

Minutes of the Common Council January 20th 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday January 20th 2015 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** – Ken Fleshner and Mark Thein absent. The Council has one vacancy.
2. **Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 9-0
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Edward Hayes-Hall

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. COUNCIL – January 6th 2015; B. FINANCE – January 6th 2015; C. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD - November 19th 2014; D. PLAN COMMISSION – December 15th 2014; E. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Fourth Quarter 2014; F. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any); MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 9-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Hayes-Hall asked about what was happening at the proposed WSOR unloading site. Mayor Hemmer said that nothing had started, as WSOR was still waiting for a permit, but some preliminary ground work had started

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims - ACTION: To approve MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 9-0

B. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD - Request by Horse riders to Revise and Extend Lease Agreement – Park and Rec Director Mike Ulrich spoke on behalf of the request. Dave Shihata (Chairman, LaRiviere Park Board) and Rodney Coahey (President, LaRiviere Park Riders) were also present to address the Council. They said a longer lease was needed to assist with grant applications, and that it would provide peace of mind for the riders. They noted that the park draws 5,000 horses a year, with 140 members. The Riders carry the liability insurance, and any structures they build become City property. The proposed new lease would cover the following time frame: January 1st 2015 to December 31st 2030 – with three (3) five-year options to be added to the end of the proposed 15-year lease, with the renewal being automatic unless both parties agree to end the lease ninety (90)-days prior to the expiration of the lease. A clause would also be added that if the Riders make any improvement valued at more than \$2,000 that they must notify the City in writing of the improvement prior to commencement of construction. If said improvement exceeds \$5,000 in value, the Riders must receive permission from the LaRiviere Park Board and the Common Council. Leys felt the lease was too long, as did Solomon. Hayes-Hall felt a straight 15-year lease was long enough. Kozelka noted that they are running a self-sustained park. ACTION: To approve the 15-year lease with three (3) five-year options to be added to the end of the proposed 15-year lease, with the renewal being automatic unless both parties agree to end the lease ninety (90)-days prior to the expiration of the lease, and a clause to be added that if the Riders make any improvement valued at more than \$2,000 that they must notify the City in writing of the improvement prior to commencement of construction MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Jones VOTE: 6-3 (Solomon, Hayes-Hall and Leys opposed).

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

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

12. ADJOURN (7:25 PM) – MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 9-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer