

Minutes of the Common Council – August 4th 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday August 4th 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: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0 **3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Jean Titlbach. Mayor Hemmer introduced the new City Attorney, Lara Czajkowski-Higgins.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING - That Chapter 17-A, Floodplain Zoning Code, of the Municipal Code of the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, be repealed and recreated to allow for the adoption of a revised floodplain ordinance - The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the current ordinance, which, when passed in 2010, created a new Floodplain Zoning Code, complied with DNR requirements, and incorporated a new FEMA map, flood insurance study and elevations. The proposed floodplain (zoning ordinance and/or map) revisions are required by state and federal law. These revisions govern development in mapped floodplain areas. Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:02 PM. City Zoning Administrator Julie Jackson gave an overview of the changes. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:08 PM.

B. ACTION on aforesaid item – Ordinance 2015-07 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 17-A (FLOODPLAIN ZONING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) – ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2015-07 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-0

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – July 21st 2015; B. FINANCE – July 21st 2015; C. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – July 8th 2015; D. POLICE CHIEF REPORT – Second Quarter 2015; E. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any); 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 2015-42 (COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF THOMAS PETERSON AND MARK PETERSON TO THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN AND ITS RESIDENTS) – ACTION: To approve Resolution 2015-42 MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Kramer reminded the Council about the arrival of the American Queen on August 12th on St. Feriolo Island. He also commended Kenny Meyer who is retiring from the Street Department on Friday August 7th.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims – ACTION: To approve MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0

B. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - Report on terms of Amended and Restated Lease of certain public property located in Tax Incremental District No. 6 – Brian Della (PFM) presented the results of the bond sale from earlier in the day. The tax-exempt portion (\$1.225 million) was re-financed from a 4.37 percent interest rate to 1.86 percent. The taxable portion (\$2.705 million) was re-financed from a 6.32 percent interest rate to 2.79 percent.

C. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – Resolution 2015-38 (Resolution Approving the Amended and Restated Lease of Certain Property and Improvements by the City and Approving the Issuance of Bonds by the Redevelopment Authority and Related Documents and Transactions) – ACTION: To approve Resolution 2015-38 **MOTION:** Titlbach **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2015-08 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 1.03 (APPOINTED OFFICIALS) AND 1.04 (OFFICIALS QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) - The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the current ordinance relative to the City Attorney and incorporating the new position of Municipal Attorney. **ACTION:** To approve Ordinance 2015-08 **MOTION:** Hayes-Hall **SECOND:** Kozelka **VOTE:** 8-0

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2015-09 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 9.01 (OFFENSES AGAINST STATE LAWS SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) - The purpose of this Ordinance is to add the state statute against the illegal use of drones to the list of offenses which can be cited as a municipal violation. Considerable discussion was held on the proposed ordinance. Hayes-Hall said he would like to see more information on the FAA regulations regarding drones. **ACTION:** To postpone a vote and hold a second hearing on August 18th **MOTION:** Hayes-Hall **SECOND:** Leys **VOTE:** 8-0

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Clarification of Previous Motion - At its July 21st Council meeting, the Council approved a motion setting a salary minimum for Public Works employees. Staff is requesting clarification on when the minimum becomes effective. **ACTION:** To make the salary minimum effective with the next payroll **MOTION:** Titlbach **SECOND:** Gilberts **VOTE:** 8-0

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

E. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (7:44 PM) – **ACTION:** To go into closed session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Re: Pending Litigation **MOTION:** Solomon **SECOND:** Gilberts **VOTE:** 8-0

F. CONVENE into open session (8:24 PM) – **MOTION:** Kozelka **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

G. ACTION from closed session – Resolution 2015-41 (RESOLUTION INDICATING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY TO ANNEX THAT AREA OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEPORT DESIGNATED FOR INCORPORATION) - The town of Bridgeport has filed a Petition to Incorporate the unincorporated territory in the Town with the Circuit Court and a hearing will be held on August 6th before Judge Czajkowski on the Petition to Incorporate. The resolution expresses the willingness of the City to annex the entire township under the steps provided in Wisconsin State Statute 66.0203 (6) (Annexation Resolution). A previous attempt to incorporate in 2001 was denied. **ACTION:** To approve Resolution 2015-41 **MOTION:** Kozelka **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0 **ACTION:** To direct the City Attorney to advance the involvement of the City in the incorporation procedures of the Town of Bridgeport in the best interests of the City **MOTION:** Hayes-Hall **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

12. ADJOURN (8:29 PM) - **MOTION:** Hayes-Hall **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

ORDINANCES ADOPTED

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

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