

Common Council Meeting – November 1st 2011

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday November 1st 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: Munson SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Jaaren Riebe

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Request from David & Daniel Beinborn (Beinborn Brothers Construction), 1100 South 7th Street, to rezone from R-1 “Low Density Residential” to R-2 “Medium Density Residential” Zoning District

The Plan Commission approved this request at its October 4th meeting. Mayor Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:06 PM. City Planner Frable provided an overview of the proposal. Dave Bauer (Dodgeville, part owner of 1111 South 8th Street) asked if a quadplex or other type of apartment could be built. Frable said the proposed rezoning would not permit that use. Boylen questioned Daniel Beinborn on other apartments in the neighborhood, but he could not provide that information. Hemmer closed the hearing at 7:12 PM.

B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item

ACTION: To approve the request to rezone from R-1 “Low Density Residential” to R-2 “Medium Density Residential” Zoning District MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – October 18th 2011, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – October 18th 2011, C. PARK BOARD – September 21st 2011, D. HOFFMAN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE – September 16th 2011, E. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – August 11th 2011, F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 29th 2011, E. OPERATOR’S LICENSES ACTION: To approve the consent agenda MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 12-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR’S REPORT – No formal action taken

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

ACTION: To approve the payment of \$85.11 to Bridgeport Sanitary District MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0 ACTION: To approve the remainder of the claims, minus two (2) \$50 claims for Interstate EMS for stand-by until more information is obtained from the City Administrator MOTION: Hein SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 12-0 ACTION: To require all expenditures through the remainder of the year be pre-approved by the City Administrator MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

B. FINANCE - Resolution 2011-34 (TRANSFERRING SURPLUS FUNDS FROM TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 5 (TID #5) TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 4 (TID #4))

The city owes the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) \$41,592 for the Main Street Streetscape. The remainder of the funds came from a grant. This resolution and the following will

allow for payment of the money owed to WDOT - \$23,372.54 from TIF 5 and \$18,219.46 from TIF 4. However, the TIF 5 support needs to be transferred to TIF 4 and then TIF 4 pays the \$41,592.
ACTION: To approve Resolution 2011-34 MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

C. FINANCE – Resolution 2011-35 (AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$41,592 OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 4 (TID #4) FUNDS TOWARD THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape EXTENSION ON MAIN STREET)

ACTION: To approve Resolution 2011-35 MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

D. PARK BOARD – Waiving Fees for Rendezvous

The Park Board on October 19th voted to have the city co-sponsor the event for the next two years and waive the fees charged for using the islands and shelters. This would result in roughly \$2,000 in less revenue for next year's and 2013's budget. Karla Witzig, treasure for the Long Rifles, was present to discuss the group's plans to solve its financial problems. ACTION: To waive the island rental and shelter fees for Rendezvous for 2012, and require the group to do educational programming and have education stations at the event, and report back to the Council before October 1st 2012 MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 11-1 (Ames opposed)

E. PUBLIC WORKS - Tree Inventory and Emerald Ash Borer Planning

The Committee recommended budgeting \$7,500 in the 2012 budget to begin this program, which includes treating and/or removing ash trees on public property, planting new trees, and hiring a part-time city forester. Earlier tonight, the Finance Committee voted to fund the program (\$7,500) in the 2012 budget ACTION: To approve the Public Works Committee report supporting the program MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Munson VOTE: 7-5 (Thein, Solomon, Fleshner, Boylen and Pintz opposed)

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Proposed 2012 Budget

ACTION: To set the Public Hearing on the 2012 budget for Tuesday November 29th at 7:15 PM MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Airport Fees

Earlier this year, the Airport Commission recommended a series of revenue increases at the airport. The Council accepted the report, but never took official action to adopt. ACTION: To approve the following changes: 1) the city's surcharge on fuel sales be increased from \$.05 per gallon to \$.10 per gallon when a new airport operator contract is signed, 2) 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 3) 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 MOTION: Fleshner SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

C. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment - None

D. CLOSED SESSION (8:14 PM)

ACTION: To go into closed session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment....of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises

responsibility, namely contract with one employee RE: Employment Contract with City Planner
MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

NOTE: Pintz left the meeting at 8:15 PM

E. RECONVENE into open session (8:25 PM)
MOTION: Hein SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 11-0

F. ACTION from closed session

ACTION: To extend the agreement with City Planner Garth Frable, approved at the August 2nd Council meeting, to allow him to enroll in the city's health insurance plan through December 31st 2011, with the employee paying \$100 per month toward the premium, with no further extensions to be granted MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

IX. ADJOURN (8:27 PM)

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

*** RESOLUTION 2011-34 (TRANSFERRING SURPLUS FUNDS FROM TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 5 (TID #5) TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 4 (TID #4))**

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