

## **Common Council Meeting – October 18th 2011**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday October 18th 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** – All present **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – ACTION: To certify and approve MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mike Jones

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

#### **A. PRESENTATION – City’s Debt and TIF Finances**

Dave Anderson from PFM was present to discuss the city’s current debt portfolio, as well as the city’s TIF districts. He said the City had recently received an A1 rating from Moody’s, which was an improvement over the city’s previous bond rating, and refinanced \$1.215 million in bond earlier in the day for 1.3 percent interest. No official action taken.

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

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

#### **B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2011-32 (RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AWARDED THE SALE OF \$1,215,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2011)**

This will complete the city’s refinancing and borrowing action from earlier this year, which included the purchase of the new aerial truck for the fire department. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2011-32 and award the sale of \$1.215 million General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, to Banker’s Bank (Madison, WI) MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

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

#### **B. PRESENTATION - Preliminary Urban Forestry Plan**

Kelli Tuttle, Bluestem Forestry, presented the report, which outlined the challenges the city faces with the emerald ash borer, as well as the lack of diversity in the tree inventory. No official action taken.

#### **C. PRESENTATION – Rock on the River 2012**

Chase Clausen and Scott Sheckler, Junior, organizers of the event, were present to ask for Council approval to reserve the dates of July 13th and 14th 2012 for the event on St. Feriote Island, and open camping on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2011. A letter from Alicia Johll, opposing the dates, was entered into the record. Bob Moses (Prairie du Chien Chamber of Commerce) and Michael Douglass (Villa Louis) spoke in opposition of the proposed dates, due to the Chamber fireworks and War of 1812 Bicentennial events.

#### **D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION on aforesaid agenda item**

ACTION: To grant permission for Rock on The River to be held July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 3-9 (Thein, Kozelka, Ames, Solomon, Fleshner, Boylen, Titlbach, Munson and Hein opposed). Motion failed

#### **E. PRESENTATION - Proposed Snowmobile Trail in City Limits**

Rich Pica, Cliffhangers Snowmobile Club, was present to review the proposed snowmobile trail for the upcoming winter.

#### **F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION on aforesaid agenda item**

ACTION: To approve the proposed trail for 2012 MOTION: Hein SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 12-0

## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – October 4th 2011, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – October 4th 2011, C. DOWNTOWN REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE – October 4th 2011, D. AIRCRAFT HANGAR LEASE – A.G.T. Enterprises (Renewal), E. PARADE PERMIT (Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade) – To be held on Friday December 2nd 2011 at 5:30 PM

Solomon asked for item D to be pulled, Riebe asked for item C to be pulled. ACTION: To approve the remainder of the consent agenda MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 12-0

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

C. DOWNTOWN REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE – October 4th 2011 – Riebe asked if the Committee had met since, and the City Administrator said they had, on October 11<sup>th</sup>, but those minutes have not been approved yet. ACTION: To approve Item C of the Consent Agenda MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

D. AIRCRAFT HANGAR LEASE – A.G.T. Enterprises (Renewal) – Solomon wanted the lease to reflect the 20 percent increase proposed by the Airport Commission earlier this summer. The City Administrator said that recommendations, and others, had not been officially approved by the Council. ACTION: To reject the lease with A.G.T. Enterprises, and have Council vote on the Airport Commission recommendations at its next meeting MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

## **IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR’S REPORT** - No official action

## **V. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC INPUT** - None

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

### **A. FINANCE – Claims**

ACTION: To approve all except an \$85.11 check to the Bridgeport Sanitary District until staff can provide an explanation MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

### **B. FINANCE - Transfer of Water Department Funds**

ACTION: To approve the transfer of \$7,500 from the depreciation account to the redemption account MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

NOTE: Pintz left the meeting at 8:30 PM.

### **C. FINANCE - Proposed Changes to the City Health Insurance**

With a proposed 17 percent increase in the 2012 premium, the City Administrator has a series of proposed changes to the city health insurance program, all involving the financial side, while maintaining the current level of coverage. The Committee approved the changes on October 4th. ACTION: To approve the proposed changes to the city health insurance program MOTION: Munson SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

### **D. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE – Ordinance 2011-29 (CREATING CHAPTER 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (PERSONNEL ORDINANCE))**

This ordinance would codify the city’s personnel policies and practices. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2011-29 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Ordinance 2011-30 (REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 7.03 (4) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (SPEED LIMITS ON A PORTION OF WELLS STREET))

This ordinance would create a permanent 15 MPH speed limit on Wells Street from the intersection of Wells Street and Fremont Street to the East end of Wells Street. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2011-30 MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

**VII. OLD BUSINESS** - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2011-31 (AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING A PORTION OF THE ROOM TAX ORDINANCE)

This ordinance corrects an error in the room tax rate which was in Ordinance 2011-24, passed last month. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2011-31 MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-1 (Boylen opposed)

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2011-33 (OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 260, AMENDMENT OF WISCONSIN STATUTE 59.69 (3) (B))

This resolution would be forwarded to our State Legislators if approved by the Council. Assembly Bill 260 would eliminate the requirement that the county development plan include the master plan of any city or village, and, potentially, create conflict between master plans adopted by cities and villages and county development plans adopted by county zoning agencies. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2011-33 MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

D. DISCUSSION – Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment

Fleshner wanted a future discussion held on the contract with the Airport Manager.

NOTE: Jones left the meeting at 8:50 PM.

E. CLOSED SESSION (8:50 PM)

ACTION: To go into closed session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. RE: Discussions related to negotiations with the Prairie du Chien General Union MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 10-0

F. RECONVENE into open session (9:35 PM)

ACTION: To reconvene into open session MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

G. ACTION from closed session

None

**IX. ADJOURN (9:36 PM)**

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hein VOTE: 10-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

**ORDINANCES APPROVED:**

**\* 2011-29 - AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (PERSONNEL ORDINANCE)**

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**RESOLUTIONS APPROVED**

**\* 2011-32 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AWARDED THE SALE OF \$1,215,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2011**

**\* 2011-33 - OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 260, AMENDMENT OF WISCONSIN STATUTE 59.69 (3) (B)**