

## **Minutes of the Common Council – 18 January 2011**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order. **Call to order/Roll Call** – Jaaren Riebe absent **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements** – ACTION: To certify MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 (Riebe absent) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Jean Titlbach

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

#### **A. RESOLUTION 2011-04 – Honoring the Service of Norb Aschom and His Fifty Years of Broadcasting in Prairie du Chien**

This resolution will honor Norb for his 50 years of service and dedication in radio. A framed copy of the resolution was presented to Norb by Mayor Hemmer. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2011-04 MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Riebe absent)

#### **B. PRESENTATION – Legislative Update from State Senator Dan Kapanke** Senator Kapanke was unable to attend due to his schedule in Madison.

#### **C. UPDATE – Safe Routes to School**

The City Administrator informed the Council that recent changes to the state regulations had dramatically increased the costs of engineering for the project, and staff will be reviewing options for whether the project can move forward in the very near future.

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

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – January 4<sup>th</sup> 2011, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – January 4<sup>th</sup> 2011, C. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE – January 4<sup>th</sup> 2011, D. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – December 21<sup>st</sup> 2010, E. PROTECTION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – December 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 ACTION: To approve MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Riebe 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**

ACTION: To approve the Committee report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 10-0-1 (Ruskey abstained, Riebe absent)

#### **B. PROTECTION AND HEALTH - Proposed Change to Fire Department Vacation Policy**

A memo from the Fire Chief was included in the packet. ACTION: To approve the Committee report and increase the number of vacation days in a calendar year for firefighters from 21 to 30 MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 9-1-1 (Boylen opposed, Pintz abstained, Riebe absent)

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

The City Administrator asked for the following items to be tabled, with the Council to hold a special meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> to address items B, C and D.

#### **A. APPROVAL – Contract between city, Delta 3 and the Department of Transportation**

B. APPROVAL – Developer’s Agreement between the City of Prairie du Chien, Block 43 LLC, and Nelson’s True Value

C. APPROVAL – Resolution 2011-2

D. APPROVAL – Resolution 2011-3

ACTION: To table MOTION: Munson SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (Riebe absent)

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Possible Reduction of Council Size

The Council, on December 21<sup>st</sup>, voted to table the discussion until January 2011. Discussion was held on holding an advisory referendum in April. ACTION: To direct staff to draft language for an advisory referendum in April 2011 asking the voters if the council size should be reduced. MOTION: Ruskey SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Riebe absent)

**VIII. ADJOURN (7:30 PM)**

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

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

**RESOLUTION 2011-4**  
**HONORING THE SERVICE OF NORB ASCHOM AND HIS FIFTY YEARS**  
**BROADCASTING IN PRAIRIE DU CHIEN**

WHEREAS, Norbert Aschom is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a radio personality in Prairie du Chien; and

WHEREAS, Norb has been a steady and reliable source of news and information during his half century of work at WPRE, where he was hired on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1961, and at WQPC; and

WHEREAS, Norb has provided vital information to the residents of the community and the surrounding areas during stressful and devastating events, including, but certainly not limited to, the Flood of 1965, when he worked with other staff members, with determination and dedication, to insure that the radio station continued to broadcast from a temporary facility to provide much-needed emergency information; and

WHEREAS, the community of Prairie du Chien benefits from Norb’s many contributions to the community, including, but not limited to, the Prairie Catholic Schools and the American Cancer Society; as well as his nine years of public service on the Prairie du Chien Common Council;

NOW BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien does hereby commend and honor the 50 years of dedicated service provided by Norb Aschom to the residents of Prairie du Chien and the surrounding area through his work at WPRE and WQPC, and wish him many years of continued service.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011.

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Aaron Kramer, City Administrator

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David Hemmer, Mayor