

Minutes of the Common Council – 2 February 2010

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin was held on Tuesday February 2nd, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Mayor, Karl Steiner, called the meeting to order, with Council Members Jaaren Riebe and Becky Hackett absent.

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION

Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements

MOTION-SECOND

Munson-Hemmer

VOTE

10-0

Pledge of Allegiance

No action required

VII. New Business

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION

B. Jaycees Flea Market at St. Feriole Island – June 17-20

The Park Board approved the usage of the park at their January 20th meeting. Representatives of the event were present to discuss the event with the Council.

MOTION-SECOND

Hein-Munson

VOTE

10-0

To grant permission

C. Rendezvous – June 13-20

The Park Board approved the usage of the park at their January 20th meeting. Representatives of the event were present to answer any questions of the Council.

Titlbach-Pintz

10-0

To grant permission

A. Skate Board Committee Presentation - Chili Dinner

The Committee sought approval to host a chili lunch on February 19th from noon to 2 PM, with the proceeds going to funding for the skateboard park.

Hein-Wayne

10-0

To grant permission

I. Public Hearings, Presentations and input: NONE

II. Consideration of Consent Agenda: Ruskey requested that Item B be pulled from the agenda:

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – January 19th, 2010 Meeting.

C. CHANGE OF AGENT – Prairie Fresh Market, 700 East Blackhawk Avenue, AGENT – Ted Mitsakopoulos

D. AMENDMENT TO LIQUOR APPLICATION – Change the name of “Tausch Distributing Company” to “Preferred Distributors, LLC” and change the agent to Keith Kimball, 38037 Industrial Blvd.

MOTION-SECOND

Pintz-Hein

VOTE

10-0

To approve

III. Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION

B. PARK MINUTES – January 20th, 2010 meeting

MOTION-SECOND

Hein-Hemmer

VOTE

10-0

To approve

Ruskey questioned the Park Director on an item involving the possible sale of alcohol at Hoffman Hall. The City Administrator’s opinion was that the approval of the minutes does not constitute any endorsement of that policy, but is simply a reflection of the historical

and accurate record of the meeting.

IV. Citizens' Comments, Observations, Petitions, and Public Input - NONE

V. Committee Reports and Action.

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION

A. Personnel Committee Report – Draft description of Assistant Deputy Clerk

MOTION-SECOND

Wayne-Pintz
To approve

VOTE

10-0

The committee discussed the various job responsibilities under this position at their meeting on January 26th. A draft description of the job was provided to the Council for discussion.

B. Finance Committee Report

The committee met prior to today's Council meeting to review and approve the claims.

Pintz-Hein
To allow Ruskey to
abstain from vote
Pintz-Hemmer
To approve

10-0

9-0-1 (Ruskey
abstaining)

VI. Old Business - NONE

VII. New Business

AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION

D. Tree Removal – Permission for Alliant Energy

As part of the upcoming bypass project, Alliant Energy needs to remove at least one tree on city-owned property north of Wells and south of Glenn Street, at no cost to the city. If the council has no objections, the city administrator will notify Alliant Energy that they have permission to remove the tree(s).

MOTION-SECOND

Pintz-Solomon
To grant permission

VOTE

10-0

E. Request for funding to conduct a commuter bus feasibility study
The Council is being asked to review and take action on undertaking a commuter bus service feasibility study and to direct staff to prepare and issue a request for proposals for conducting the study.

Wayne-Hein
To move forward
with drafting request
for proposals

10-0

F. Review and take action on staff recommendations for Council and Mayor appointments to Downtown Revolving Loan Commission and directing the Commission to finalize draft guidelines for the loan fund to present to Council for review and approval.

Ruskey-Pintz
To table item

10-0

Council members expressed concern over some of the choices and the lack of a complete roster of names to approve

G. Contract with MSA for real estate services for Marquette Road

Titlbach-Pintz
To give City
Administrator
permission to
negotiate new
contract for March
2010-2011

10-0

Last March, the Council, by a 10-2 vote, approved a contract with MSA for real estate services for the Marquette Road DOT Project contingent upon DOT approval and resolution of jurisdictional transfer issues. That contract will expire in March 2010. Glenn Speich, project development and real estate acquisition specialist for MSA, is requesting a 12-month extension of the contract at no cost to the city of Prairie du Chien. If the Council is agreeable, the City

Administrator will negotiate with MSA on the new contract and present it to the Council for re-consideration.

H. Complete Count Committee for Census 2010

Ruskey-Solomon

10-0

Mayor Steiner has been asked to appoint Bob Moses, Linda Munson, Paul Ginkel and Linda Ginkel to this committee. Since the drafting of the agenda, Moses contacted the City Administrator to say his schedule would not permit him to participate. Councilmember Sharon Boylan offered her services, and was appointed by the Mayor

I. ORDINANCE repealing and recreating Section 1.46 of the Municipal Code for the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin.

Titlbach-Munson

10-0

This ordinance would change and merge polling places for the Spring Election. The council was asked to amend the ordinance so it would take effect on February 17th.

To approve with

amendment to

change effective date

to February 17th 2010

J. CLOSED SESSION as per Wisconsin State Statutes, Chapter 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchase of Public Properties, or Conducting other Specified Business, whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons require a Closed Session, for possible development.

Hemmer-Solomon

10-0 (805 PM)

To approve

K. Reconvene into Open Session.

Pintz-Titlbach

10-0 (845 PM)

To approve

L. Action on aforesaid Closed Session.

Wayne-Ames

5-5 (Ruskey, Pintz, Munson, Hein and Hemmer voting no)

The motion was to issue a check to Eagle Country LLC in the amount of \$10,000, plus accrued interest, for a liquor license the entity applied for in 2008. No other action on any items were taken.

To approve issuance

of check with interest

Mayor Steiner broke the tie by casting a yes vote

M. Adjourn.

Pintz-Hein

10-0 (851 PM)

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer