

Common Council Meeting – March 6th 2012

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday March 6th 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: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Sharon Boylen

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION - Municipal Flood Control Grant Program

Dale Klemme, from Community Development Alternatives, discussed the two proposed plans, one involving the possible relocation of the WPRE-WQPC studios from St. Feriole Island, and the other raising certain residential properties out of the flood plain.

B. RESOLUTION 2012-03 (AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A STATE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF PRAIRE DU CHIEN AND THE SUBSEQUENT APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THROUGH THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN FOR A MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT PROJECT – FLOOD PROOF BY ELEVATION)

This resolution is required if the Council wishes to move forward with the project outlined in the above agenda item. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2012-03 MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hein VOTE: 12-0

C. RESOLUTION 2012-05 (AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A STATE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE SUBSEQUENT APPROPRIATION OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN FUNDS FOR A MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT PROJECT ON ST. FERIOLE ISLAND IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)

This resolution is required if the Council wishes to move forward with the project outlined in the above agenda item. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2012-05 MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – February 22nd 2012, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – February 22nd 2012, C. PLAN COMMISSION – January 16th 2012, D. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – December 13th 2011, E. PROTECTION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – January 12th 2012, F. HOFFMAN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE – February 8th 2012, G. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – January 31st 2012, H. OPERATORS LICENSES, I. VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC – Request from Mike Rider to hold Villa Louis Carriage Classic at St. Feriole Island utilizing the dates of September 3-11, 2012 (NOTE: This item was tabled at the February 22nd meeting.) ACTION: To approve the consent agenda, minus items C, H and I MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

C. PLAN COMMISSION – January 16th 2012 – Boylen had a question about one of the action items. ACTION: To approve the minutes MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0
H. OPERATORS LICENSES – ACTION: To approve the Operators' licenses MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0-1 (Riebe abstained)
I. VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC – Request from Mike Rider to hold Villa Louis Carriage Classic at St. Feriole Island utilizing the dates of September 3-11, 2012 – Discussion was held on the requests made by Rider, and the request to waive the fees for the event ACTION: To deny the request MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR'S REPORT

The City Administrator announced Steve Rickleff, a Prairie du Chien Fire Department firefighter, had been named Crawford County Firefighter of the Year this past weekend. No formal action taken.

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

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Donation of surplus city equipment

The Fire Department is seeking permission to donate a list of equipment, which is no longer usable, to the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners program, which has been working with fire departments in Nicaragua since 1999. ACTION: To approve the Committee report which was to approve the donation MOTION: Ames SECOND: Hein VOTE: 12-0

A. FINANCE – Claims

ACTION: To approve the Committee report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

B. FINANCE - Preliminary 2011 Final Budget Results

This is the first review of the 2011 budget year. The City Administrator reviewed the report, which he termed preliminary as the auditors are in the process of reviewing. No formal action taken.

C. PROTECTION AND HEALTH - Mutual aid between City Police and County Sheriff's Department

ACTION: To approve the Committee report, which was: To determine that, after a review of the current policies and procedures involving mutual aid between the City and County, the Committee finds that the current city-county mutual aid guidelines are beneficial and recommend no changes or further discussion be held MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-1 (Hein opposed)

D. PERSONNEL – Employee One-Time Merit Compensation Adjustments

The Personnel Committee met last week to discuss and approve a series of one-time merit compensation adjustments, which do not increase the employees' base salaries, for the employees who were in the General Union, which has failed to re-certify. ACTION: To approve the Committee report MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-1 (Pintz opposed)

F. PUBLIC WORKS - WWTP Aeration Basin Cleaning and Coating bid results

Staff recommends rejecting all of the bids that were received due to each bid exceeding the budgeted amount for the project by a significant amount. ACTION: To approve the Committee report which was to reject all of the bids for the WWTP Aeration Basin and Cleaning project, and direct staff to re-bid the project later this year MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

G. PUBLIC WORKS – Concrete and Asphalt Bids

Bids were opened on February 22nd. ACTION: To approve the Committee report which was to award the concrete bid to J&T Concrete (Livingston, WI) and the asphalt bid to Iverson Construction (Kieler, WI) MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

H. PUBLIC WORKS - Quotes on the Removal and Inspection of Well #2 pump

ACTION: To approve the Committee report which was to approve the quote of Municipal Well (Waupun, WI) for \$3,010 for the pulling and inspection of Well #2 pump to generate a report for the equipment and parts needed to be replaced to make it operational under DNR standards MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

I. PUBLIC WORKS – Sanitary Sewer Work on Wisconsin Street

Staff is seeking permission from the Committee to designate the overlay work on the Cliffwood Drive bridge, estimated at \$53,100, as a TID #6 project. ACTION: To approve the Committee report which was to approve the use of TID #6 funds for the overlay work on the Cliffwood Drive bridge MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

J. PUBLIC WORKS – TIF #6 Bridge Overlay Project

Staff is seeking permission from the Committee to designate the overlay work on the Cliffwood Drive bridge, estimated at \$53,100, as a TID #6 project. ACTION: To approve the Committee report which recommended the use of TID #6 funds for the overlay work on the Cliffwood Drive bridge MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 12-0 ACTION: To approve Resolution 2012-04 (AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$53,100 OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 6 (TID #6) FUNDS TOWARD STREET/BRIDGE WORK IN TID #6) MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

K. PUBLIC WORKS – Approval of E-Recycling Event

This e-recycling event will take place on Saturday April 14th from 8 to 11 AM at City Hall. Staff recommends approval. ACTION: To approve the Committee report which approved the E-Recycling event with Gina's E-Recycling on Saturday April 14th MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Munson VOTE: 12-0

L. PUBLIC WORKS - Professional services agreement between the City and Vierbicher Associates for sewer, water, and community sensitive design services for Marquette Road.

ACTION: To approve Committee report which approved the Professional services agreement between the City and Vierbicher Associates for sewer, water, and community sensitive design services for Marquette Road MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hemmer announced the following appointments:

1. Gary Knickerbocker to the Police and Fire Commission (NOTE: This appointment is to complete the 5-year term of Bob Meyer, who has resigned from the Commission, ending May 1st 2016.)
2. Judeen Ames, Linda Munson and Mark Thein to the City-County Joint Dispatch Committee (NOTE: At the February 22nd Finance Committee, the recommendation was made to re-open and discuss the current lease arrangements between the City and Crawford County involving the joint dispatch center and the space leased by the Police Department. It was further recommended that three Council members be appointed by the Mayor to the Committee.)

ACTION: To approve the appointments MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Fleshner VOTE: 12-0

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

C. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:04 PM)

ACTION: To adjourn to closed session 1. 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: Municipal investment in proposed Industrial Park spec building (TIF funding), and 2. 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: Acquisition of property MOTION: Solomon
SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

NOTE: Jones left the closed session at 9:10 PM

D. CONVENE into OPEN SESSION (9:20 PM)
MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

E. ACTION from CLOSED SESSION - None

IX. ADJOURN (9:21 PM)
MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

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