

Minutes of the Protection and Health Committee – 19 May 2011

A meeting of the Protection and Health Committee of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Thursday May 19th 2011 at 6:00 PM in Conference Room #2 of City Hall. Chairwoman Jean Titlbach called the meeting to order.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

All present. ALSO PRESENT – Jen Schultz (Courier-Press), Police Lieutenant Terry Sprosty

2. CERTIFICATION OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW AGENDA REQUIREMENTS

ACTION: To certify MOTION: Ames SECOND: Boylen VOTE: 5-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the March 1st 2011 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Thein SECOND: Fleshner VOTE: 5-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Regulation on the number of dogs/cats/pets in a residence

This item was referred to the Council at its April 19th meeting. Considerable discussion was held on what, if any, number of pets would be allowed in a residence, as well as how to regulate exotic and domestic animals. The City Administrator presented a proposal, which allowed for up to two dogs and/or three cats, as well as guidelines for grandfathering existing pets and a procedure for allowing residents to exceed the limit with their neighbors' permission. He stressed that this proposal is not being endorsed by the staff, but is simply a possible starting point for the discussion. The current state statutes and Crawford County regulations were also discussed. In the interest of time, the City Administrator asked if a poll of the committee members could be taken to determine if they wanted to move forward with the issue, and possibly direct staff to draft a proposal for them to consider. All five members felt there is no immediate problem or issue in the city with the number of dogs, cats or pets in residences, and did not wish to continue discussion on this proposal at this time. No formal action was taken.

5. ADJOURN (7:00 PM)

MOTION: Fleshner SECOND: Ames VOTE: 5-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer