

Minutes of the Protection and Health Committee – January 12th 2012

A meeting of the Protection and Health Committee of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Thursday January 12th 2012 at 5:35 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Chairwoman Jean Titlbach called the meeting to order.

1. Call to order/Roll Call

PRESENT – All members ALSO PRESENT – Police Chief Chad Abram, City Administrator Aaron Kramer

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

MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 5-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the October 4th 2011 meeting

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 5-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Air Quality/Health Concerns involving Pattison Sand and Gravel Operations

At its January 3rd meeting, the Common Council directed the issues of air quality and noise concerns, involving the Pattison Sand and Gravel operations along the Highway 18 bypass, to the Committee for further discussion. Steve Stroschein (Safety – Pattison Sand) discussed the current air quality and noise tests the company is required to undergo. Chief Abram discussed a second round of police surveillance regarding possible noise violations, and reported that none were filed by the Department. The City Administrator reported that he and other city officials continue to be in contact with Pattison Sand and Wisconsin Southern, regarding citizens' concerns, but have found nothing which would lead them to recommend additional testing beyond what Pattison Sand is already required to do. ACTION: To have staff contact Pattison Sand and request all air quality and noise tests done by the Company as soon as they are available MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 5-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinances involving Nuisances, Property Maintenance and General Appearance

At its October 27th meeting, 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. The Committee asked staff to pull together all of the current ordinances dealing with the issues mentioned above, which was provided to the Committee. Considerable discussion was held on the current ordinances. Chief Abram discussed the enforcement procedures for his Department. ACTION: To direct staff to do the following: 1) Draft an ordinance which consolidates the various nuisance, property maintenance and general appearance ordinances currently in the Municipal Code, and develop a three-tier level of violations (Class A/Minimal, Class B/Medium and Class C/Maximum), 2) Draft an ordinance which eliminates the Health Board's powers and responsibilities and transfers those to the Protection and Health Committee, 3) Establish a monetary fine for ordinance violations, 4) Include the Building, Zoning, Fire and Administration Departments in the enforcement of the aforementioned ordinances, and 5) Investigate the legality and feasibility of having ordinance violation appeals come before the Protection and Health Committee before being sent to the court system MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 5-0

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Scheduling of future meeting

The Committee, by consensus, agreed to meet on Tuesday February 28th at 6:00 PM to address two issues: 1) Ordinance regulating exotic and dangerous animals, and 2) mutual aid between City Police and County Sheriff's Department.

7. ADJOURNMENT (6:38 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Fleshner VOTE: 5-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer