

## **Minutes of the Protection and Health Committee – September 27th 2011**

A meeting of the Protection and Health Committee of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday September 27th 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**

ABSENT – Ken Fleshner ALSO PRESENT – Mayor Dave Hemmer, Police Chief Chad Abram

### **2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda**

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Boylen VOTE: 4-0

### **3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the May 19th 2011 meeting**

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Thein VOTE: 4-0

### **4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Mayor’s Goals for Protection and Health Committee**

Mayor Hemmer asked the Committee to review the city’s current ordinances on nuisances, property maintenance and general appearance and make recommendations on changes, if needed. He also asked the Committee to take a pro-active approach in enforcing those ordinances. The Committee asked staff to pull together all of the current ordinances dealing with the issues mentioned above and report back to them. No formal action was taken.

### **5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – RFP for Garbage and Recycling Services**

Committee members were issued the bid packets and a score sheet for them to fill out. Members were asked to return the sheets to their next meeting, on Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, to review the scores and make a recommendation to the Council. Bids were received from the following companies: 1) Town and Country Sanitation (Boscobel, WI), 2) Southwest Sanitation (Viroqua, WI) and 3) Waste Management (Menomonee Falls, WI). No formal action was taken.

### **6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2011-27 (REPEALING SECTION 9.041 (SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA) AND REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 9.01 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS – STATE STATUTE ADOPTED))**

This proposed Ordinance would repeal the city ordinance on synthetic marijuana, which was adopted earlier this year, and adopt the state statute on synthetic cannabinoids as a city ordinance. The state statute became law earlier this summer. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2011-27, with one change – removing the section (9.941.23) referring to “Carrying Concealed Weapons”, and send to the Council for a vote on October 4th MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 4-0

### **7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2011-28 (REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 9.02 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (FIREARMS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS))**

This proposed Ordinance would bring the city’s Municipal Code into compliance with the state’s Conceal-Carry Law, which takes effect November 1<sup>st</sup>, and ban the possession of weapons in city buildings, unless a person is a sworn law enforcement officer, military personnel, or authorized by the Police Chief. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2011-28 and send to the Council for a vote on October 4<sup>th</sup> MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Thein VOTE: 4-0

### **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Regulation on the number of dogs/cats/pets in a residence and exotic animals in residences**

This item was referred back to the Committee at the September 6th meeting. Considerable discussion was held on a list of other municipal ordinances, the possible regulation of exotic and dangerous animals, and the possible restriction on the number of cats or dogs in a home. The Committee directed staff to draft an ordinance for them to consider which would address the regulation of exotic and dangerous animals in residences. When polled by the City Administrator on the issue of the restricting the number of cats and dogs in a home, Thein and Pintz said they did not support any limit, Titlbach said a combination of eight, Boylen said five. No formal action was taken.

**9. ADJOURN (7:20 PM)**

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Thein VOTE: 4-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer