues. Staff recommends approval.)
7. Consider Ripon Public Library Story Walk Proposal
(Staff note: As outlined in the attached proposal, the Library would like to install a Story Walk on the Northwestern Trail, to be funded and maintained by the Friends of the Ripon Public Library. Linda DeCramer will be present tonight to address any questions. Staff has no objections, but has concerns about vandalism.)
8. Resolution – authorizing limited bowhunting within the City limits
(Staff note: During the past 7 years, a group of local bowhunters, called “Team Ripon” has removed 93 deer, including 8 in 2013. The numbers have remained steady, and the general consensus of the Team is that bowhunting be allowed again this year, in an attempt to keep thinning the herd.)

VIII. Discussion items

1. Review and discuss staff’s proposed 5-year capital improvements plan
(Staff note: We update our 5-year capital plan annually to keep it current with changing needs and available funds. Attached is staff’s list of capital expenses proposed for 2015-19. If this looks acceptable, staff will work on funding options as we begin work on the 2015 operating budget.)
2. Watson Street reconstruction project
(Staff note: As noted in the attached memo from the Public Works Director Watson Street is scheduled to be rebuilt over the next two to three years, and the current width of Watson is 40 feet. Recommendation is to reduce the width to 36 feet.)
3. Downtown sidewalk repairs
(Staff note: On July 21st the council discussed the cost to repair the sidewalks in the downtown area. Public Works Director and City Administrator met with the Ripon Main Street Board and will provide an update.)

- IX. Project updates & staff reports
- X. Mayor's communications and appointments
 - 1. Appoint member of Library board
 - 2. Appoint member of Plan Commission
 - 3. Appoint member of Foundation for RMC Board
- XI. Agenda items for future Council meetings
- XII. Adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility"

RE: Residency request under existing contract with police department union

Adjourn to closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written evidence concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved"

RE: Notice of claim for damages – Ripon Renew, Inc. and James P. Connelly

RE: Granite Broadband, LLC litigation

RE: FF/NN Landfill further remediation

RE: Proposed revisions to Foundation for RMC bylaws

Council will also review minutes from the closed sessions on 6/23/2014 for accuracy.