

## **Special Common Council Meeting – 12 May 2011**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Thursday May 12th 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order. **Call to order/Roll Call** – Riebe absent **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements** – ACTION: To certify MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 11-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Jean Titlbach

### **1. AUTHORIZATION TO BID - Replacement mower for the Street Department**

This purchase is to replace the Toro Groundskeeper mower that was destroyed in the November 2010 street shop fire-partial funding is from the insurance settlement. ACTION: To authorize bidding out for a replacement mower for the street department MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0

NOTE: Riebe arrived at 6:40 PM.

### **2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – City Contribution to the Proposed Hotel and Convention Center**

The Council, on May 3rd, rescinded its previous motion to provide up to \$845,000 in financing for the proposed hotel and convention center in downtown Prairie du Chien. Considerable discussion was held on the city's contribution to the project. ACTION: To approve the city providing \$500,000 from TIF #4 and \$345,000 from TIF #6 to Jill and Scott Sheckler for the development of a hotel and convention center in downtown Prairie du Chien, contingent on the following items, and all three items being completed by the first Council meeting in June: A) the bank financing the project provides the city with a letter stating their position that the city must contribute \$500,000 to the project, B) the city's contribution be spent last as the project develops, and C) the Shecklers agree to an amendment to their developer's agreement with the City that the project be assessed at no less than \$4,000,000, and, if the project assesses at less, the Shecklers will agree to a penalty equal to the total tax revenue of all taxing authorities not created. MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 4-8 (Thein, Wayne, Riebe, Solomon, Fleshner, Munson, Hein and Jones opposed)

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### **3. MOTION TO RESCIND – Capping of the Stratton Property**

On April 6th, the Council awarded the project to Prairie Sand and Gravel, for a price not to exceed \$5,000, to do the work on the downtown property, and for the work to be done by May 31st, and waive the requirement for three quotes. The developers are asking for the work to be delayed (see attached letter). A motion to rescind the April 6th action would be required to meet the developers' request. Due to the lateness of the meeting, the City Administrator asked that the item be tabled until the May 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. ACTION: To table MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

### **4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Capping of the Stratton Property**

No action was taken due to the previous item being tabled

**5. ADJOURNMENT (7:20 PM)**

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer