

Common Council Meeting – January 3rd 2012

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday January 3rd 2012 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: Munson VOTE: 11-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mark Thein

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – December 20th 2011, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – December 20th 2011, C. PLAN COMMISSION – November 8th 2011, D. OPERATORS LICENSES ACTION: To approve MOTION: Munson SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

IV. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No formal action taken

Without objection, the agenda was moved

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

ACTION: To approve the Committee report, which was to delay the payment of the County's invoices for the dispatch project (\$13,920.26) until the January 17th Finance Committee meeting, and request that 911 Director Julie Cipra and County Board Chairman Pete Flesch to appear at the meeting and to approve the remainder of the claims MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Petition Regarding Pattison Sand and Gravel Operations along Highway 18 Bypass

The Council received a petition at its December 20th meeting, requesting the city address the citizen's concerns. Those speaking on the issue included: John Lochner (216 Rice Street), Dave Krueel (797 Overview Court), Steve Beske (Wisconsin Southern), Katherine Garrity (740 South Beaumont), Kyle Pattison (Pattison Sand and Gravel) and Craig Mezera (Pattison Sand and Gravel). The City Administrator, City Attorney and City Planner all reported on their findings into the issues outlined on the petition, and said the city would have no ordinance enforcement power due to federal pre-emption. Discussion was held on noise, air quality, relocation of the operations, lighting, U-turns on the Highway 18 bypass and zoning of the property. ACTION: To direct staff to draft a letter to Wisconsin Southern and Burlington Northern strongly encouraging them to meet and discuss interests of common nature, for the benefit of Prairie du Chien, and extend an offer to both parties for the City to facilitate, mediate and host said meeting MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 12-0 ACTION: To direct the issues of air quality and noise testing to the Protection and Health Committee MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein. After the motion was states, Riebe withdraw his motion, but Hein maintained her second VOTE: 12-0

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Approval of contract for testing on Stratton Property

The Wisconsin DNR wants the City to do a little more testing on the Stratton site as well as some testing on the property to the south (Sheckler). The estimated cost is \$6,000, and all of this is TIF eligible (#6 to #4 to the project) as it is all related to the Stratton property. ACTION: TO approve the contract with the addition of the words “the owner” to Section 5.1.1.2 of Amendment C to the contract MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Hein VOTE: 12-0

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

Pintz suggested a joint meeting of the Finance and Public Works Committees to review the upcoming Capital projects for 2012.

D. CLOSED SESSION (8:36 PM)

ACTION: To adjourn 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 RE: Discussions related to negotiations with the Prairie du Chien Police Union MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

E. RECONVENE into open session (9:07 PM)

MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

F. ACTION from closed session

None

IX. ADJOURN (9:07 PM)

MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer