

Minutes of the Common Council – September 1st 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday September 1st 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 – Kyle Kozelka absent. **2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0 **3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Boy Scout Troop 320.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Amendment to the CY 2015 Operating Assistance for City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin - The City of Prairie du Chien uses Federal aid for the SMRT Bus service it operates. The City of Prairie du Chien seeks input on modifying routes to add La Farge to the service. This recommendation is based upon the opportunity to add upwards of 5,000 additional rides to the service annually and to maximize the ridership of the SMRT Bus system while responsibly managing the system's finances. The addition of La Farge will add 256 operating hours to the service. To offset these added hours, one or more of the seven routes between La Crosse and Viroqua will be modified or eliminated to reduce hours. Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM. City Planner Frable provided an overview of the proposed changes. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:08 PM.

B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item – ACTION: To approve the amendment to the CY 2015 Operating Assistance for City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin and the services agreement with Organic Farms MOTION: Leys SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – August 18th 2015; B. FINANCE – August 18th 2015; C. PARK BOARD – June 17th 2015; D. PUBLIC WORKS – August 11th 2015; E. CITY LOAN COMMITTEE – May 12th 2015; F. STREET CLOSURE PERMIT – Holy Family Parish (September 20th 2015) – Taylor Street from South Wacouta to alley east of Taylor Street; G. PARADE PERMIT – Oktoberfest (October 17th 2015); H. PARADE PERMIT – Prairie du Chien School District Homecoming Parade (September 23rd 2015); I. Approval of Mississippi River Mud Run fundraiser For Skate Board Park (September 19th 2015 - 8 am); J. Approval of Music Fights Back Cancer benefit for Lucky Park (September 19th 2015 - 1 pm); K. Approval of Oktoberfest – St. Feriole Island Memorial Gardens (October 17th 2015 - 10 am-6 pm); L. Eagle Scout Project on St. Feriole Island (Eagle Scout Jacob Kotte is looking to provide up to three (3) park benches within St. Feriole Island); M. CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE (Cider Only) – Kwik Trip; N. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any). Gilberts asked that items H, J and L be pulled from the consent agenda. ACTION: To approve the remainder of the consent agenda MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

H. PARADE PERMIT – Prairie du Chien School District Homecoming Parade (September 23rd 2015) – Police Chief Abram said the route this year would be the same as the one used in 2014. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

J. Approval of Music Fights Back Cancer benefit for Lucky Park (September 19th 2015 - 1 pm) – Jeremy Cuff addressed the Council on the event. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

L. Eagle Scout Project on St. Feriole Island - Eagle Scout Jacob Kotte is looking to provide up to three (3) park benches within St. Feriole Island. Kotte addressed the Council on his proposal. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Leys SECOND: Jones VOTE: 7-0

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – City Administrator Kramer reminded the Council of the following

meetings – Plan Commission (September 14th) and Public Works (September 24th). He also provided a review of the train derailment incident of August 30th and the response and notification procedures.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE – Claims – ACTION: To approve MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

B. FINANCE – Request for Assistance from Tax Increment District #4 - PDC Capital, LLC is proposing a \$1.7 million, 7,760 square foot dental clinic and eye clinic built for Gundersen Lutheran Hospital southeast of the Blackhawk Avenue-Marquette Road roundabout. Part of the project involves the purchase of the land for \$101,500, which the developer is requesting \$11,500 in TID #4 funds to complete. Staff would recommend approval. ACTION: To approve the TIF assistance request, contingent on the applicant providing proof of primary bank financing for the project MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

C. PARK BOARD - Approval to relocate Doc Holiday docks (McGregor, IA) to Lawler Park and Lease – Richard Schroeder (Doc Holiday) addressed the Council on the desire to relocate the docks from the Holiday Shores Hotel site in McGregor, IA to the area currently occupied by the city docks on the west side of St. Feriole Island. The lease would be for five (5) years, with a 5-year renewal, at a fee of \$250 per year. Public boat slips and public fishing would be permitted in a designated area, as well as an unloading site for excursion boats. ACTION: To approve the relocation and lease MOTION: Gilberts SECOND; Jones VOTE: 7-0

D. PUBLIC WORKS – Agreement between City and Bennett Hardwoods - This agreement would retain the easements for the Bennett spur rail, in which the rail itself has been removed as part of the North Ohio Street project, unless both parties agree to remove them. ACTION: To approve MOTION: Leys SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Awarding of Bid for Aquatic Park Roof Replacement - The staff recommendation is to accept the bid from Midwest Builders for a total amount of \$15,870.00 plus any sheeting replacement as necessary. The budgeted amount in the 2014-2016 Capital Fund for the project was \$42,000. ACTION: To approve the bid for Midwest Builders (\$15,870) MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Myers VOTE: 7-0

F. PUBLIC WORKS – Awarding of Bid for Hoffman Hall Roof Replacement - The staff recommendation is to accept the low bid from CustomFoam (Mauston, WI). The bid - \$185,840 - includes the replacement of the roofing membrane, insulation and any deteriorated decking material. The Council had earlier approved using \$180,000 from the remaining Hoffman Hall Capital Campaign funds to pay for the project. Staff would recommend the remaining \$5,840 come from the 2014-2016 Capital Fund. ACTION: To approve the bid of CustomFoam (\$185,840) with the funds to come from the Hoffman Hall Capital Campaign (\$180,000) and the 2014-2016 Capital Fund (\$5,840) MOTION: Leys SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 7-0

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Amending the Safe Routes to School Project (2017) – ACTION: To approve transferring \$71,929 from the 2014-2016 Capital Accounts Fund to eliminate the negative balance in the engineering account for the SRTS project MOTION: Leys SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 7-0 ACTION: To direct the City Administrator to sign the revised agreement with the State for the project MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0

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

A. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment – Hayes-Hall said he would like an update on the city's emergency plans, especially in light of the recent train derailment.

B. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (7:50 PM) – ACTION: To go into closed session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) (c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over whom the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility RE: Employment – Public Works Department MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 7-0

C. CONVENE into open session (8:06 PM) – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Myers VOTE: 7-0

D. ACTION from closed session – ACTION: To offer the Street Department position to Michael (Mike) Anthony, contingent upon a successful background check and passage of a drug and alcohol screening
MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 6-0-1 (Gilberts abstained)

12. ADJOURN (8:07 PM) - MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 7-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer