

Common Council Meeting (August 6th 2013)

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday August 6th 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** – Karen Solomon absent **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Ames SECOND: Thein VOTE: 11-0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mayor Hemmer. Prior to the pledge, the Mayor asked for a moment of silence for Walter Hermsen, the father of Alderman Solomon, who passed away on Monday August 5th

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Flood Remediation

A memo from Co-Public Works Manager Meyer on the Jackson Street drainage ditch was discussed. Kramer told the Council that the Crawford County Highway Safety Committee is meeting Wednesday August 14th, and city staff will be present to discuss drainage issues on Highway 27 and other areas. No formal action taken.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Vierbicher (Godden Pit Stormwater Analysis)

The scope of services in this amendment includes 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. The fee to provide the services is \$12,500 and funds would come from TID #5 or #6. Kurt Muchow (Vierbicher) was present to discuss the proposal. ACTION: To approve Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Vierbicher (Godden Pit Stormwater Analysis) MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 11-0

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

B. PUBLIC WORKS/PARK BOARD - Request by the Mississippi River Sculpture Park to provide a shelter within the Park grounds

The shelter and improvements, estimated to cost roughly \$30,000, is being funded by a private donor (the Patrick and Janet Leamy Family), at no cost to the City. The Park Board recommended approval of at their July 24th meeting, and the Public Works Committee approved the proposal earlier tonight. Rogetta Halverson and Cindy Hertrampf (Mississippi River Sculpture Park Committee) presented a drawing of the proposed shelter to the Committee. ACTION: To grant permission for the construction of the shelter with the name of the “Patrick and Janet Leamy Shelter” MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Wagar VOTE: 11-0

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL MINUTES – July 16th 2013; B. SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES – July 23rd 2013; C. FINANCE COMMITTEE – July 16th 2013; D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – July 2nd 2013; E. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – June 5th 2013; F. PARK BOARD – May 22nd 2013; G. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – February 25th 2013; H. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT – Second Quarter 2013; I. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any); J. ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION (Class B Beer and Class B Liquor) - Fort Mulligans, Inc. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

IV. CITY ADMININSTRATOR’S REPORT

The report included a summary of a recent inspection of Municipal buildings by EMC Insurance, and the action plan to address their concerns. Kramer also advised the Council he would be out of the office on Friday August 9th due to a death in the family. No formal action taken.

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

Cindy Hertrampf addressed the Council about flooding issues in her neighborhood.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

Kramer asked the Committee to approve two additional claims ACTION: To approve the claims, including a \$40,565 for Rule Construction (Handicap canoe and kayak deck at Washington Street Park) and \$1,258 for La Crosse Glass Company (broken window at the Tourism Information Center) MOTION: Thein SECOND: Ames VOTE: 11-0

C. PUBLIC WORKS – Awarding of bid for 15th Street project

One bid was received (Iverson Construction) for \$106,986. The project consists of a milling/pulverizing and asphalt paving of South 15th Street from Wells Street to Campion Boulevard. Funds would come from the city's 2012 budget surplus. ACTION: To award the bid to Iverson Construction MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Wagar VOTE: 11-0

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Pedestrian Safety on Marquette Road

A memo from the City Administrator outlining several possible options for improving pedestrian safety on Marquette Road was discussed. Several people addressed the Council on their concerns and recommendations – Sheri Lechner, Sarah Shefelbine, Teresa Champion, Jane Schaff, and Brianna Rieck. Discussion was held on several proposals. Kramer said staff would work on an action plan for implementation of the plan. No formal action was taken.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 2012 Audit

A memo from the City Administrator providing a summary of the audit was discussed. Kramer said there were no concerns in the audit. ACTION: To approve and accept the 2012 audit MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Thein VOTE: 11-0

C. DISCUSSION – Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment

Titlbach asked several questions about the City's computer backup and security system.

D. ADJOURN into closed session (8:20 PM)

ACTION: To go into closed session 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: Employment status of City Administrator; and 2) Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. RE: Notice of claim against the City MOTION: Thein SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 11-0

NOTE: Dan Kanis was present in the closed session. Kanis left the closed session at 8:45 PM. City Administrator Kramer left the closed session at 9:20 PM and returned at 10:25 PM.

E. CONVENE into open session (10:30 PM)

MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 11-0

F. ACTION from closed session

MOTION: To acknowledge and reject the claim of Nelson Mill and Agri-Center, Inc. and Marquette Hayden Properties LLC against the City of Prairie du Chien MOTION: Leys
SECOND: Jones VOTE: 11-0

IX. ADJOURN (10:31 PM)

MOTION: Thein SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 11-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer