

Common Council Meeting – November 15th 2011

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday November 15th 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** – Pintz absent **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – ACTION: To certify and approve MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Ken Fleshner

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – November 1st 2011, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – November 1st 2011, C. FINANCE COMMITTEE – November 9th 2011, D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – October 27th 2011, E. DESIGN AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION – August 29th 2011, F. HOFFMAN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE – October 21st 2011, G. LARIVIERE PARK COMMITTEE – October 12th 2011, H. OPERATORS LICENSES, I. PARKS TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0

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 Committee report and the invoice for Interstate EMS removed from the November 1st claims report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0

B. FINANCE – Proposed 2012 budget

1. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – The following people spoke on the budget: Fred Huebsch, Janet Finn and Mary Antoine (Ft. Crawford Museum funding), Joe Ruskey (PDRF funding) and Bob McDonald (EDC funding). Finance Committee chairwoman Hein provided an overview of the budget as it currently stands. ACTION: To eliminate the funding for the Emerald Ash Borer program in 2012 (\$7,500) MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Fleshner VOTE: 4-7 (Kozelka, Riebe, Ames, Titlbach, Munson, Hein and Jones opposed) Motion failed 4-7 ACTION: To send the budget back to the Finance Committee for final review MOTION: Hein SECOND: Riebe VOTE: 11-0

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request by Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (WSOR), in conjunction with UFP Ventures II, requests use of real estate parcels 0747-0002 and 0746-0002, owned by the City of Prairie du Chien, as a temporary site for loading railcars and staging materials
A letter from Wisconsin and Southern Railroad was reviewed as well as a staff memo outlining some possible discussion points for an agreement. Darby Destromp (Wisconsin and Southern) was present to address the Council. ACTION: To direct staff to draft an agreement with Wisconsin and Southern and Universal Forest Products, which includes the following items: 1) Use be limited to 12 months and only for UFP needs after which time the lease may be modified and extended at the sole discretion of the City if the City deems that such extension is in the best interests of the City, 2) Lease amount to be

\$1000 monthly, 3) No storage of UFP product on site for more than 12 hours, 4) Prior approval of any site modifications by the City required, with all changes to comply with all local, state, and federal regulations as evidenced by a temporary use permit issued by the Zoning Administrator, 5) Agreement that no rail cars will be stored on the track north of Blackhawk Avenue and south of the Northern Engraving property from noon on Friday to 10 PM on Sunday, and 6) Agreement by WSOR to not attempt to utilize its power of eminent domain within the City limits. MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

B. FINANCE – Proposed 2012 budget

2. RE-SCHEDULING OF THE BUDGET HEARING - At its November 1st meeting, the Council set the date for the budget public hearing as November 29th. Due to the publication requirements for this meeting, staff is requesting the Council move the Public Hearing to December 6th at 7 PM, the same as the regular Council meeting. ACTION: To set the public hearing for the 2012 budget for December 6th 2012 at 7:00 PM MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0

C. PUBLIC WORKS – Improvements to the Campion Boat Landing

ACTION: To approve the Committee report, which recommended the following: 1. To pave a portion of the beach area south of the current boat landings to provide additional parking and an area for those who launch non-motorized watercraft, 2. To clean up the storm water drain south of the boat launches, including cementing the drain channel, removal of some trees, planting new trees and creating a berm, 3. To construct a third boat launch south of the current launches, and investigate the feasibility of a fourth launch south of the storm water drain, 4. To develop a Request for Proposal for the construction of a handicap-accessible fishing pier north of the current boat launches, using both a fixed and floating concept, and create a picnic area in between the launches and pier, 5. To approve the expansion of the current parking lot by 3-4,000 square feet, to the north of the existing parking lot, with the surface being gravel, and to accept the donation of Blair Dillman to install the parking lot at no cost to the city, and to create a “green space” to the north of the expanded parking lot and 6. To straighten the access road, commonly referred to as Hunter Slough Road, to have it run adjacent to the railroad right-of-way, re-locate the current garbage site to the farthest northeast section of the newly-expanded parking lot, and replace all trees impacted by this motion at a 2:1 ratio of trees planted to trees removed MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Renewal of contract between City and Hawkins, Ash, Baptie and Company (HABCO) for HRA/FSA management

ACTION: To renew the city contract with HABCO MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Contract between City and Community Development Alternatives (CDA) regarding relocation of homes on Marquette Road

As the state and city begin acquiring home along Marquette Road for the 2014 project, there is an opportunity to relocate some of the homes to locations around the city, versus destroying them. CDA has requested to be the agency to relocate and re-sell these homes. ACTION: To direct staff to draft an agreement between the City and CDA for the relocation of some homes affected by the Marquette Road project MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2011-32 (AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE)

This ordinance will complete the rezoning request made by David and Daniel Beinborn, approved by the Council at its November 1st meeting. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2011-32 MOTION: Riebe
SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

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

None

IX. ADJOURN (8:50 PM)

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0

ORDINANCES APPROVED

* **Ordinance 2011-32 (AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE)**