

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council – 31 March 2010

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin was held on Wednesday March 31st 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Karl Steiner called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Joe Ruskey and Kathleen Hein absent

CERTIFICATION OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW AGENDA REQUIREMENTS

MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 10-0 (Ruskey and Hein absent)

NOW: Hein arrived at 6:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INPUT

None

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

None

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

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

None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE – Claims (NOTE: The Finance Committee met prior to tonight's meeting.)

ACTION: To approve

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. COUNCIL – Mayoral Apology to Officer Maxwell Erickson

ACTION: To accept the Mayor's apology

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

B. MAYORAL REPRIMAND

ACTION: To permit Dave Hemmer to abstain from the vote

MOTION: Munson SECOND: Boylen VOTE: 10-0 (Ruskey absent)

NOTE: Joe Ruskey arrived at 6:10 PM

ACTION: To waive the reading of the reprimand

MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Munson VOTE: 4-7 (Ruskey, Riebe, Ames, Hackett, Boylen, Pintz, Hein opposed – Hemmer abstaining)

Due to the failure of the motion, the City Administrator read the reprimand into the record.

ACTION: To approve the reprimand

MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Ruskey VOTE: 11-0 (Hemmer abstaining)

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

ACTION: To combine this with the next item on the agenda

MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Ruskey VOTE: 12-0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. HOFFMAN HALL – Discussion on future

Public discussion was held with the following people publicly addressing the Council – Kathryn Lenz (1417 South 11th Street), Steve Miller (676 North Wacouta), Mike Thompson (615 South Illinois), Dr. Michael Garrity (425 South Buchanan), Eric Temte (7087 South Beaumont), Jeri Kluesner (1003 South 10th), Ron Shipley, Tom Nelson (128 South Prairie), David Nelson (122 South 10th), Brian Edward (President – Prairie du Chien School Board, Town of Bridgeport)

ACTION: To expend no more than \$5,000 with HSR to do a final analysis and summary of the projected expenses to remodel and modernize Hoffman Hall and the projected post-improvement annual expenses and to spend no more than \$20,000 to do a feasibility study on a capital campaign to raise between \$1.5 and \$3 million for the Hoffman Hall project. The funds to come from the city's Capital Reserve Fund.

MOTION: Hein **SECOND:** Munson **VOTE:** 9-3 (Ruskey, Wayne and Solomon opposed)

ADJOURN (7:30 PM)

MOTION: Riebe **SECOND:** Hemmer **VOTE:** 12-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer