

Minutes of the Common Council – July 15th 2014

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A meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday July 15th 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 was absent. (NOTE: The Council currently has one vacancy)
- 2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Thein VOTE: 10-0
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Jean Titlbach
- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL – July 1st 2014; B. FINANCE – July 1st 2014; C. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – June 17th 2014; D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – May 27th 2014; E. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – June 2014; F. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any). ACTION: To approve the consent agenda MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 9-1 (Boylen opposed)

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (NOTE: Please limit citizens' comments to no more than three minutes)

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2014-30 (DECLARING AUGUST 2nd 2014 AS "RELAY FOR LIFE DAY" IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)

Shelly Rider addressed the Council on the upcoming event. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2014-30 MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Leys VOTE: 10-0

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

C. UPDATE – Water Rate Increase Application with Public Service Commission

Water Department Director explained how the City will be seeking a three (3) percent increase in water rates, effective September 2nd, which is the maximum allowed under the Simplified Rate Case Application. The Council was advised that the City will likely be seeking additional increases in future years due to the increased Marquette Road costs and other department maintenance needs. No action taken.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (NOTE: Please limit citizens' comments to no more than three minutes)

Under the Citizens' comments, the following people addressed the Council, all in relation to the Wisconsin Southern loading site along the Highway 18 bypass: Forest Jahnke (Crawford Stewardship), Gerald Stram (Prairie du Chien), Teresa Champion (788 South Beaumont, Prairie du Chien) , Kyle Pattison (Pattison Sand), Janice Hein (745 Overview Court, Prairie du Chien), Ken Lucht (Wisconsin Southern), Frank Pintz (Town of Prairie du Chien), John Lochner (216 Rice Street, Prairie du Chien) and Daryl Denstrop (Wisconsin Southern).

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Filling Vacancy in the Fifth Aldermanic District

The vacancy was created when Alderman Frank Pintz recently announced his resignation, which took effect on June 10th. The term will run through April 2015, when the seat will be eliminated. No candidates have filed an application to fill the vacancy. Discussion was held on several options to take. ACTION: To keep the seat vacant at this time, but accept applications in the future for the Council to consider filling the vacancy MOTION: Boylen SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 10-0

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2014-31 (SUPPORTING A FAIR ALLOCATION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND)

City Planner Frable explained this resolution calls for continued support of mass transit options in Wisconsin. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2014-31 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 10-0

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2014-32 (OPPOSING THE CURRENT OPERATION AND PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE WISCONSIN AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD UNLOADING SITE ALONG THE HIGHWAY 18 BYPASS)

Alderman Leys has requested the enclosed resolution for the Council to consider. Considerable discussion was held on the proposed resolution. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2014-32 MOTION: Leys SECOND: Fleshner VOTE: 4-6 (Myers, Titlbach, Boylen, Solomon, Kozelka and Gilberts opposed). Motion failed to pass.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The City Administrator provided an update on the recent collecting dust samples in and around the Pattison Sand unloading site. He said the samples had been sent to Madison for analysis yesterday (Monday July 14th). No action taken.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims

ACTION: To approve the claims MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

B. PERSONNEL – Agreement for Fixed Base Operator

Staff was recommending the contract, between the City and Aviation Concessions, Inc., be renewed through 2016, with a two (2) percent increase in the monthly payment to operate the Prairie du Chien Airport. Yeomans had requested, at the Personnel Committee earlier in the evening, that the contract be extended to December 31st 2016 rather than end in the middle of year. ACTION: To approve the contract between the City and Aviation Concessions, Inc., be renewed through December 31st 2016, with a two (2) percent annual increase in the payment to operate the Prairie du Chien Airport MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 10-0

C. PUBLIC WORKS- Request from Denise Barrett, 130 W. Glenn Street to have a “Watch for Autistic or Disable Child area” sign placed in the 700 (southbound traffic) and 800 block (northbound traffic) of S. Beaumont Road

ACTION: To approve the request from Denise Barrett, 130 W. Glenn Street to have a “Watch for Autistic or Disable Child area” sign placed in the 700 (southbound traffic) and 800 block (northbound traffic) of S. Beaumont Road MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 10-0

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Awarding of Bid for Champion Boulevard Reconstruction

The sole bid was submitted by Iverson Construction (\$90,118.30 minus milled materials retained by the contractor). This is \$20,118.30 over the budget. City Administrator Kramer presented several options for the Council to consider. ACTION: To award the bid for the Champion Boulevard reconstruction to Iverson Construction, and cover any budget shortfalls from the remaining funds from the North Main project (Series 2014A borrowing) MOTION: Leys SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 10-0

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Extension of Godden Pit Dredging Contract

Staff was seeking approval to extend the deadline for completion from September 10th to November 21st. ACTION: To approve extending the deadline to complete the Godden Pit dredging to November 21st 2014 MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 10-0

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Procurement Plan for the Shared-Ride Taxi Service including appointment of Evaluation Committee

The City provides the shared-ride taxi service better known as Coulee Cab. The City receives state and federal operating and capital grants to help fund the service, and the City contracts with a third-party

(currently Running, Inc.) to operate the service. Every five years, the City solicits proposals from contractors to operate the service. ACTION: To approve moving forward with the procurement plan and appointing the following to the evaluation committee: Peter Fletcher (Transportation Planner - Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission); Terry Meyer (Public Works Superintendent - City of Prairie du Chien); Pam Ritchie (Executive Director - Opportunity Center); and Garth Frable (Planner - City of Prairie du Chien – non-scoring member) MOTION: Their SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

E. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment

Fleshner asked the staff re-examine the feasibility of a municipal campground. Kozelka asked the staff to look into creating a policy to cover citizens' requests for special signage.

12. ADJOURN (8:15 PM)

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 10-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

* **Resolution 2014-30 (DECLARING AUGUST 2nd 2014 AS "RELAY FOR LIFE DAY" IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN)**

* **Resolution 2014-31 (SUPPORTING A FAIR ALLOCATION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND)**

RESOLUTIONS DEFEATED

* **Resolution 2014-32 (OPPOSING THE CURRENT OPERATION AND PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE WISCONSIN AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD UNLOADING SITE ALONG THE HIGHWAY 18 BYPASS)**