

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council – 3 August 2010

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday August 3rd 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 – Jean Titlbach

Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements - MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames

VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by the Boy Scouts

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INPUT

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed TID No. 7 Project Plan Amendment designating the TID as “Distressed”

Mayor Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM. Kurt Muchow from Verbicher reviewed the amendment to the TID #7 plan. Drew Johnson, Superintendent of the Prairie du Chien School District, spoke regarding the district’s concerns over the amendment. Hemmer closed the hearing at 7:19 PM.

B. ACTION – RESOLUTION 2010-22 - Proposed TID No. 7 Project Plan Amendment designating the TID as “Distressed”

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

C. ACTION – RESOLUTION 2010-21 - Proposed TID No. 6 Project Plan Amendment allowing TID No.6 to share surplus revenue with TID NO. 7

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-1 (Boylen voting no, Titlbach absent)

D. PERMISSION – Prairie du Chien Homecoming 2010 Time and Route

Superintendent Johnson was present to discuss the route and times for this year’s parade. ACTION: To approve the time and route of the parade MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

F. APPROVAL - Eagle Scout Woodrow Fulcher

The request was to build a Log Cabin play shelter for youth at Lochner Park at no cost to the city. Fulcher was present to address questions and present his proposal. ACTION: To approve the proposal from Woodrow Fulcher MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

E. PRESENTATION – Hoffman Hall Capital Campaign Committee

Steve Kline and Elizabeth Pancratz, from the firm of Leslie Kline Lucas, made a PowerPoint presentation on their findings and discussed their recommendations for the Capital Campaign. Dale Hein also spoke on the possibilities of grant money coming from the 3M Foundation if the city made a commitment to keep the facility open. Pam Ritchie, chairperson of the Hoffman Hall Capital Campaign, spoke and requested moving forward with a \$2 million capital campaign. Also speaking on the issue – Tom Farrell, Catherine Lenz, Jerry Cummings, Randi Kluesner, Bryan Edwards, Michele Olsen, Nate Gilberts and Becky Hackett. Considerable discussion was held on the costs of retaining Leslie Kline Lucas, the impact on the tax levy of keeping the facility open, and the feasibility of a capital campaign.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

B. ACTION – Accepting the Report of the Hoffman Hall Capital Campaign Committee

ACTION: To accept the report MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Future of Hoffman Hall Capital Campaign

The recommendation was to go forward with the campaign, to run through September 1st 2011, and approve spending a base contractual rate of \$89,500 plus expenses with Leslie Kline Lucas to direct the campaign. ACTION: To move forward with the capital campaign for Hoffman Hall to raise \$1.5 to \$2 million MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 8-3 (Ruskey, Pintz and Solomon voting no, Titlbach absent)

NOTE: At this time, a motion to take a 5-minute adjournment from 9:05 PM to 9:10 PM was made ACTION: To adjourn for five minutes MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ruskey VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INPUT

G. APPROVAL - United States Tennis Association Grant

This \$1,000 grant, for the Parks and Recreation Department, will be used for equipment and materials for a Tennis backboard at Hoffman Hall courts. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

H. APPROVAL - National Recreation and Parks Association/ Recreation Boating and Fishing Association's Take-Me-Fishing Grant

This grant of \$5000 to the Parks and Recreation Department, which is one of only 70 given out to entire country, are earmarked for canoe, kayak, and trailer purchases. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

I. PERMISSION - Prairie du Chien Fire Fighters Women's Auxiliary Street Dance

The Council earlier approved the event for September 25th on St. Feriole Island. Due to a scheduling conflict, the Council is being asked to approve a move of the event to September 11th. ACTION: To approve the change in the date of the event to Saturday September 11th MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – July 20th 2010

B. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – July 7th 2010

C. JOINT REVIEW BOARD – August 6th 2008

D. LARIVIERE BOARD – June 9th 2010

E. PARK BOARD – June 16th 2010

F. FINANCE COMMITTEE – July 19th 2010

G. PROTECTION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – July 1st 2010

H. PROPERTY COMMITTEE – July 6th 2010

I. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – July 1st 2010

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

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

None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims Report

ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Mueller VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

B. FINANCE - Amendments to 2010 Budget

Staff has reviewed the 6-month data for the 2010 budget, and has made some proposed amendments to more accurately reflect the financial trends of the city. The portions of the budget amended were the City Administrator Budget and the City Clerk Treasurer's Office. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

C. PROTECTION AND HEALTH – Amendments to 2010 Budget

Staff has reviewed the 6-month data for the 2010 budget, and has made some proposed amendments to more accurately reflect the financial trends of the city. The portions of the budget amended were the Police Budget and the Fire Protection Budget. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

D. PROPERTY – Selling two Police Department vehicles

Police Chief Abram is requesting permission to sell two vehicles - the Blue Econoline Van and the Green Truck that was seized in 2005. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

NOTE: Pintz and Ruskey left the meeting at 9:29 PM

E. PROPERTY - Proposal to Trade Land

Blair Dillman has approached the staff about a land swap involving property by the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The committee had recommended that staff investigate the proposal and report back to the committee. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Finn VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

F. PERSONNEL - Job Description for City Attorney

This description will be approved as Ordinance 2010-12. The motion approved the following language to the draft included in the council packet: Nothing in this section shall prevent the City Attorney from representing clients other than the City of Prairie du Chien so long as said representation does not conflict with his representation of the City nor is in conflict with the Canons of Ethics of the American Bar Association or the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin now in effect and as hereafter amended. ACTION: To Ordinance 2010-12 MOTION: Ames SECOND: Hein VOTE: 7-2 (Finn and Riebe voting no, Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

G. PUBLIC WORKS – To bid Ultraviolet disinfection system for the Wastewater Facility

The committee recommended moving ahead with the bidding. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

H. PUBLIC WORKS - Traffic control at 6th and Washington

This is a pedestrian request by Dave Brunner. The committee recommended placing a stop sign at the intersection of Sixth and Bolvin directed at southbound traffic. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

I. PUBLIC WORKS - Request to bid pulverizing and re-paving of East Pine and North State Street

Funding will come from TIF #1. The committee recommended proceeding with the bidding. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

J. PUBLIC WORKS - Noxious Weed Policy on City Land

This item was discussed at the committee level with no action item sent to the Council.

K PUBLIC WORKS - Traffic problems on St. Feriole Island

This item was covered in Agenda Item V-H, so no action was needed.

L. PUBLIC WORKS - Painting of curbs on Blackhawk Avenue

The committee recommended eliminating those parking spaces immediately adjacent to the intersections along Blackhawk Avenue from Main to Michigan, but not including those intersections. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Munson SECOND: Ames VOTE: 8-1 (Hein opposed, Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

M. FINANCE - ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS – Cecil Smith Backstop

The project was originally estimated to come in under \$5,000, but has slightly exceeded that amount, requiring approval by the Finance Committee. ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – City/County Building Commission

With the council considering a major upgrade of the current HVAC system at the courthouse, three members from the city needed to be appointed to the commission. The Mayor appointed Frank Pintz, Judeen Ames and Linda Munson. ACTION: To approve the appointments MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

D. CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: To go into closed session at 10:02 PM under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment....of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, namely contract with one employee (RE: Employment Contract for City Planner) and under State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (RE: Discussions related to negotiations with the City's Employee Unions). MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

E. RECONVENE into open session

ACTION: To convene into open session at 10:17 PM MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Titlbach and Pintz absent)

F. ACTION from closed session

ACTION: To approve the contract with City Planner Garth Frible MOTION: Munson SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

ACTION: To approve the negotiating team of Karen Solomon, Linda Munson and Joe Ruskey for the upcoming union contract discussions MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Finn VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

ACTION: To direct staff to draft a letter to the city's employee unions indicating a desire to begin negotiations on a contract for the period of 2011-2013 MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

VIII. ADJOURN (10:20 PM)

MOTION: Finn SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0 (Ruskey, Pintz and Titlbach absent)

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer