

Common Council Meeting – June 19th 2012

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday June 19th 2012 at 7:10 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: Munson VOTE: 12-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Jaaren Riebe

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION – Initial Resolution Authorizing Sale of Notes for Hoffman Hall Renovation

This resolution will set in motion the formal process of issuing \$1.45 million in debt for the Hoffman Hall Renovation. There has been one change to the structure of the debt. Instead of 15-year bonds, staff is recommending a 3-year note, with a balloon payment in August 2015. The assumption is the balloon payment will be refinanced at that time, minus any additional contributions received between the note issuance and the note refinancing. Brian Della (PFM) was present to discuss the proposed borrowing, and said the City also had an opportunity to refinance two other notes later this summer to potentially save on interest costs.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2012-24 (RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,440,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2012)

ACTION: To approve Resolution 2012-24 MOTION: Hein SECOND: Munson VOTE: 10-1-1 (Solomon opposed, Pintz abstained)

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – June 6th 2012, B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – June 6th 2012, C. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – May 22nd 2012, D. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – December 6th 2010, E. PLAN COMMISSION – May 14th 2012, F. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – May 10th 2012, G. OPERATORS LICENSES

Riebe requested item G be pulled. ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda minus item G MOTION: Hein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

G. OPERATORS LICENSES

ACTION: To approve item G of the Consent Agenda MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0-1 (Riebe abstained)

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

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

The Finance Committee took no action on the claims earlier in the evening MOTION: To approve the claims MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

B. FINANCE - Professional Services Agreement with Vierbicher for the LaPointe Street Extension

This agreement covers the engineering and planning work the LaPointe Street Extension project, which is scheduled to begin this September. ACTION: To approve the Committee report, which recommended approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Vierbicher for the LaPointe Street

Extension at a cost not to exceed \$29,500, with the funds to come from TID #5 MOTION: Pintz
SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

C. PERSONNEL - License Renewals

ACTION: To approve the Committee report, which recommended approval of the Class A Retail Fermented Malt Beverage; Class A Retail Liquor; Class B Fermented Malt Beverage; Class B Intoxicating Liquor; Class C Wine; Dance Licenses; Salvage and Recycling Licenses; Transient Room Permit; Coins, Antiques and Secondhand Dealers Licenses; Amusement Arcade; Amusement Devices; and Tobacco MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hein VOTE: 11-0-1 (Riebe abstained)

D. PUBLIC WORKS – Proposed Changes to the No-Parking on Fremont Street between Wells and Taylor

At the May 16th Committee meeting, Chairman Riebe proposed the no-parking zone on Fremont Street from Wells to Taylor be moved from its current east side designation to the west side. The Committee approved the change at its May 29th meeting. Discussion was held on the proposal.

ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2012-11 (RE-CREATING SECTION 7.28 (ESTABLISHMENT OF NO PARKING ZONES ON PORTIONS OF FREMONT STREET AND BEAUMONT ROAD) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) MOTION: Hein SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 12-0

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Two-way traffic on 300 block of South Wacouta Avenue

The traffic has been two-way since the start of the Wisconsin Street project. On May 30th, the Committee voted to keep the current traffic flow pattern. Discussion was held, with Pintz saying he was opposed to the Ordinance due to safety concerns MOTION: To approve Ordinance 2012-12 (RE-CREATING SECTION 7.11 (PARKING AND TRAVEL REGULATIONS ON PART OF WACOUTA AVENUE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) MOTION: Riebe SECOND: Ames VOTE: 10-2 (Pintz and Boylen opposed)

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resignation in First District

On June 13th, Alderman Jaaren Riebe submitted his resignation from the Council, effective July 4th. Discussion was held on filling the vacancy. MOTION: To accept the resignation of Alderman Jaaren Riebe, and fill the vacancy for a term to run through April 2013 at the July 17th Council meeting, with the deadline for applications being filed with the City Administrator being Thursday July 12th at 4:30 PM MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Country on the River 2012

The Mayor is seeking Council direction on what course of action the City should take in the event that COTR leaves St. Feriote Island, specifically in terms of camping and fee refunds. As of last week, the City Administrator was informed by Scott Sheckler, Jr. that a decision on relocating the event in 2012 would be made prior to July 1st. The event has received approval from the Town of Bridgeport to relocate. Scott Sheckler, Sr. was present and addressed the Council, stating COTR would like to consider using the Island for camping even if the event was moved. When asked if the event was being moved from the Island, Sheckler said he would not know for several more weeks what was going to happen in 2012. Several Councilmembers expressed their desire to see the event remain on the Island in the future, and felt the City was being unfairly blamed for the event possibly moving. Some felt that

the City had agreed to the camping as part of a special event. Staff stated that, if the event was moved, camping would likely not be allowed under City Ordinance. They also informed the Council that COTR had paid their fees, \$2,450, for the use of the Island in April. ACTION: To table any action on this item MOTION: Hein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 9-3 (Thein, Solomon and Jones opposed)

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Amendment #3 to Contract between City and MSA for Marquette Road land acquisitions

This amendment's net financial effect is to increase the overall contract amount between the City and MSA by \$9,250. The scope of the project is amended to reflect changes in the project by both removing and adding costs. In addition, the amendment includes some staffing changes. The amendment has been approved by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and all additional costs incurred by the City as well as all other costs covered by the contract, will be reimbursed at 100 percent by the WDOT. ACTION: To approve Amendment #3 to Contract between City and MSA for Marquette Road land acquisitions MOTION: Hein SECOND: Jones VOTE: 12-0

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

Riebe said he would like to see the Protection and Health Committee discuss the possibility of merging or consolidating fire protection services with the Towns of Bridgeport and Prairie du Chien. Hein agreed with the suggestion.

E. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:25 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: Acquisition of property MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

F. CONVENE into OPEN SESSION (8:42 PM)

ACTION: To convene into open session MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

G. ACTION from CLOSED SESSION - None

IX. ADJOURN (8:42 PM)

MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

ORDINANCES APPROVED

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NOTE: The Common Council meeting was originally scheduled for 7:00 PM, but was delayed due to the length of the previous Finance and Personnel Committee meetings.