

Committee of the Whole Meeting – 26 May 2011

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Thursday May 26th 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council President Linda Munson called the meeting to order. **Call to order/Roll Call** – All present **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements** – ACTION: To certify MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

I. ITEMS TO APPEAR ON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA:

Public Works Committee (Chaired by Mary Wayne)

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – City Snow Removal and Winter Parking Regulations

Staff reviewed the current city snow removal policy, and there were several questions about the speed of the snowplow operators, the priority of which areas are plowed, and the city parking lots. While no formal action was taken, the consensus of the body was to direct staff to investigate the costs of outsourcing the snowplowing at the airport, increasing the use of brine on Marquette Road, and possible methods of improving the snow removal from city parking lots. As for the winter parking regulations, staff said they had no specific recommendations, and none were made by the Committee members at this time.

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Future of Harbor Commission

Discussion was held on the current city ordinance and what the powers of the Harbor Commission were. Bill Howe, a member of the Harbor Commission, addressed the Committee on his concerns about abolishing the Commission, and discussed some of its previous work. ACTION: To recommend to the Council for its June 7th meeting that the Harbor Commission be abolished, at this time, and divide its responsibilities between the Park and Recreation Committee and the Public Works Committee MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 4-1 (Wayne opposed)

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Paving/Sealcoating of Former Temporary Road at Lessard Street

This road was used in 2004 as a temporary road during the “dynamite” incident. The Town of Bridgeport has requested on several occasions that the road be paved or sealcoated. Staff is not supportive of this request, due, in part, to the road not being platted and being on privately-owned land, and has sent a letter to the Town informing them of that position. ACTION: To recommend that the Council on June 7th deny the request of the Town of Bridgeport to pave the road MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 5-0

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Handicap-Accessible Modifications to the Old City Hall Building

A proposal from Mark Ihm to install the handicap ramp was passed out and discussed. ACTION: To recommend that the Council on June 7th approve the handicap-accessible modifications to the Old City Hall Building MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 5-0

Hein and Riebe left the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:10 PM

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Possible violations of the city setback ordinance at 1203 South Wacouta

Staff was seeking direction on what course the Committee would like them to take in regards to this situation. The recommendation is to require the property owner to have a survey done of the property in question. ACTION: To recommend that the Council on June 7th direct the item to the Board of Zoning Appeals MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 5-0

Fleshner left the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:26 PM

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – City Street Painting

The city has received an offer to do our street line painting from a private firm. Before moving forward, staff wanted direction on whether the Committee would like to move forward with the privatization of the work. ACTION: To recommend that the Council on June 7th direct staff to seek three quotes for the project, under the city's Purchasing and Bidding Ordinance, with the following streets to be considered: Marquette, Blackhawk, Iowa and Wisconsin MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 5-0

II. ADJOURN (8:50 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 9-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer