

Minutes of the Common Council – September 29th 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday September 29th 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 present. **2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0 **3. Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Mike Jones

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – September 1st 2015; B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – September 1st 2015; C. PLAN COMMISSION – August 17th 2015; D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 1st 2015; E. LARIVIERE PARK COMMITTEE – July 15th 2015; F. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – August 2015; G. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any); ACTION: To approve MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION – Main Street Program – Chris Mara (President, PDC Main Street) updated the Council on the programs activity so far, plans for the future and the Connect Communities program (part of Wisconsin Main Street) the Main Street is currently in. No formal action taken.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2015-43 (DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-10 AS “FIRE PREVENTION WEEK” IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN) – ACTION: To approve MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Kramer reminded the Council of the meetings scheduled for Tuesday October 6th (Loan Committee, Personnel, Finance & Council) and October 13th (Public Works).

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

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

B. FINANCE – Approval of amended 2015 Budget – ACTION: To approve MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

C. PUBLIC WORKS – Request from Blair Dillman to Vacate a Portion of Fisher and Roulette Streets on St. Feriole Island – The Committee recommended the Council approve removing a portion of Fisher Street, from its intersection from Water Street to a point twenty (20) feet east of the railroad crossing, and Roulette Street, from its intersection from Water Street to a point twenty (20) feet east of the most easterly railroad track, but not to proceed with the project unless the Wisconsin Southern Railroad (WSOR) approves the proposed project Dillman has for that area of St. Feriole Island, and the project not to commence until the proposed project is underway. ACTION: To approve the request to remove a portion of Fisher Street, from its intersection from Water Street to a point twenty (20) feet east of the railroad crossing, and Roulette Street, from its intersection from Water Street to a point twenty (20) feet east of the most easterly railroad track, but not to proceed with the project unless the Wisconsin Southern Railroad (WSOR) approves the proposed project Dillman has for that area of St. Feriole Island, and the removal not to commence until the proposed Dillman project is underway MOTION: Jones SECOND: Myers VOTE: 5-3 (Titlbach, Solomon, Hayes-Hall opposed)

D. PUBLIC WORKS – Ordinance 2015-10 (Amending Chapter 7.06 (17) (North and South Illinois Street)) - The purpose of this Ordinance is allow traffic on South Illinois Street from Webster Street to Cass

Street to be two way, and prohibit parking on either side on South Illinois Street from Webster Street to Cass Street. If approved, the change would take effect October 5th 2015. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2015-10 MOTION: Solomon 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 – Review and Action on Contract Amendment #1 for PDC Project #1661-05-26 between the City of Prairie du Chien and CORRE - The purpose of this amendment is to extend the date for completion of appraisals from 9/30/2015 to 10/30/2015 and to include additional appraisals and their costs. These changes are the result of modifications to the real estate plat and of the real estate process. Any additional costs incurred will be reimbursed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. ACTION: To approve Contract Amendment #1 for PDC Project #1661-05-26 between the City of Prairie du Chien and CORRE MOTION: Leys SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – TIF Assistance (Nelson True Value) - Nelson True Value is seeking assistance from TID #4 (the new store falls within one-half mile of the TID) for two projects to assist with the planned opening of the new store on November 25th: 1. \$4,000 to construct a conduit around the fiber optic line which runs alongside the property, which the city assisted in moving earlier this year, and 2. \$9,500 to construct a retaining wall related to an Alliant utility line project. ACTION: To approve providing \$4,000 in TID #4 assistance for the construction of the conduit around the fiber optic line which runs alongside the property MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-0

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Permission to Apply for 2016 DOT Grant Opportunities (Police) - The Police Department is requesting permission to apply for two Wisconsin DOT Bureau of Traffic Safety Grants. The two grants that must be submitted by October 1st include a Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant and an Ignition Interlock Device Enforcement Grant. ACTION: To approve the grant opportunities MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-0

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Awarding of Bid (22nd Street Tree Project) - Staff would recommend awarding the bid to SRB Trees, Inc. (\$31,816.85), which is slightly below estimated budget amounts. ACTION: To approve the bid MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-0

E. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment – Leys asked about what the city could do about the boat parked alongside the beach adjacent to Lawler Park. Solomon about any possible violations involving a camper parked on South Michigan State. Jones asked about what the city planned to do with the unsold properties from the closed bid sale of surplus city property earlier this year.

F. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:19 PM) – ACTION: To go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. RE: Developer's Agreement MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0

G. CONVENE into open session (8:22 PM) – MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0

H. ACTION from closed session – ACTION: To approve the amended Developer's Agreement between the City of Prairie du Chien and PDC Capital, LCC MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

12. ADJOURN (8:24 PM) - MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

ORDINANCES ADOPTED

* **Ordinance 2015-10 (Amending Chapter 7.06 (17) (North and South Illinois Street))**

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

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