

## **Minutes of the Common Council – 1 February 2011**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</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** – All present **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements** – ACTION: To certify MOTION: Munson SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Joe Ruskey

City Administrator Kramer introduced the city's intern, Emily Drinkwine, at this time.

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

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – Kennel License Application for Marie Noordhoek, 1530 South 11th Street**  
Mayor Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:06 PM. Marie and Leon Noordhoek were present and answered questions from the Council and staff. Hemmer closed the hearing at 7:35 PM.

#### **B. ACTION on aforesaid item**

ACTION: To table the item until the next Council meeting, have the Noordhoek's provide their most recent inspection information, and have staff view the premises MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 10-2 (Hein and Boylen opposed)

**C. PUBLIC HEARING - Vacation of that portion of Lessard Street abutting part of Blocks 53 and 54; Prairie du Chien Land Co. #1 Addition; City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin**  
Hemmer opened the hearing at 7:45 PM. Brent Postin (Spahn and Rose) spoke in support of the vacation. Bill Mezera (Delta Hotel) spoke in opposition. Hemmer closed the hearing at 7:59 PM

#### **D. ACTION on aforesaid item – Resolution 2010-01**

This resolution would vacate that portion of Lessard Street abutting part of Blocks 53 and 54; Prairie du Chien Land Co. #1 Addition; City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin. ACTION: To deny the Resolution MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

#### **F. PRESENTATION – Hoffman Hall Fundraising Campaign**

Pam Ritchie made the presentation. No action was taken.

#### **G. PRESENTATION - Big River Long Rifles**

No one was present due to the inclement weather.

#### **H. ACTION on aforesaid item**

ACTION: To table until February 16<sup>th</sup> MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

#### **I. PRESENTATION – Country on The River**

Chase Clausen and Scott Sheckler Junior made a presentation on the event.

#### **J. APPROVAL – Agreement between city and Country of the River for 2011**

ACTION: To approve an additional day of camping (Wednesday) for the 2011 Country on the River Event and direct staff to finalize the details of the agreement with the event organizers MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Hein VOTE: 12-0

#### **K. PRESENTATION – Hotel development**

J.D. Milburn from the Department of Commerce, along with Jill and Scott Sheckler and Dan Key, discussed the progress so far on the development of the hotel/convention complex in the downtown,

and explained some of the financial difficulties the investors have been having in securing private financing. No action was taken

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

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – January 25th 2011; B. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – January 18th 2011; C. FINANCE COMMITTEE – January 17th 2011 ACTION: To approve MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

## **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 MOTION: Hein SECOND: Finn VOTE: 12-0

### **B. FINANCE - Approval of TIF 6 funds to assist in the removal of an underground storage tank**

ACTION: To approve the committee report MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-1 (Boylen opposed)

### **C. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE – Ordinance 2011-01 (CREATING SECTION 12.31, SPECIAL EVENTS/PARADE PERMIT)**

### **D. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE – Ordinance 2011-02 (REPEALING SECTIONS 12.09 AND 12.10 AND CREATING SECTION 12.32, PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS, AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS LICENSE)**

### **E. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE – Ordinance 2011-03 (CREATING SECTION 12.33, FLEA MARKET LICENSE)**

### **F. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE – Ordinance 2011-04 (CREATING SECTION 12.34, STREET PARTY/CLOSURE PERMIT)**

### **G. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE – Ordinance 2011-05 (REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 12.13 – ANTIQUE AND COIN DEALERS)**

Pintz had several questions about some of the ordinances. ACTION: To approve all five ordinances MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-3 (Ruskey, Boylen and Pintz opposed)

### **H. PROTECTION AND HEALTH – Ordinance 2011-06 (CREATING SECTION 9.33, SOCIAL HOST)**

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

### **I. PROTECTION AND HEALTH – Ordinance 2011-07 (CREATING SECTION 9.041, SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA, USE, SALE, AND POSSESSION PROHIBITED)**

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 12-0

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. ADVISORY REFERENDUM – Reducing the size of the Common Council**

ACTION: To approve the following language for the April advisory referendum: “Do you support reducing the size of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien?” MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ruskey VOTE: 12-0

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Appointment of Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for Transit in the Parks Grant**

Staff is recommending a seven-member committee to oversee the trolley bus feasibility study. The recommended makeup of the committee, with each identified organization choosing its one representative, is as follows: City of Marquette, IA; City of McGregor, IA; McGregor-Marquette Chamber; PDRI; Effigy Mounds; Pikes Peak State Park; Wyalusing State Park. ACTION: To approve the Committee with the addition of the Prairie du Chien Chamber of Commerce MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Ruskey VOTE: 11-1 (Pintz opposed)

### **B. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e)**

No closed session was required.

## **VIII. ADJOURN (9:55 PM)**

MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer