

Minutes of the Finance Committee – July 10th 2012

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday July 10th 2012 at 5:30 PM in Conference Room #2 of City Hall. In the absence of Chairperson Kathleen Hein, City Administrator Aaron Kramer called the meeting to order.

1. Call to order/Roll Call

PRESENT – Judeen Ames, Linda Munson, Frank Pintz ABSENT – Kathleen Hein (Chairperson)
ALSO PRESENT – Mayor Dave Hemmer, City Administrator Aaron Kramer, City Planner Garth Frable

NOTE: The Committee has one vacancy.

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

MOTION: Ames SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 3-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the July 3rd 2012 meeting

MOTION: Munson SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 3-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Appeal of Room Tax Penalties/Fines

ACTION: To place the item back on the table for consideration MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames
VOTE: 3-0

This is a continuation of the discussion from the previous Committee meetings. The former owners of the Brisbois Motel - Jan White (2544 Country Club Parkway, Cedar Rapids, IA), Steve White (325 25th Street Drive SE, Cedar Rapids, IA) - paid the City \$26,462.40 in fines and penalties for unpaid room taxes, upon the sale of the building in May, and are requesting \$19,455.55 be considered for return. Jan White addressed the Committee, and said she was now seeking a refund of \$8,618.48 from the City, claiming the penalties were excessive. Considerable discussion on the request was held. Pintz said he found no fault with the city staff and how they applied the penalties under the City Ordinance. Ames said she felt any refund would set an unfavorable precedent. ACTION: To deny the request for a refund of \$8,618.48 MOTION: Ames SECOND: Munson VOTE: 3-0

5. ADJOURNMENT (6:00 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 3-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer