

Minutes of the Protection and Health Committee (January 29th 2013)

A meeting of the Protection and Health Committee of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Thursday January 29th 2013 at 6:00 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 (Chairman), Mark Thein, Ken Fleshner, Frank Pintz ABSENT – Sharon Boylen ALSO PRESENT – Co-Public Works Manager Terry Meyer, Police Chief Chad Abram, Police Lieutenant Terry Sprosty, Police Sergeant Kyle Teynor, City Administrator Aaron Kramer

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

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Thein VOTE: 4-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the September 6th 2012 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Thein SECOND: Fleshner VOTE: 4-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Recycling Education programming

Meyer reviewed the proposed educational material that will be purchased to promote the City Recycling program. He also said there are discussions on holding an Environmental Awareness Day for area students at Hoffman Hall in April, with local, state and federal agencies involved. Meyer also showed the Committee a number of recycling materials the City recently received from the DNR. ACTION: To approve the request to spend up to \$250 from the City's recycling budget account to purchase educational materials MOTION: Titlbach ACTION: Thein VOTE: 4-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Meeting with police department on service calls to Wyalusing Academy

Police Chief Abram and Lieutenant Sprosty discussed the number of service calls to Wyalusing Academy, which have increased from 143 in 2011 to 190 last year. The number of runaway incidents also increased from 74 in 2011 to 80 last year. Discussion was held on creating a community-advisory committee, consisting of neighbors, law enforcement officials, Wyalusing personnel and city officials; lobbying state lawmakers to change the laws regulating facilities like Wyalusing in addressing disciplinary issues; inviting officials from Wyalusing to a Committee meeting to review and discuss the issues being discussed tonight; and considering an ordinance which would establish a surcharge for police calls which exceed an acceptable normal. ACTION: To invite officials from Wyalusing Academy and the County Social Services Department to a future meeting of the Protection and Health Committee to discuss the issues discussed by the Committee MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 4-0

NOTE: Boylen arrived at 6:55 PM.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Update on nuisance letters

Chairwoman Titlbach had requested an update from the Police Department on the response and enforcement of the nuisance letters which were sent out in 2012. Sergeant Teynor reviewed the letters sent last year to homes which were violating Chapter 10.10 (Failure to Maintain Exterior of Premises). He said a number of violators had complied with the Ordinance, and some had been fined for non-compliance. Discussion was held in general on the City's nuisance laws. No formal action was taken.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Update on Municipal Court

Chief Abram said staff had observed the Viroqua Municipal Court, and will be traveling to Reedsburg in early February. The City Administrator said the staff appears ready to bring a proposed Ordinance, establishing a Court, as well as a budget and staffing plan to the Committee for their consideration for the next two months. No formal action was taken.

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Proposed anti-bullying ordinance

The Mayor had requested the staff draft a proposed ordinance for the Committee to review addressing the issue of bullying and cyber-bullying. He said he had been approached by several citizens at a community meeting late last year requesting the City address the issue, following a bullying case in the Prairie du Chien School District. The packet for the Committee included the following: A) The City of Prairie du Chien's ordinances adopting state offenses (Chapter 9 – Orderly Conduct); B) The anti-cyber bullying ordinance passed by Vernon County in October 2012; C) An article from the La Crosse Tribune (November 2012) on the Vernon County ordinance; D) An article from the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism (November 2012) on the Vernon County Ordinance; E) The bullying ordinance passed by Milton in June 2010, included the state statute (947.013) it references; F) An article from WXOW.com (June 2010) on the Milton ordinance; G) The anti-bullying ordinance passed in Franklin last spring; H) An article from Franklin.now (April 2012) on the Franklin ordinance; and I) An article from the Ft. Atkinson Daily Union (June 2012) on the rejection of an anti-cyber bullying ordinance by the Ft. Atkinson Common Council. Considerable discussion was held on what an anti-bullying and cyber bullying ordinance would cover and how it could be written. ACTION: To direct staff to draft an Ordinance addressing the issue of bullying and cyber bullying MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Tittbach VOTE: 5-0

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Proposed non-metallic mining ordinance

Staff had drafted a proposed ordinance, using the model forwarded to the City by Crawford County. The packet included the following: A. An e-mail from Dave Troester (Crawford County Conservationist), dated August 30th 2012, asking the City to consider the ordinance; B) The proposed ordinance language forwarded to the City in August 2012; C) The proposed ordinance for the City of Prairie du Chien; and D) Two non-metallic mining license applications sent by Dave Troester, one from the Town of Howard, the other from the Town of Cooks Valley (Chippewa County). Discussion was held on the proposed Ordinance, which would only regulate future mining operations not current operations. ACTION: To schedule a public hearing at the next Committee meeting to receive comments on the proposed ordinance MOTION: Fleshner SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 5-0

10. ADJOURNMENT (7:57 PM)

MOTION: Thein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 5-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer