

## **Minutes of the Common Council – 16 March 2010**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin was held on Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Karl Steiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Becky Hackett and Jaaren Riebe absent

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW AGENDA REQUIREMENTS**

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 10-0 (Hackett and Riebe absent)

NOW: Riebe arrived at 7:04 PM

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **I. PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INPUT**

A. RESOLUTIONS – Honoring Judy Lee for her 27 years of service to the city

ACTION: To approve

MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

#### **II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – March 2nd 2010

B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES – February 15th 2010

C. ETHICS BOARD MINUTES – February 8th 2010

D. ETHICS BOARD MINUTES – February 22nd 2010

E. PARK BOARD MINUTES – December 16th 2009

Riebe requested that items C and D be pulled from the consent agenda

ACTION: To approve items A, B and E

MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

#### **III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

C. ETHICS BOARD MINUTES – February 8th 2010

D. ETHICS BOARD MINUTES – February 22nd 2010

ACTION: To permit Jaaren Riebe and Dave Hemmer to abstain from the vote

MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Riebe and Hemmer abstaining, Hackett absent)

ACTION: To approve items C and D

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Riebe and Hemmer abstaining, Hackett absent)

#### **IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC INPUT**

None

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS**

##### **A. ETHICS BOARD – RECOMMENDATION ON ETHICS COMPLAINT AGAINST MAYOR KARL STEINER**

ACTION: To permit Jaaren Riebe and Dave Hemmer to abstain

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Munson VOTE: 9-0 (Riebe and Hemmer abstaining, Hackett absent)

ACTION: To approve the Ethics Board findings that the mayor violated the City Charter (Chapter 4, Section 20) and appears to have violated State Statute 12.09 (3) (Election Threats), therefore putting him in violation of the City Ethics Code 1.07 (2) and recommending to the Council that the mayor be publicly reprimanded and be required to publicly apologize to Maxwell Erickson in the local media and at the next Council meeting.

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Munson VOTE: 7-2 (Solomon and Wayne opposed, Riebe and Hemmer abstaining, Hackett absent)

##### **B. FINANCE COMMITTEE - APPROVAL TO BID - Tourism Center Roof**

ACTION: To approve the committee report and bid out the project

MOTION: Ruskey SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE - APPROVAL TO BID – Library Roof

ACTION: To approve the committee report and bid out the project

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Munson VOTE: 10-1 (Hein opposed, Hackett absent)

D. FINANCE COMMITTEE - EXPENSE REQUEST – Mayor Steiner

ACTION: To permit Dave Hemmer to abstain from the vote

MOTION: Munson SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0 (Hemmer abstaining, Hackett absent)

ACTION: To permit Jaaren Riebe to abstain from the vote

MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Ames VOTE: 9-0 (Hemmer and Riebe abstaining, Hackett absent)

ACTION: To approve the committee report and reject the request

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 7-2 (Boylen and Pintz opposed, Riebe and Hemmer abstaining, Hackett absent)

E. FINANCE COMMITTEE - REQUEST TO EXPEND FUNDS – Hoffman Hall

This item was tabled until New Business, Item B

F. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - FIRE DEPARTMENT WAIVER – D’Wayne Koecke

ACTION: To approve the committee report and grant the waiver

MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

G. PROPERTY COMMITTEE - APPROVAL OF SALE – One-ton truck

ACTION: To approve the committee report and sell the truck to Blackhawk Auto Sales for \$2,150

MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. MOTION TO RESCIND – City Hall Usage Policy

Jamie Quick spoke on this matter before the Council

ACTION: To approve the request from Councilmember Hackett to rescind the March 2nd Council approval of the City Hall Usage Policy and send the item to the Property Committee

MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 7-4 (Ruskey, Wayne, Solomon, Pintz opposed; Hackett absent)

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. PERMISSION TO HOLD THE PRAIRIE DU CHIEN HALF MARATHON

ACTION: To grant permission to hold the event on May 1<sup>st</sup>

MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

E. FINANCE COMMITTEE - REQUEST TO EXPEND FUNDS – Hoffman Hall (Moved from committee reports)

ACTION: To table the request and hold a special council meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss Hoffman Hall

MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

B. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR HOFFMAN HALL

ACTION: To approve the grant

MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Hein VOTE: 8-3 (Solomon, Wayne, Pintz opposed; Hackett absent)

C. CLOSED SESSION as per Wisconsin State Statutes

ACTION: To move into closed session at 8:05 PM

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

D. Reconvene into Open Session

ACTION: To reconvene at 8:25 PM in open session

MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

E. Action on aforesaid Closed Session

ACTION: To approve the agreement with Scott and Jill Scheckler for a downtown hotel development

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

ACTION: To approve the Personnel Committee recommendation to hire Cassie Rickleff for the position of Assistant Deputy Clerk

MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-1 (Boylen opposed, Hackett absent)

**F. ADJOURN (8:26 PM)**

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 11-0 (Hackett absent)

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer