

Minutes of the Common Council – April 21st 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday April 21st 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 – All members present

2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 8-0

3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Police Chief Chad Abram

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – April 14th 2015; B. PARK BOARD – February 18th 2015; ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2015-15 (SUPPORTING THE JOINT EFFORTS ON DETERMINING A REUSE OF THE EXISTING PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SITE) - This resolution will partner the City with the Crossing Rivers Health Medical Center, the Prairie du Chien Economic Development Corporation, the Crawford County Economic Development Corporation, the Prairie du Chien Area School District, and the City of Prairie du Chien in developing a plan to redevelop the current hospital facility which encouraging its reuse in a manner which promotes economic and community development, and, if said efforts are unsuccessful, developing a plan to raze the current facility and redevelop the site in a manner which complements the surrounding neighborhood and encourages economic and community development. City Administrator Kramer told the Council that there is about a six month window to develop and implement a plan to reuse the current building, or there is a likelihood it will be razed and then a redevelopment plan for the site will be proposed. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2015-15 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-0

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Kramer informed the Council that the LaRiviere Horse Riders will have an Open House on Saturday May 9th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Horse Park, and that they are invited to attend. He also shared the first report on the energy savings from the conversion of some city lights to LED, which showed nearly 23,000 kilowatt hours has been saved so far.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims - Due to the transition in Committees, the claims are being sent directly to the Council for review. ACTION: To approve the claims MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-0

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Bid Results and Notice of Award for Well No. 4 VFD Installation - Staff recommends awarding the bid to Winona Mechanical (Winona, MN) for \$34,402, which includes the base bid and two proposed alternates. Funds for the project were included in the 2014-2016 Capital Fund. ACTION: To award the bid to Winona Mechanical (Winona, MN) for \$34,402 MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Jones VOTE: 8-0

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Prairie du Chien Flood Mitigation Project (Vierbicher) – ACTION: To approve the PSA with Vierbicher **MOTION:** Titlbach **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

C. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment – Titlbach asked that two issues be referred to a Committee – 1) the possibility of a citywide paper recycling and shredding event, and 2) the feasibility of a dog park in the City. Kramer informed the Council that the proposed funding for the library expansion project and the future of the St. Feriole Island Riverwall will be on the May 5th agenda.

D. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (7:25 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:** Hiring of Water Department Meter Reader (Part-Time) **MOTION:** Solomon **SECOND:** Hayes-Hall **VOTE:** 8-0

E. CONVENE into open session (7:30 PM) – MOTION: Gilberts **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

F. ACTION from closed session – ACTION: To approve the hiring of Robert Neufuss, Jr. to the position of Water Department Meter Reader (Part-time) **MOTION:** Kozelka **SECOND:** Jones **VOTE:** 8-0

12. ADJOURN (7:31 PM) - MOTION: Gilberts **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

* **Resolution 2015-15 (SUPPORTING THE JOINT EFFORTS ON DETERMINING A REUSE OF THE EXISTING PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SITE)**