

AGENDA FOR A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021
7:00 PM, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SECOND FLOOR, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MASKS AND DISTANCING OBSERVED

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Council Vice President, Sharon Kuhl
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 1. To consider and discuss a proposal submitted by United Bridge Partners (UBP for acquisition of the Parkersburg memorial Bridge.
- IV. RISE AND REPORT TO COUNCIL
- V. ADJOURN



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PRESS RELEASE

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Thomas Joyce, Mayor

A special meeting will be held by Parkersburg City Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and discuss a proposal submitted by United Bridge Partners for acquisition of the Parkersburg Memorial Bridge. The City solicited bids, and United Bridge Partners (UBP) was the only entity which submitted a bid. The proposal by UBP has been reviewed in detail by a committee of qualified individuals appointed by the City, which after a thorough analysis has favorably recommended acceptance.

United Bridge Partners is a U.S. based owner/operator of bridges with a focus primarily on replacement and rehabilitation of existing bridges. Bridge projects have been undertaken by UBP in Joliet, Illinois, Bay City, Michigan, East Chicago, Indiana, and Chesapeake, Virginia.

If the proposal is approved by City Council, a formal transfer of ownership of the Memorial Bridge will occur in the near future, at which time the City of Parkersburg will receive the sum of four million dollars for the sale. After the transfer of ownership, UBP will then commence a comprehensive rehabilitation and improvement of the bridge. During the period of rehabilitation, the City will continue the same toll operations, and the City will perform usual and ordinary maintenance, such as street cleaning and snow removal. Toll workers will continue to be employed by the City. The costs of City services and employees during the rehabilitation period will be fully paid from the toll revenues or reimbursed by UBP. The cost of bridge tolls to the public will not be increased during the rehabilitation period.

Upon completion of rehabilitation, UBP will assume full and complete responsibility to operate and maintain the bridge, and tolls will thereafter be collected electronically via transponder or pay-by-plate invoice.

Representatives of United Bridge Partners will be attending the meeting to explain their plans and answer questions from members of City Council. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Copies of the financial bid, executive summary, and technical proposal are available for review at the City Clerk's office in the City Building during normal business hours.