

## **Minutes of the Common Council – March 24th 2014 (Special)**

A special meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7:00 PM in City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order.

### **ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**1. Call to order/Roll Call** – Mike Jones absent

**2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Wagar VOTE: 11-0

### **3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Reduction in the Size of the Common Council**

On March 18th, the Common Council, on a 7-5 vote, approved a motion to reduce the size of the Council to eight members (one from each aldermanic district and two at-large members), to be effective with the April 2015 election. Wisconsin Statute 62.08 (4) requires that any vote to reduce must be passed by a two-thirds vote of all members. In the event the Council re-votes to reduce the size, the City Administrator, after consulting with the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, has drafted a proposal showing how the transition would be handled. If the Council does vote to reduce, it has been recommended the Ordinances which follow should be passed to allow for the transition to occur. Hemmer apologized to the Council and the public for his demeanor at the last Council meeting ACTION: To reconsider the motion to reduce the size of the Council MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-3 (Thein, Fleshner, Pintz opposed). The issue was placed back on the table. Discussion was held on the proposal to reduce the Council. ACTION: To reduce the size of the Council to eight members (one from each aldermanic district and two at-large members), to be effective with the April 2015 election MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-3 (Thein, Fleshner, Pintz opposed).

### **4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinances Related to the Reduction in the Size of the Common Council**

Discussion was held on the format for the new Council, as well as Committee assignments. City Attorney Peterson explained that Ordinances 2014-11 and 2014-12 would be Charter Ordinances, would require a 2/3 vote to approve, and could be challenged by a resident within sixty (60) days of passage. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2014-11 (RECREATING SECTION 1.02 (ELECTED OFFICIALS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) and waive the second reading at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-3 (Thein, Fleshner, Pintz opposed). ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2014-12 (RECREATING SECTION 2.01 (1) (COMMON COUNCIL - General) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) and waive the second reading at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-3 (Thein, Fleshner, Pintz opposed). ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2014-13 (RECREATING SECTION 2.06 (STANDING COMMITTEES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) and waive the second reading at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting MOTION: Wagar SECOND: Leys. Prior to the vote, Wagar amended her motion to require a second reading at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Leys (second) concurred. VOTE: 8-3 (Thein, Fleshner, Pintz opposed)

### **5. ADJOURN (8:00 PM)**

MOTION: Thein SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 11-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

### **CHARTER ORDINANCES APPROVED**

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