

Common Council Meeting (July 16th 2013)

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday July 16th 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** – Nate Gilberts absent **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Ames SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Sharon Boylen

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. PUBLIC HEARING – Recommendation to amend the Prairie du Chien Zoning Code to wit: Part of 5.50 acres for streets as per Vol. 643/D/278 (parcel #12-271-2394-0001), part of Farm Lots 38 and 39, 3.98 acres for detention basin as per Vol. 643/D/278 (parcel #12-271-2394-0002) and that part of Farm Lots 38 and 39 as described in WD #318918 exc. 9.48 acres for streets/detention basin described in Vol. 643/D/278 (parcel #12-271-2395-0006) of the Private Land Claims at Prairie du Chien, City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin; from I-2 “Industrial/Manufacturing” to PCD “Planned Community Development” Zoning District Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM. City Administrator Kramer explained the reasons for the re-zoning, and said the Plan Commission had recommended the re-zoning at their June meeting. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:07 PM.

B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item – Ordinance 2013-20 (AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN)
ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2013-20 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Leys VOTE: 11-0

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

C. PLAN COMMISSION - Certified Survey Map located in part of Block 13 (lying west of Highway 18) of Clark’s Subdivision, City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, – brought by Ken Hess

The Plan Commission recommended approval at their July 15th meeting. Hess addressed the Council on his plans to relocate his business from its current location to this new site. ACTION: To approve the Certified Survey Map located in part of Block 13 (lying west of Highway 18) of Clark’s Subdivision, City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, – brought by Ken Hess MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 11-0

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – July 2nd 2013; B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – July 2nd 2013; C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – February 25th 2013; D. PLAN COMMISSION – July 15th 2013; E. PARADE APPROVAL – Prairie du Chien Fire Department Fire Truck Parade to be held on July 20th; F. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – Second Quarter 2013 and June 2013; G. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any). Kramer asked that item C be pulled as the Police and Fire Commission did not meet earlier in the evening. Pintz asked that items D and E be pulled. Boylen asked that item F be pulled. ACTION: To approve the following Consent Agenda items – A, B and G MOTION: Ames SECOND: Thein VOTE: 11-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

D. PLAN COMMISSION – July 15th 2013 – Pintz questioned that current policy on home occupations

E. PARADE APPROVAL – Prairie du Chien Fire Department Fire Truck Parade to be held on July 20th – Pintz reminded the Council about the upcoming events this weekend

ACTION: To approve Consent Agenda items D and E MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

F. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Second Quarter 2013 and June 2013 – Boylen asked if the fire department was at full staff, and was informed it is one officer below full capacity. ACTION: To approve Consent Agenda item F MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR'S REPORT

Kramer informed the Council he still had not seen the ruling on the Haydn Street crossing, but expected it very shortly. No formal action taken.

V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC INPUT

Christa Morrison addressed the Council on concerns about the recent flooding and what the City was doing to preview future flooding. Kramer said FEMA was in town earlier today to tour the City and County, and staff had put together a submission for federal and state funds to cover some of the City's costs from the recent flooding. He said a proposal to expand the Godden Pit stormwater analysis by Vierbicher will come before the Council on August 6th. The proposed expansion of the analysis will include additional analysis of the STH 27 watershed north of Godden Pit. The purpose is to evaluate alternatives and develop a recommended solution to reduce future flooding in the area between Godden Pit and STH 27. The scope will also investigate potential funding sources for the project.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

City Administrator Kramer asked that a claim for Top Notch Construction (Water Department Building) be included. ACTION: To approve the claims, including a \$29,685.88 to Top Notch Construction MOTION: Thein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

B. PUBLIC WORKS - Recommendation for stop signs on South 15th Street

At the July 2nd Committee meeting, the Public Works and Police Departments presented their recommendations to place stop sign and create four-way intersections at South 15th and Brunson and South 15th and Campion. The Committee voted to recommend that the Common Council accept the recommendation at its July 16th meeting. Kramer also provided information on installing stop signs with flashing LED lights, and said the cost (\$7,800) would make it hard to install this year. Leys said he was opposed to the stoplights. Pintz made an initial motion directing the lights be installed with the LED component. Kramer asked that the motion be amended to allow staff some time to explore funding options for the LED lighting. ACTION: To approve stop signs and create four-way intersections at South 15th and Brunson and South 15th and Campion, and direct staff to report back to the Council in August on possible funding sources for installing LED stop signs MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 9-2 (Boylen and Leys opposed)

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

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

B. ADJOURN into closed session (7:50 PM)

ACTION: To go into closed session 1) Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. RE: Termination settlement, and 2) Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) (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: Sale of city property MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Thein VOTE: 11-0

C. CONVENE into open session (8:51 PM)

MOTION: Thein SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0

D. ACTION from closed session

ACTION: To approve the sale of the city land located at 941 S. 1st Street, legally described as follows: that part of Farm Lot 35 as desc. in WD #274838 exc. that part used for Hwy purposes as desc. in WD #307814 (Pcl #28 Plat .132A); Private Land Claims, City of Prairie Du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, to Morris and Darlene Lessard for \$1,000 MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

ACTION: To approve the disposition of K-9 dog Aja as part of a termination settlement, contingent on approval of said settlement by the Police and Fire Commission and the other party involved in the settlement MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Ames VOTE: 8-3 (Kozelka, Wagar and Leys opposed)

IX. ADJOURN (8:47 PM)

NOTE: A special meeting of the Common Council will be held on Tuesday July 23rd for the purpose of awarding the sale of \$1.925 million in re-financing bonds.

Dave Hemmer, Mayor

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

ORDINANCES PASSED

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