

Minutes of the Common Council – 15 March 2011

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday March 1^{5th} 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. In the absence of Mayor Dave Hemmer, Council President Linda Munson called the meeting to order. **Call to order/Roll Call** – Jean Titlbach absent **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements** – ACTION: To certify MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Erwin Mueller

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INPUT

None

II. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – March 1st 2011, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – March 1st 2011, C. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD – January 12th 2011, D. POLICE DEPARTMENT BI-MONTHLY REPORT (January-February 2011)

Boylen requested Item C be pulled. ACTION: To approve the remaining items on the consent agenda MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

C. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD – January 12th 2011. Boylen questioned the item involving the sale of marketable trees in the park ACTION: To approve MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

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

Bob McDonald, president of the Prairie du Chien Economic Development Corporation (EDC), introduced Deano Pape, who is the facilitator for the EDC's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) project. The city administrator provided an update in the impact of the proposed state budget on the city finances.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-0-1 (Ruskey abstaining, Titlbach absent)

B. FINANCE - Bid Waiver Request for Aquatic Center Diving Boards

Staff is recommending the Council approve waiving the bid requirement and purchase the two boards from Carrico Aquatic Resources for \$6,230, lower than the \$8,500 budgeted for in 2011. ACTION: To approve the bid waiver MOTION: Ruskey SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 6-5 (Wayne, Solomon, Mueller, Boylen and Finn opposed, Titlbach absent) MOTION failed for lack of receiving a ¾ affirmative vote. ACTION: To authorize staff to bid out the project MOTION: Ruskey SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

C. FINANCE - Clean Towel Services Contract

Staff is recommending the city switch its service provider from Aramark to G-and-K Services. ACTION: To approve the switch in providers MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

ACTION: To approve the appointment of Curt Kramer to the Plan Commission, to fill the term of Laura Brown, expiring May 1st 2013, and to approve the appointments of Robert McDonald and Dale Klemme to the Crawford County Economic Development Council MOTION: Hein SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Amendment to 2006 Plant Location Agreement between City and Universal Forest Products

Staff is recommending the agreement be amended to remove the specific job requirements of the original agreement, if the company commits to a \$2 million expansion, which it has. ACTION: To approve the amendment MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 2010 Consumer Confidence Report for the Water Department

ACTION: To approve the 2010 Consumer Confidence Report and to commend the staff for the recent nomination of Larry Gates and the water system for awards at the Wisconsin Rural Water Association annual conference MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Review and action on real estate plat for Wisconsin Department of Transportation Project #1661-05-23, Marquette Road

ACTION: To approve the plat for WDOT Project #1661-05-23 and authorize the City Administrator to sign and record the plat MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-1 (Boylen opposed, Titlbach absent)

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Aerial Truck for the Fire Department

Staff has created a request for proposals for a new aerial truck, which includes financing through general fund and TIF funds. ACTION: To authorize staff to bid out the truck, with a cap of \$600,000 MOTION: Wayne SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 10-1 (Hein opposed, Titlbach absent)

F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Prairie Sand & Gravel change order request for Prairie Maison demolition

This is related to the extra 80 hours of handwork for Prairie Sand and Gravel related to the asbestos and subsequent material salvage. The change order is in the amount of \$3241.42 and this amount is already allocated in the funds transferred from TIF 6 for the project. ACTION: To approve the change order, with the money to be paid when the project is completed MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-1 (Boylen opposed, Titlbach absent)

G. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION under Wisconsin 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: Developers Agreement with Scott and Jill Sheckler ACTION: To adjourn into closed session at 8:00 PM MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)
Present in closed session – Scott and Jill Sheckler, Dan Key, J.D. Milburn

H. CONVENE into OPEN SESSION

ACTION: To convene into open session at 9:15 PM MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ruskey VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

I. ACTION from CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: To extend the developer's agreement with Scott and Jill Sheckler through August 1st 2011
MOTION: Finn SECOND: Wayne VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent) ACTION: To direct staff to develop
several financing options for municipal assistance for the proposed hotel and convention center
MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 10-1 (Munson opposed, Titlbach absent)

VIII. ADJOURN (9:20 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 (Titlbach absent)

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer