

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council – 15 June 2010**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday June 15th 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order.

**Call to order/Roll Call** – Absent – Jaaren Riebe. One vacancy

**Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements** - MOTION: Munson SECOND: Ames  
VOTE: 10-0 (Riebe absent, one vacancy)

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Frank Pintz

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

#### **D. PRESENTATION – Mississippi River Sculpture Park**

Florence Bird discussed the recent activity at the Park, the impact of the Lochner Building fire on their project, and asked for the city's support of a grant application.)

NOTE: Jaaren Riebe arrived at 7:07 PM

#### **E. APPROVAL of aforesaid item**

ACTION: To direct city staff to send a letter of support for the Mississippi River Sculpture Park grant application MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### **F. PRESENTATION – Blackhawk Challenge**

Mel Dow from the Prairie du Chien Wrestling Club discussed the event, and asked for permission to hold part of the event on city streets.

#### **G. APPROVAL of aforesaid item**

ACTION: To approve the use of city streets for the Blackhawk Challenge MOTION: Hein SECOND: Wayne  
VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **E. TEMPORARY CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE – Interstate EMS**

Staff was asking for council approval to have the mayor sign a temporary service agreement lasting through the end of this year, with Tri-State EMS serving as the back-up ambulance provider. Considerable discussion was held with the following people speaking – Sue Koresh (Prairie du Chien EMS), Richard Barrette (Prairie du Chien EMS), Mary Burgess (Wauzeka EMS), Lori Wall, Dan Kusssmaul (Interstate EMS), Deb Kusssmaul (Interstate EMS), Jeff Johnson (Prairie du Chien EMS), Tammy Benish (Prairie du Chien EMS), Nicky Simons (Wisconsin EMT-Basic Program Coordinator). Recent response issues, as well as Prairie du Chien EMS's loss of their medical director (Dr. Boisvert) on June 11<sup>th</sup>, were discussed and reviewed. ACTION: To approve the temporary contract with Interstate EMS through December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010  
MOTION: Hein SECOND: Wayne VOTE: 8-3 (Pintz, Boylen and Finn opposed. One vacancy)

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

#### **F. PUBLIC WORKS - Walking Trail Grant Application**

This project would be through the Department of Transportation Enhancement Program.

#### **G. PUBLIC WORKS – Tourism Center Upgrade Application**

This project would be through the Department of Transportation Enhancement Program. The additions would include "green" modifications, a conference room/meeting place, and additional display space. Terry Meyer discussed both projects ACTION: To move forward with the application process on both projects  
MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### **I. PUBLIC WORKS – Proposed Slow No Wake Ordinance**

Staff is seeking permission to have the city attorney draft an ordinance creating a slow no wake zone on waters north of the Highway 18 bridge. The zone would temporary for the Country on the River event in August, and become permanent in August. Mike Cross from the DNR discussed the proposal and the

enforcement issues. ACTION: To direct the city attorney to draft the ordinance and bring it back for action by the Public Works Committee MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### H. PUBLIC WORKS – STP-Urban Grant Application

Staff is seeking permission to apply for STP-Urban Grant money through the state to finance improvement to Villa Louis Road from Blackhawk to the north end, Washington Street from Sixth Street to Villa Louis, and Vineyard from Highway 18 to Hillside Drive. Terry Meyer reviewed the projects. ACTION: To move forward with the application process MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### K. PUBLIC WORKS - Review of plans for loading rail cars

Staff reviewed the proposal, which involved the unloading and loading of sand will occur just south of the St. Feriole Ball diamond. The Public Works Board approve the plan for 12 months, contingent on a plan, to be brought back before the Committee on July 6<sup>th</sup>, which costs the city nothing, minimizes the impact on island activities, considers a vehicular tariff. ACTION: To confirm the Public Works Board motion MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### B. FINANCE COMMITTEE/PUBLIC WORKS - Washington Street Bridge Upgrade

This project would replace and modernize the Washington Street bridge to St. Feriole Island through stimulus funding. The city would be required to fund the engineering study, at roughly \$30,000-\$35,000. Terry Meyer reviewed the project. ACTION: To move forward with the engineering study MOTION: Ruskey SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-1 (Boylen opposed. One vacancy)

#### A. FINANCE COMMITTEE - Claims

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### C. FINANCE COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR TIF ASSISTANCE – Blair Dillman

Blair Dillman is requesting \$25,000 in assistance from TIF #6 to construct a road and bridge to access Prairie Sand and Gravel from Cliffwood Drive. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### D. FINANCE - Asbestos Assessment at Blackhawk Apartments

The Housing Authority has requested support for this asbestos assessment. The council had agreed to such support last year but it was not needed. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### E. FINANCE - PDRI/Revolving Loan Fund Proposal

Under the proposal from the city administrator, the city would take \$30,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to eliminate a prior debt to the city by PDRI, return \$15,000 to PDRI to make good on a 2009 budgetary oversight, and release the funds for loan applications. The PDRI Board approved the proposal late last month. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Ruskey SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### M. PERSONNEL – Union Agreement Regarding Acting Police Chief Chad Abram

The union has drafted a memo regarding the appointment of an acting police chief. The Acting Chief and City Administrator discussed the impact of the union requests on department operations, and were comfortable with the request. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### J. PUBLIC WORKS – Parking near prison

#### L. PUBLIC WORKS - Mailboxes/Parking Stall on Beaumont Road adjacent to Post Office

These items were tabled at the committee level and no action was taken

#### N. PROTECTION AND HEALTH - Ordinance relating to the harboring of certain dogs, namely pit bulls

Mayor Hemmer was asking the committee to discuss and review a proposed ordinance dealing with pit bulls, based on the City of Cassville's current ordinance. The committee decided to go in a different

direction and remove pit bulls from the list of vicious dogs in the City Code. As this was not agendized as such on the Committee agenda, it will need to be brought back at a different meeting. No action taken.

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

#### **A. PRESENTATION - Prairie du Chien Fire Fighters Women's Auxiliary Street Dance**

#### **B. APPROVAL of aforesaid item**

The City Administrator said these items are being tabled until July 6<sup>th</sup> so the Park Board can act on the request on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **C. PERMISSION – Chamber of Commerce Fireworks**

The Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking permission to use the beach area on St. Feriole Island for their July 10<sup>th</sup> annual fireworks display. ACTION: To grant permission MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

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

#### **A. COUNCIL MINUTES – June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**

#### **B. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – May 19<sup>th</sup> 2010**

#### **C. FINANCE COMMITTEE – June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**

#### **D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – May 19<sup>th</sup> 2010**

#### **E. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD – May 12<sup>th</sup> 2010**

#### **F. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE – May 17<sup>th</sup> 2010**

#### **G. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – May 5<sup>th</sup> 2010**

#### **H. PROTECTION AND HEALTH – May 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

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

None

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

None

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. VACANCY IN FIRST ALDERMANIC DISTRICT**

No one has come forward to apply for the seat vacated by Becky Hackett. Staff was recommending either extending the deadline to July 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> or leaving the seat vacant until the next election in April 2011.

ACTION: To extend the deadline to July 6<sup>th</sup> MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### **B. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH TID #7 AMENDMENT**

The Council is being asked to proceed with designating TID #7 as "distressed", which is permissible under a new state law. This will allow for sharing of revenue from TID #6. ACTION: To move forward with designating TID #7 as distressed MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### **C. RESOLUTION 2010-14**

This resolution approves boundaries of a redevelopment area, declaring redevelopment area a blighted area, and approving redevelopment plan. ACTION: To approve the resolution MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

#### **D. RESOLUTION 2010-15**

This resolution approves the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin - Sheckler Hotel and Convention Center Project ACTION: To approve the resolution MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

**F. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The closed session is to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

RE: Appeal of residency requirement

RE: Purchase of property – Prairie Maison

Prior to the vote, the City Administrator said no action or discussion will take place on the Prairie Maison issue. ACTION: To go into closed session at 8:45 PM MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (One vacancy)

NOTE: Pintz left the closed session at 9:40 PM

**G. CONVENE into open session**

ACTION: To convene in open session at 10:15 PM MOTION: Munson SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-0 (One vacancy, Pintz absent)

**H. ACTION from aforesaid closed session**

ACTION: To table the request for a waiver of the residency requirement MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0 (One vacancy, Pintz absent)

**VIII. ADJOURN (10:17 PM)**

MOTION: Ruskey SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0 (One vacancy, Pintz absent)

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer