

Common Council Meeting – May 1st 2012

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday May 1st 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** – Kathleen Hein absent **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – ACTION: To certify and approve MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Jaaren Riebe

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2012-19 (RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO EXERCISE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POWER UNDER SECTION 66.0703 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES)

This resolution supersedes Resolution 2012-15, and set the public hearing date for the special assessments for the Wells Street Sidewalk project as May 15th. This date change will allow the City to meet the publication requirement set forth in state statute. Considerable discussion was held on the proposed project. MOTION: To reject Resolution 2012-19 MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-4 (Kozelka, Riebe, Pintz and Jones opposed). After the vote, the Mayor asked what the status of the project is now with the preceding vote. The City Administrator asked for the Council to allow staff some time to review the impact of the vote, which, in his opinion and that of the City Attorney, does not rescind the project, but only rescind the special assessment portion at this time.

B. PRESENTATION – Safe Routes to School

Dale Klemme presented the proposal for the next phase of the program. The deadline for the next round of grant funding is May 6th.

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

F. PUBLIC WORKS - Safe Routes to School

On April 25th, the Committee approved a motion to recommend the Council that a grant application for Safe Routes to School funding be made ACTION: To approve the Committee report, with the following projects, in order of priority, being part of the application – Dousman Street (Wells to Crawford to Marquette), Mooney Street (Mooney to Wacouta to Wells to Bypass), 22nd Street (Campion to Lessard.) MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 11-0

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES (Regular) – April 17th 2012, B. COUNCIL MINUTES (Organizational) – April 17th 2012, C. PERSONNEL, LICENSE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE – April 16th 2012, D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – March 21st 2012, E. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – April 17th 2012, F. FINANCE COMMITTEE – April 4th 2012, F. OPERATORS LICENSES ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda minus item F MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: To approve item F of the Consent Agenda MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0-1 (Riebe abstained)

IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR’S REPORT

Kramer reported that the skateboard park at Fort Fun has been removed and placed in storage due to liability and safety concerns from the City’s insurance provider. He also advised the Council a special

meeting may be required the week of May 14th to address the bid proposals for Phase One of the Hoffman Hall renovation project.

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

MOTION: To approve the Committee report, with a reduction of \$148.50 in the payment to Southwest Vet since two of the animals on the invoice were detained outside the city's limits MOTION: Solomon
SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

B. FINANCE/PERSONNEL – Ordinance 2012-08 (ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (Election Inspectors))

If approved, this ordinance would change the salaries of election inspectors from \$75 per day to \$8 per hour. ACTION: To approve the Committee report, which recommended adoption of Ordinance 2012-08 MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0-1 (Munson abstained)

C. FINANCE - Request for Proposals (RFP) for City Audit

Staff is seeking permission to issue an RFP later this year. MOTION: To approve the Committee report, which recommended directing staff to draft a Request for Proposals for the City's audit services MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 11-0

D. FINANCE - 2011-2013 Capital Budget Report

A detailed report on the 2011-2013 Capital Budget was reviewed and discussed. No formal action was taken.

E. FINANCE/PUBLIC WORKS - Next phase of underground electrical utilities on St Feriole Island

On April 25th, the Public Works Committee forwarded to the Finance Committee, which met earlier tonight, a recommendation to remove the existing power poles in the Marina parking lot, including the setting of vaults and transformers and installation of services. Staff estimates the costs to be around \$3,000, and recommends using boat launch fees to improve the parking lot, which is adjacent to the Marina Boat Landing. ACTION: To approve the Committee reports, which recommended moving forward with the project and allocating the funds from the Boat Launch Fee account MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

G. PUBLIC WORKS - Stop Sign Criteria

ACTION: To approve Policy 2012-03 (Stop Sign Criteria), but have the policy apply to both installation and removal of stop signs MOTION: Munson SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

H. PUBLIC WORKS - 2011 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The Committee approved the report on April 25th. ACTION: To accept the Committee report and approve the 2011 Consumer Confidence Report for the Water Department MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 11-0

I. PUBLIC WORKS - Closing off alley to west of City Hall

There has been several vandalism and related issues in the past year. Staff is recommending two locked gates be installed at the ends of the alley as a prevention measure. The Public Works

Committee approved the proposal on April 25th. ACTION: To approve the Committee report, and move forward with the project MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 11-0

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

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

Solomon requested that a report on the fundraising for Hoffman Hall be provided at the May 15th Council meeting, including how much actual cash is in the bank in dollar amount, how much is still in pledge status in dollar amount and what needs to be raised yet in dollar amount, and to include in the report what the percentage for each category is. She also requested the Council receive monthly updates on the fundraising effort. Ames inquired as to what the status of the Sidewalk Criteria proposal was. Kramer said the proposal has passed the Public Works Committee and will be on the May 15th Council agenda. Pintz requested that the Mayor or City Administrator consider writing a monthly column in the Courier-Press, updating residents on the activities of the City.

B. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:06 PM)

ACTION: To go 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: Acquisition of property MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

C. ADJOURN into open session (8:24 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

D. ACTION from closed session (8:25 PM)

ACTION: To approve the Public Works and Finance Committees' recommendation that the City respectfully reject the offer of John Cummuta to sell his airport hangar to the City MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Fleshner VOTE: 11-0

IX. ADJOURN (8:25 PM)

MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

ORDINANCES APPROVED

*** Ordinance 2012-08 (ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN (Election Inspectors))**

RESOLUTIONS REJECTED

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