

**CITY OF RIPON
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
Conference Room, City Hall
Tuesday, October 14, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order/roll call
2. 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: Ripon Renew Inc. Development Agreement

Adjourn to closed session Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session”

RE: Consider amendment to offer to purchase city-owned property
(933 Newbury and 830, 836, 904 and 910 Metomen)

Council will also review minutes from the closed session on 8/25/2014 for accuracy.

3. Adjourn (by 6:55 p.m.)

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7:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to order/roll call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation - Josh Pegrim
- III. Approval of agenda
- IV. Public communications and comment
- V. Public hearing – Proposed collaboration with Agnesian for enhanced ambulance services
- VI. Accept informational reports from standing committees and staff

1. Common Council minutes – July 8, July 21, August 21 Committee of the Whole, August 25, September 9, October 2
2. Historic Preservation minutes – July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7
3. Loan Review minutes – September 24, October 7
4. Ripon Public Library minutes – July 29, August 26, September 30
5. Park & Recreation minutes – August 27, September 24
6. Building Inspector report – July, August, September
7. EMS report – July, August, September
8. Public Works report - September
9. Ripon Area Fire District report – June, July, August, September
10. Ripon Taxi – June, July, August, September
11. Water Utility report – August, September
12. Senior Center report – August, September
13. City Administrator report – August, September
14. City Administration reports
 - a. Treasurer’s report – July and August
 - b. Budget report – July and August
 - c. Check register – September

VII. Consent calendar

1. Operator Licenses for the 2014/2015 licensing period (see attached listing)
2. The following business has applied for a Taxicab Operator License within the City of Ripon for the 2014/2015 licensing period: Brown Cab Service Inc., 313 Watson St, Ste D, Ripon, WI 54971, Karl J Schulte, 735 Madison Ave, Fort Atkinson, WI, Agent.
3. Change of Agent: Kwik Trip, Inc. (trade name) Kwik Trip #392, 1123 W Fond du Lac St, Thomas A. Hultman, 566 Lyon St, Ripon WI 54971, Agent

VIII. Action Items

1. Review snowmobile trail
(Staff note: Last year the snowmobile club requested permission from the City to designate a new official snowmobile trail, which would cross Oshkosh Street near Redman Drive. Council approved the new trail, subject to review in one year. Staff has no concerns.)
2. Ordinance –Create Subsection 12.34.015 Underage Persons Under the Influence
3. Ordinance –Repeal 6.34.015 Prohibited
(Staff note: The above two ordinances move the “Under the Influence” ordinance out of the “Outdoor Premises/Beer Garden” section of the code and into the “Intoxicants” section of the code, which is a more appropriate location. Staff recommends approval of this item, which is a housekeeping item and is not substantive.)
4. Request for street closures – Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club
(Staff note: The Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club is seeking approval of street closures and parking restrictions in conjunction with its Children’s Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 25th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. See attached memo and map. Staff has no objections.)
5. Request for loan from the City’s revolving loan fund – Dabble Art Studio
(Staff note: On September 24th, the Loan Review Board voted to recommend that the Council make a \$20,000 loan to Dabble Art Studio jeanmarie, LLC, for expenses related to the acquisition of an additional kiln and expansion of retail inventory. This loan would be at 4% interest for a 5-year term, 7 year amortization, subject to renegotiation after 5 years, with equipment and inventory as collateral. Staff recommends approval.)

6. Request for loan from the City's revolving loan fund – Ripon Family Restaurant
(Staff note: On October 7th, the Loan Review Board voted to recommend that the Council make a \$100,000 loan to Ripon Family Restaurant, for expenses related to the renovation of the business, including expanding the equipment and menu to include pizza. This loan would be for 7 years at 4%, with equipment inventory and real estate as collateral. Staff recommends approval.)
7. Park & Recreation Committee minutes – August 27th
 - a. Policy for Park & Recreation Temporary Advertising
(Staff note: On August 27th the Park & Recreation Committee recommended approval of the attached Policy for Park & Recreation Temporary Advertising. The Park & Recreation Committee seeks Council's approval.)
8. Resolution – Writing off certain delinquent personal property tax accounts
(Staff note: Annually, staff brings forward a list of personal property tax bills recommended to write off, as they are uncollectible for various reasons. They were reviewed with the City Attorney before drafting the attached resolution.)
9. Authorize submission of the annual federal and state taxicab grant applications
(Staff note: Each year, the City submits federal and state taxicab grant requests, which cover 65% of Ripon Taxi's costs. The deadline for submission is October 15th and staff seeks Council authorization to submit the grant applications.)
10. Reconsider local historic designation for Haas Brewery Stable
(Staff note: On February 11, 2014, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended local historic designation for the Haas Brewery Stable. Council directed the Commission to investigate if the building is structurally sound and give ideas of potential uses of the building to the Council. Per the attached memo the Commission's recommendation is to "mothball" the structure.)
11. Downtown sidewalk repairs
(Staff note: On September 10th a public meeting was held to discuss the repair of the sidewalks in the downtown area. Strong concerns were expressed about liability and public safety, so staff recommends commencing repairs this fall if possible, but due to the lack of available contractors some repairs may have to wait until spring. A quote from Safe Step for the east side of Watson is attached. Ripon Main Street, Inc. is contacting consultants about designing a streetscaping plan.)

- IX. Project updates & staff reports
- X. Mayor's communications and appointments
 1. Appoint member of Library Board
- XI. Agenda items for future Council meetings
- XII. Adjourn