

## **Common Council Meeting – August 16th 2011**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</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** – Jaaren Riebe absent, one vacancy **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – ACTION: To certify and approve MOTION: Munson SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Linda Munson

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

**A. PRESENTATION** – Dr. Duane Ford, President, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College  
Dr. Ford addressed the Council and took questions. Also present was Katie Garrity, Dean of Health and Service Occupations, was also in attendance.

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS (Including items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment)**

**A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION** – Vacancy in the 3rd District  
Alderswoman Mary Wayne resigned from the seat on July 5th, with the term expiring in April 2012. As of Friday, one application from Kyle Kozelka was received. Kozelka addressed the Council on his application. ACTION: To appoint Kyle Kozelka to fill the remainder of the term in the Third District previously held by Mary Wayne MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Munson VOTE: 10-0

NOTE: At this time, the Oath of Office was administered, by the City Administrator, to Kyle Kozelka, and he was seated on the Council.

### **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. COMMON COUNCIL – August 2nd 2011, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – August 2nd 2011, C. BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS – April 19th 2010, D. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE – July 5th 2011, E. OPERATOR'S LICENSES MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 11-0

### **III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### **IV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

No action was taken

### **V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS**

#### **A. FINANCE – Claims**

Discussion was held on the invoices submitted by the City Attorney. ACTION: To approve the Committee report and approve the claims MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0

#### **B. AIRPORT BOARD - Airport Financial Conditions**

In July, the Common Council made a motion directing the Airport Board to develop a plan to make the airport a break-even or profitable operation. The Board of Airport Commissioners met on August 3rd, and the City Administrator, along with the Council representative, Ken Fleshner, reported to the

Council on their recommendations, which included the following: To recommend to the Council that the city's surcharge on fuel sales should be increased from \$.05 per gallon to \$.10 per gallon, to recommend to the Council that a market study of billboard prices in the area be done to determine a proposed rate increase when the current billboard leases expire in 2013, and to recommend to the Council that the current hangar leases include a 20 percent increase in rental charges when they come up for renewal, with an annual increase at the rate of the Consumer Price Index be added. No action was taken.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Proposed Docks and Boat Slips Along Riverwall on St. Feriole Island**

On July 19th, the Council approved the proposal from Blair Dillman for a one-year trial period in 2012, contingent on city staff negotiating several items, including maintenance and liability issues. The DNR has issued the permit for the docks, for a one-year trial in 2012. ACTION: To direct the City Attorney to draft an agreement with Blair Dillman/Prairie Sand and Gravel with the following conditions – 1) the docks cannot be placed prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, and must be removed no later than October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2) there be no overnight docking of boats, 3) the docks must be removed, at the request of the city, if the river levels exceed 15.5 feet, 4) a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy be purchased by Prairie Sand and Gravel/Blair Dillman prior to installation, and 5) Prairie Sand and Gravel/Blair Dillman comply with all requirements of the DNR permit MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hein VOTE: 8-2-1 (Fleshner and Pintz opposed, Kozelka abstained)

### **B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Proposed campground at Fort Fun/Wacouta Aquatic Pool**

The proposal was tabled at the last meeting. Since that meeting, Alderman Thein has withdrawn his proposal. ACTION: To deny the proposed campgrounds at the Fort Fun/Wacouta Aquatic Pool MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-3 (Fleshner, Pintz and Jones opposed)

### **C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Reducing the Size of the Council**

This item was directed to staff in April to develop possible scenarios for reducing the size of the Council. A memo from the City Administrator was included in the packet. The Council tabled the item at its August 2nd meeting. ACTION: To reduce the size of the Council MOTION: Hein. The motion died for a lack of a second, and no further action on this issue will be taken.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS (Including items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment)**

### **B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Public Works Action on Proposed Parking Lot Donation**

At its June 23rd meeting, the Public Works Committee voted to deny the proposal from Blair Dillman to build a parking lot at the intersection of Blackhawk and Second Street. Alderman Riebe has requested the item be brought before the full Council. ACTION: To table the item to a later date MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Munson VOTE: 9-2 (Solomon and Pintz opposed)

### **C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Closing of the Cedar Street Boat Landing**

At its July 5th meeting, the Council directed staff to develop a plan for improving the Villa Louis, Campion and Marina boat launches, and plan for the eventual closing of the Cedar Street and Fisher Street landings. Alderman Hein has requested that the Cedar Street landing issue be reviewed once again by the Council. Considerable discussion was held on the motion. ACTION: To rescind the motion to direct staff to develop a plan for improving the Villa Louis, Campion and Marina boat launches, and plan for the eventual closing of the Cedar Street and Fisher Street landings MOTION: Hein SECOND: Boylen VOTE: 8-3 (Solomon, Pintz and Titlbach opposed) ACTION: To send the

item back to the Public Works Committee for further discussion and action MOTION: Titlbach  
SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 10-1 (Solomon opposed)

**D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request for Proposals for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling and Yard Waste Program**

The city's current contract expires on December 31st 2011. This RFP would solicit proposals for a new five-year contract. ACTION: To send the item to the Protection and Health Committee for further discussion and action MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Boylen. After further discussion, Solomon and Boylen then withdrew their motion and second. ACTION: To approve and send out the RFP MOTION: Hein SECOND: Thein VOTE: 11-0

**E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Clean Sweep Program in 2012**

Staff is seeking council approval to apply for a Clean Sweep grant in 2012. The city would likely have to budget \$5-6,000 in the FY2012 budget. ACTION: To direct staff to apply for a Clean Sweep Grant in 2012 MOTION: Munson SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

**F. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment**

Pintz informed the Council the Firefighters' Association has collected nearly \$3,000 for the purchase of defibrillators, to be placed in various city buildings. Hein requested that Ordinance 2011-17 (CREATING SECTION 9.19(4) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING FISHING FROM THE WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE AND THE BLACKHAWK STREET BRIDGE), approved August 17<sup>th</sup> 2010, be brought back before the Council at its September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**IX. ADJOURN (8:45 PM)**

MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 11-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer