

Minutes of the Protection and Health Committee – July 12th 2012

A meeting of the Protection and Health Committee of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Thursday July 12th at 7:00 PM in Conference Room #2 of City Hall. Chairwoman Jean Titlbach called the meeting to order.

1. Call to order/Roll Call

PRESENT – Jean Titlbach (Chairperson), Frank Pintz, Mark Thein, Sharon Boylen ABSENT – Ken Fleshner ALSO PRESENT – Mayor Dave Hemmer, City Administrator Aaron Kramer, Co-Public Works Manager Terry Meyer, Police Sergeant Kyle Teynor

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

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Boylen VOTE: 4-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the February 28th 2012 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 4-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Update on Recycling and E-Recycling Program

The update was provided by Co-Public Works Manager Terry Meyer. He noted that our spring Clean Sweep and E-Recycling events were very successful, and our recycling collections through the first half of 2012 are up roughly 10 percent from the same time last year. Discussion was held on the possibility of adding larger recycler totes to the system. Staff said they have had discussions with a possible vendor and may have something for the Committee to consider later this fall during the budget discussions. No formal action taken.

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Discussions with the Town of Prairie du Chien and Bridgeport Fire Department

At the June 19th Council meeting, Alderman Riebe brought up the issue of opening a discussion with our neighboring fire department on the possible sharing of resources and other related matters. Considerable discussion was held, with Pintz feeling the relationship between the two departments is working well and he did not see a real need for such a discussion. More discussion was held. ACTION: To invite the two Fire Chiefs, John Gillitzer and Harry Remz, to a Committee meeting to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of holding a joint discussion MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Thein VOTE: 4-0

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Anti-scavenging Ordinance

This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of Alderman Pintz. A proposed outline of an ordinance was included in the packet and discussed. Pintz said he brought the issue forward due to the number of complaints he had received. ACTION: To direct staff to draft the Ordinance and forward to the Council for consideration at the August 7th Council meeting MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Thein VOTE: 3-1 (Titlbach opposed)

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Public Nuisance Ordinance and Enforcement

Chairwoman Titlbach requested the discussion on our current Public Nuisance Ordinance, as well as enforcement issues. Staff reviewed the process the City currently uses, and said it can be lengthy and frustrating at times. Teynor was present to discuss the law enforcement side of the issue. The City Administrator recommended that the Committee invite the City Attorney to a subsequent meeting to discuss his position on the enforcement process. Discussion was also held on who should be doing the enforcement, if a municipal court would streamline the process, and whether the Health Officer's position should be re-filled as a possible solution.

ACTION: To direct the City Administrator to re-draft Chapter 10 (Public Nuisances) and incorporate other sections of the Municipal Code dealing with nuisances into a new Chapter 10 MOTION: Titlbach
SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 4-0
ACTION: To forward to the Council a recommendation to initiate an investigation into the feasibility of a Municipal Court VOTE: 4-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance regulating exotic and dangerous animals

A memo from the City Administrator was reviewed and discussed. This is a continuation of the discussion from the February 28th meeting. Concerns were raised on enforcement, whether such animals should be banned entirely, and what penalties, including removal of such animals if banned, would be involved. ACTION: To table the issue indefinitely MOTION: Thein SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 4-0

9. ADJOURNMENT (8:30 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 4-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer