

Minutes of the Common Council November 18th 2014

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday November 18th 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** – Todd Myers absent. The Council has one vacancy.
- 2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 10-0
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Kyle Kozelka

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – November 11th 2014; B. FINANCE – November 11th 2014; C. PLAN COMMISSION – November 10th 2014; D. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any); ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 10-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Kramer reminded the Public Works Committee of a scheduled meeting on Tuesday November 25th.

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Awarding Farm Leases (2015-2017): Seven proposals were received. Staff recommended awarding the leases to LLK Excavating LLC (Lonnie Kapinus) at a rate of \$165.00 per acre. The current leases call for a \$65 per acre rental, meaning the new leases will net the City an additional \$19,000 in revenue. ACTION: To awarding the farm leases for 2015-2017 to LLK Excavating LLC (Lonnie Kapinus) at a rate of \$165.00 per acre MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims: ACTION: To approve the claims MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 10-0

B. FINANCE – Proposed 2015 Budget: Kramer reviewed the proposed 2015 budget, which calls for a 1.5 percent increase in expenditures, but only a 0.75 percent increase in the levy. He said that the final numbers for the lottery, first dollar and school credits were not in yet, but based on the tentative numbers, the City tax bill on a \$100,000 would go up \$0.52. ACTION: To approve the 2015 budget and set a public hearing for the budget on Tuesday December 2nd at 7:00 PM. MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 10-0. Discussion was then held on the proposed funding for PDRI/Main Street. Marlene Dyer spoke on behalf of the group and said the proposal from PDRI/Main Street was as follows: Main Street will raise \$4,000 (in addition to PDRI's leftover funds) by January 31, 2015. Once this \$4,000 is collected, they propose that the City match it with a contribution of \$4,000 no later than February 28, 2015. Additionally, should City funds be available, Main Street will raise an additional \$4,000 on or before June 30, 2015. Once this \$4,000 is collected, they propose that the City match it with a second \$4,000 contribution, to be dispersed by July 31, 2015, bringing the City's total 2015 contribution to Main Street to \$8,000. Discussion was then held on the City Administrator's proposal, which included funding for 2016. The proposal included a mix of General Fund and TID #4 funds to provide \$7,500 in 2015 and \$15,000 in 2016. Kramer said the amount could be raised to \$8,000 as PDRI/Main Street had requested by simply adjusting the numbers. ACTION: To approve the funding plan proposed by the City Administrator, which calls for an \$8,000 City contribution to PDRI/Main Street, with \$2,000 from the General Fund Contingency Fund and \$6,000 transferred from TID #4,

if \$22,000 is raised from outside sources; and to recommend that the City contribute \$15,000 in 2016, with \$3,750 from the General Fund Contingency Fund and \$11,250 transferred from TID #4, if ½ (50 percent) of the required annual budget (\$70,000) for Wisconsin Main Street recognition is raised, and PDRI/Main Street receives contributions from other governmental entities so that the sum total of the City's contribution and the other governmental contributions is roughly 1/3 of the annual budget for 2016 MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 10-0

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment:

None

12. ADJOURN (7:42 PM) – MOTION: Thein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 10-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer