

Common Council Meeting (April 23rd 2013)

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday April 23rd 2013 at 7:00 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** – MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Jamie Wagar

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Marketing and Economic Development Study

In 2012, the Common Council allocated funds to the Prairie du Chien Economic Development Corporation (EDC), with part of the money to be used for a marketing and economic development study. Erin Welty (Vierbicher) and Bob McDonald (Prairie du Chien EDC) presented the study to the Council. ACTION: To accept the document into the official record MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

A. UPDATE – Prairie du Chien Skateboard Park

Ground is scheduled to be broken soon for the skateboard park. Lori Floyd made a presentation to the Council on the proposed park. ACTION: To approve the use of Street Department staff and equipment to install the skateboard park, with the City being reimbursed for any fuel usage MOTION: Ames SECOND: Wagar VOTE: 12-0

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – April 9th 2013; B. PLAN COMMISSION – March 18th 2013; C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – April 9th 2013; D. PARK BOARD – February 20th 2013; E. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – First Quarter of 2013; F. PARK BOARD - Request for 3 year approval to hold the Mississippi River Mud Run on St Feriole Island (including waiver of fees); G. PARK BOARD - Request from PDC Fire Department to utilize St. Feriole Island from July 19-21 for Street Dance (July 20) (including waiver of fees); H. PARK BOARD - Request for approval to have Villa Louis Carriage Classic to use St. Feriole Island on September 3-9, 2013; I. OPERATORS LICENSES; J. CHANGE OF AGENT – Dennis Miller as agent for WEWPS, Inc. d.b.a. Eddie's Irish Pub. Pintz requested that item H be pulled. Solomon requested that items F and G be pulled. ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda minus items F, G and H MOTION: Ames SECOND: Thein VOTE: 12-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

F. PARK BOARD - Request for 3 year approval to hold the Mississippi River Mud Run on St Feriole Island (including waiver of fees); G. PARK BOARD - Request from PDC Fire Department to utilize St. Feriole Island from July 19-21 for Street Dance (July 20) (including waiver of fees) – Solomon requested more clarification on what constitutes a city-sponsored event and when fees are waived. ACTION: To approve item F MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Jones VOTE: 12-0 ACTION: To approve item G MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0-1 (Pintz abstained) H. PARK BOARD - Request for approval to have Villa Louis Carriage Classic to use St. Feriole Island on September 3-9, 2013 – Pintz had concerns about the cleanup after the event, the use of city streets and the amount of land being used for the event. ACTION: To send the item back to the Park Board for more consideration MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Fleshner VOTE: 12-0

IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR'S REPORT

Kramer handed out a letter from the Surface Transportation Board, which stated they will not provide an informal opinion relative to the issue of pre-emption and the Pattison Sand unloading site on the Highway 18 bypass. He said the item would be place on the May 7th Council agenda

for further discussion on what direction the Council would like to go. No formal action was taken on any of the items in the report.

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

ACTION: To approve the claims MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

B. PLAN COMMISSION - Certified Survey Map located in Farm Lot 36 of the Private Land Claims at Prairie du Chien, City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, also being part of vacated Blocks 31-36, Brunson's Addition to the City of Prairie du Chien – brought by Godden Properties, LLC

The Plan Commission recommended the Council approve the CSM, at its April 15th meeting.

ACTION: To approve the Certified Survey Map located in Farm Lot 36 of the Private Land Claims at Prairie du Chien, City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, also being part of vacated Blocks 31-36, Brunson's Addition to the City of Prairie du Chien – brought by Godden Properties, LLC MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Leys VOTE: 12-0

C. AIRPORT BOARD – Airport Capital Budget for 2014-2019

In February, the Airport Board approved an amended Capital Budget list, which was then submitted to the Bureau of Aeronautics. They have revised the list to more accurately reflect likely federal budget estimates. The first step in approving this list of projects would be to hold a Public Hearing before the Common Council, which is recommended for Tuesday May 21st. Discussion was held on the proposed projects. ACTION: To hold a public hearing on May 21st on the proposed improvements to the Airport terminal MOTION: Ames SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

D. PUBLIC WORKS – Ordinance 2013-12 (REPEALING AND RE-CREATING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 7 (TRAFFIC), SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 7.01 (STATE TRAFFIC LAWS ADOPTED), 7.10 (TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT GROUNDS), 7.14 (ENFORCEMENT), 7.21 (SPEED RESTRICTIONS ON LAPOINTE STREET), 7.29 (RESTRICTED PARKING ON SOUTH DOUSMAN STREET), 7.36 (ESTABLISHMENT OF NO PARKING ZONES ON PORTIONS OF CRAWFORD STREET AND STATE STREET) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

This Ordinance makes several changes and corrections to Chapter 7 (Traffic) of the Municipal Code. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2013-12, with one minor change to Section 7.14 (Enforcement) MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Marquette Road Rail Spur

In January, the Committee voted to make no formal recommendation to the Council, but to invite representatives from Bennett Hardwoods and Design Homes to the Council meeting and to request staff collect track usage data, schedule an inspection by the BNSF track master to determine the condition of the entire spur, collect potential and future spur usage information, and determine if the expenditure can be TIF-funded. A new proposal from Blair Dillman addressing the spur was included in the packet. No formal action was taken as the Public Works Committee sent the item back to the staff for more work.

F. PUBLIC WORKS – Weed Spraying RFP

Staff recommends issuing the Weed Control Services contract for 2013 to New Image of Bloomington as they provided more detail in their proposal including MSDS sheets and employee certifications and license numbers, in addition to being lower cost. ACTION: To award the City's

weed spraying contract to New Image (Bloomington, WI) MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Leys VOTE: 12-0

G. PUBLIC WORKS – 22nd Street (Street Names and Subdivision Names)

As part of the process, names need to be assigned to the streets in the proposed subdivision, as well as a general name for the subdivision itself. ACTION: To name the subdivision Woodridge Acres, and the streets to be named as follows – Welter Drive, Stephanie Circle, Julia Circle and Joliet Lane MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 12-0

H. PARK BOARD - Recommendation from Park & Recreation Director to waive park/picnic table usage fees for city department co-sponsored events that are used for fundraisers that go towards city upgrades

A copy of the minutes from the last Park Board meeting, which shows they supported the proposal, was included in the packet. ACTION: To approve the recommendation from Park & Recreation Director to waive park/picnic table usage fees for city department co-sponsored events that are used for fundraisers that go towards city upgrades MOTION: Leys SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 12-0

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Contract between Titan Public Safety Solutions LLC and the City of Prairie du Chien

This contract, which consists of a system support agreement and license agreement, will provide the software needed to operate the Municipal Court. Due to the specific nature of the software, staff is requesting the bid requirements be waived and the contract awarded. ACTION: To approve the contract between Titan Public Safety Solutions LLC and the City of Prairie du Chien, and to waive the bid process MOTION: Ames SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 11-1 (Boylen opposed)

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2013-13 (AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 (3) (d) (MUNICIPAL COURT) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

This Ordinance changes the date for the first spring election for the new municipal judge from April 2015 to April 2014, as state law requires. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2013-13 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Ames VOTE: 12-0

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Joint Meeting with Prairie du Chien Area School Board

A joint meeting between the City Council and the School Board is being proposed for Monday May 20th at 5:30 PM. If the Council is receptive to this proposal, the City Administrator and Superintendent will meet to draft an agenda and other specifics. ACTION: To accept the invitation to hold a joint meeting with the Prairie du Chien Area School Board MOTION: Wagar SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 12-0

D. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment - None

E. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:28 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/Trade of property MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 12-0

NOTE: Jones left the meeting at 9:00 PM

F. CONVENE into open session (9:40 PM)

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0

G. ACTION from the closed session

ACTION: To respectfully reject the offer from Diane Semonson to consider purchasing two parcels on Main Street MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0

ACTION: To respectfully reject the offer from Maura Garrity to exchange parcels of land between her and the city along the riverfront and St. Feriole Island MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Wagar VOTE: 11-0

ACTION: To respectfully reject the offer from Brian Edwards to exchange parcels of land relative to the 22nd Street Subdivision (Woodridge Acres) MOTION: Fleshner SECOND: Wagar VOTE: 11-0

ACTION: To direct the City Administrator to present a proposal to the Rivers and Bluffs Animal Shelter for a possible animal shelter in the northwest section of the business park north of TID #6 MOTION: Ames SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0

IX. ADJOURN (9:45 PM)

MOTION: Wagar SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 12-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

ORDINANCES PASSED

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