

Common Council Meeting – April 4th 2012

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Wednesday April 4th 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** – Jaaren Riebe, Jean Titlbach and Linda Munson were absent **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – ACTION: To certify and approve MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 9-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Kyle Kozelka

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2012-09 (COMMENDING IVAN HOFFLAND FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)

ACTION: To approve Resolution 2012-09 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 9-0
Following the vote, Mayor Hemmer presented a framed resolution to Hoffland.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2012-10 (INITIAL RESOLUTION VACATING ALL THAT PART OF 23RD STREET ABUTTING BLOCKS 33 AND 35 OF PARISH ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

Staff is requesting the Council to approve the Resolution and set the Public Hearing for the May 15th Council meeting. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2012-10 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 9-0

NOTE: Munson arrived at 7:09 PM

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – March 20th 2012, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – March 20th 2012, C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – March 6th 2012, D. PARK BOARD – February 22nd 2012, E. OPERATORS LICENSES (NOTE: One application is being recommended for denial.), F. COUNTRY ON THE RIVER – The event would be held August 2-4 on St. Feriole Island. Camping would run from August 1st to 5th, G. 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 and rejected at the March 6th meeting. It has been re-approved by the Park Board at their March 21st meeting.) Boylen requested that items C and D be pulled, Solomon requested item E be pulled and Hein requested item F and G be pulled. ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda, minus items C, D, E, F and G MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – March 6th 2012

Boylen questioned the agenda item on the overlay work being done on the Cliffwood Drive bridge. ACTION: To approve item C MOTION: Hein SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 10-0

D. PARK BOARD – February 22nd 2012

Boylen questioned the agenda item on the Carriage Classic ACTION: To approve item D MOTION: Hein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-0

E. OPERATORS LICENSES

One application is being recommended for denial. Solomon questioned why the application was denied. ACTION: To approve item E MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

F. COUNTRY ON THE RIVER

The event would be held August 2-4 on St. Feriole Island. Camping would run from August 1st to 5th. Chase Clausen and Scott Sheckler, Jr. were present to address the Council. ACTION: To approve item F MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 10-0

G. VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC

Mike Rider was present to request holding Villa Louis Carriage Classic at St. Feriole Island utilizing the dates of September 3-11, 2012. This item was tabled at the February 22nd meeting and rejected at the March 6th meeting. It has been re-approved by the Park Board at their March 21st meeting. Rider questioned the Council on why his fees were not being waived, whereas the 2012 fees for Rendezvous had been previously, but did not formally request the fee waiver. ACTION: To approve item G MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 10-0

Without objection, the agenda was moved

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

B. FINANCE – Master Service Agreement with Vierbicher

Kurt Muchow reviewed the 2010 and 2011 activity reports, and informed the Council that the rates would not be increased in 2012. ACTION: To recommend approval of the 2012 agreement with Vierbicher MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 10-0

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

I. PUBLIC WORKS - PSA/engineering services for Campion Landing

On March 21st, the Committee discussed the proposed contract, which set a fee of \$20,350. The motion was to direct staff to negotiate the price of the proposed contract, including additional tasks, and forward to the Council. Muchow said Vierbicher has agreed to lower their cost to \$18,500 and apply for a DNR Recreational Boating Grant. The City Administrator pointed out that the grant application deadline of June 1st means the actual work on the boat landing will not take place until September and October ACTION: To approve the contract with Vierbicher for the Campion Landing project MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-0

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

ACTION: To approve the Committee report MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 10-0

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

V. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC INPUT - None
(Please limit comments to no more than three minutes)

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Motion to rescind previous Council action

On March 20th, the Council approved the following motion, relative to the request of Jill and Scott Sheckler to be reimbursed \$10,000 plus interest for their Class B Reserve liquor license, which was paid for in May 2008: ACTION: To reimburse Sheckler Management Services \$11,416.94, minus any obligations outstanding to the City MOTION: Munson SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 5-4-1 (Solomon, Fleshner, Pintz and Munson opposed, Riebe abstained). On March 21st, Alderman Kozelka filed a motion to rescind the March 20th action. A majority vote is required to approve the motion to rescind. Kozelka stated he would not place his motion to rescind on the table for a vote.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

C. FINANCE – Approval of bids for Hoffman Hall Asbestos Removal

The bids were opened on April 3rd. Funds for the project will come from the Hoffman Hall Capital Campaign. The winning bid, \$98,781, from KPH Environmental (Milwaukee, WI), came in two hours past the deadline of 1 PM. A memo from Frable outlined the rationale for accepting that bid over the bid of \$124,747 from Robinson Brothers (Wauwaukee, WI). City Attorney Mark Peterson agreed with Frable's recommendation. A letter from Robinson Brothers opposing the awarding of the bid to KPH was presented to the Committee. ACTION: To approve the bid of KPH Environmental (Milwaukee) for \$98,781 for asbestos removal at Hoffman Hall MOTION: Fleshner SECOND: Hein VOTE: 7-3 (Solomon, Boylen and Pintz opposed)

D. PUBLIC WORKS/FINANCE - East LaPointe to East Lessard Street loop

Both Committees have recommended moving ahead with this project, which would complete a transportation loop for TID 5 and serve Universal Forest Products, Moore Transport and potential commercial or industrial ventures. It would include sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main installation, an asphalt street and concrete curb and gutter. It would serve 100% industrial/commercial development. The total length of the loop is approximately 900 feet; road width would be about 33 feet. The sewer component would be about the same length. The estimated cost is \$250,000 (plus engineering). Funding would come from TID #5. ACTION: To approve moving forward with the project MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 10-0

E. PUBLIC WORKS/FINANCE - East Lessard Street to the city corporate limits

Both Committees have recommended moving ahead with this project. This street currently dead ends at the 22nd Street Right-Of-Way. Development of this street would serve potential industrial or commercial ventures within the City of Prairie du Chien This project would include sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main installation, an asphalt street and concrete curb and gutter. It would serve 100% industrial and commercial development. Total road length is about 1550 feet x 33 feet wide. 22nd Street could be considered for development along with this work. The estimated cost is \$300,000 (plus engineering). Funding would come from TID #5. ACTION: To approve moving forward with the project MOTION: Hein SECOND: Jones VOTE: 10-0

F. PUBLIC WORKS – Driveway access on Marquette Road

On March 21st, the Committee approved the access point proposal from the DOT, and voted to have the DOT take the lead on access issues through the Marquette Road Construction process. ACTION: To approve the Committee report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Jones VOTE: 10-0

G. PUBLIC WORKS - Uncontrolled intersections

On March 21st, the Committee voted to place a stop sign at the intersection of 5th and Davies, a stop sign at the intersection of 5th and Brunson, with a north-south layout, and have the police and public works departments review the current inventory of uncontrolled intersections and report back to the Committee on recommended locations for additional stop signs. Bob Wright (1203 South 5th Street) spoke in support of the stop sign at 5th and Brunson. Hein requested that staff develop a set of criteria for future requests for stop signs, and where they should be placed. ACTION: To approve the Committee report MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Jones VOTE: 10-0

H. PUBLIC WORKS - May 12th Clean Sweep

On March 21st, the Committee recommended the city participate in the event. ACTION: To approve the Committee report MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

J. PUBLIC WORKS – Wells Street Sidewalk Project

Staff is seeking permission to expand the project to extend a 24" concrete storm water pipe about 24 feet south and tie it into the Wells Street pipe that runs perpendicular under the street. This will require filling the greenway to safely locate the walk and provide slope for the greenway. This issue was discovered during a recent walkthrough of the site where the sidewalk is being proposed. On March 21st, the Committee approved the additional work for the Wells Street Sidewalk project, which is estimated to cost \$1,772. Ames questioned the need for the sidewalk being installed. Several Council members spoke in support of the project, citing safety. ACTION: To approve the Committee report MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Hein VOTE: 10-0

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

B. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment

Councilmembers requested that staff continue to work on and present a criteria plan for sidewalk installation, develop a policy for future reimbursement of liquor licenses and present a review of city-owned land with consideration toward selling off some parcels in the future.

C. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:24 PM)

ACTION: To going to 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: Acquisition of property MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

D. CONVENE into OPEN SESSION (8:37 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

E. ACTION from CLOSED SESSION - None

IX. ADJOURN (8:38 PM)

MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

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