

Minutes of the Common Council – October 6th 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday October 6th 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 – Todd Myers absent. **2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Jones VOTE: 7-0 **3. Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Karen Solomon

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – September 29th 2015; B. CITY LOAN COMMITTEE – August 31st 2015; C. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – July 15th 2015; D. FINANCE COMMITTEE – September 1st 2015; E. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any). ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Kramer informed the Council that the October 20th Council meeting would begin at City Hall, then be adjourned and re-convened at the Crossing Rivers Health Center to discuss the issues with the access road from Highway 18. No formal action taken.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. PERSONNEL – City Health Insurance Program (2016) – There were two options to consider – 1) renewing with Health Traditions, or 2) joining the Western Wisconsin Municipal Consortium. The recommendation of the Committee will go to the Council later this evening. Kramer provided an analysis and comparison of the structural differences in the two plays. Joel Ingebritsen (Health Traditions) and Jerry DenBoer (Consortium) were both present to answer questions. The latest Health Traditions renewal would be a 1.4 percent reduction in the current premium. The Consortium rates would be lower than the current premiums, and would provide more options for employers to choose from, while, at the same time, providing an estimated \$40-80,000 in savings to the City ACTION: To renew with Network Health on November 1st MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0 ACTION: To sign a 2-year contract with the Western Wisconsin Municipal Consortium, effective January 1st 2016, with the employees to be offered two options – Plan A (\$1,000 single/\$2,000 family deductible with the City providing \$500 (single) and \$1,000 (family) to a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), employees paying 15 percent of the premium) and Plan B (\$2,000 single/\$4,000 family deductible with the City providing \$1,000 (single) and \$2,000 (family) to the HRA, employees paying 14 percent of the deductible, and participating employees receiving discounted annual family passes to Hoffman Hall and the Outdoor Pool) MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 7-0

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

C. PUBLIC WORKS – Sidewalk Repair/Removal - Elite Painting (829 North Wacouta) is requesting the sidewalk be removed on Miller Street (it is a corner lot), and pay 50 percent of the repairs needed to repair the sidewalk on Wacouta Street. ACTION: To approve the special assessment and removing the Miller Street sidewalk component, provided the owner signs a waiver of objection in the future if the Miller Street sidewalk is reinstalled at a later date MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

D. PUBLIC WORKS - Agreement between the City and Crawford County relative Vineyard Coulee Road - In March 2014, the Common Council voted “to approve the improvement of Vineyard Coulee Road that falls within the City limits from the north-westernmost point of the land recently annexed into the City by

the Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital to a point 632 feet easterly, and to direct the City Attorney to draft a Memorandum of Understanding with the Township of Bridgeport and Crawford County that the City would agree to pay for improvements to the remaining 632 feet of road footage in the City if it elects to participate in further upgrades.” ACTION: To approve the agreement MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

E. PUBLIC WORKS – Parking changes adjacent to the old hospital on Dunn Street – ACTION: To approve the following, “No Parking” and “Yellow Curb” be removed once the hospital has been razed: 1) Dunn Street from Dousman Street to State Street north side of street, 2) Taylor Street on the south side between State Street and Dousman Street, 3) Handicap stall on the north side of Taylor Street between State and Dousman Streets, 4) East side of Dousman Street between Taylor Street and Dunn Street, and 5) Dunn Street west of Dousman Street on the south side between Ohio Street and Dousman Street MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

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 – Leys inquired about the status of the boat, once parked alongside the City beach on St. Feriole Island, which has now been moved to a new location to the north. Police Chief Abram said the owner had been identified and the boat would be moved to the Winneshiek Marina once a slip was available.

B. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (7:51 PM) – ACTION: To go into closed session under 1. Under Wisconsin State 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: Sale of City Land, and 2. 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: Town of Bridgeport Incorporation Petition MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0

C. CONVENE into open session (8:19 PM) – MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

D. ACTION from closed session – No action taken

12. ADJOURN (8:21 PM) - MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer