

Minutes of the Public Works Committee – October 13th 2015

A meeting of the Public Works Committee of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Tuesday October 13th 2015 at 6:30 PM in City Hall. In the absence of Chairman Kyle Kozelka, City Administrator Aaron Kramer called the meeting to order.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call** – Todd Myers, Mike Jones, Edward Hayes-Hall ABSENT - Kyle Kozelka (Chairperson) CITY STAFF ALSO PRESENT – Mayor Dave Hemmer, City Administrator Aaron Kramer
- 2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Myers SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 3-0
- 3. APPROVAL - Minutes of the September 24th 2015 meetings** – MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 3-0

ACTION ITEMS

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Community Sensitive Design Plans – Marquette Road 2017 – Due to the delay in the project for one year, Kramer recommended the discussion be postponed until further notice. ACTION: To postpone the discussion and review of the Community Sensitive Design Plans for the Marquette Road Project MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE 3-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Regal Marine - Regal Marine Group, which currently operates under a 1-year lease, is requesting a multiple year lease for the Marina on St. Feriole Island for future years. A letter sent to the Mayor recently with a list of issues involving the marina is included in the packet. Denny Regal, Sr. addressed the Committee, asking for a twenty (20)-year lease (2016-36) with two ten year renewals (2036-56). He said the current one-year lease status makes it difficult for the Regals to commit funds and obtain loans for proposed improvements to the marina. Committee members discussed the request, along with concerns about the condition and aesthetics of the marina. Anny Weymiller (Master Captain, Mississippi Explorer Cruises), speaking on behalf of the owner, Dixie Libbey, entered a letter of support for the long-term lease into the record. Also speaking on behalf of a long-term lease were Josh Regal and Rick Jennings (minority business partner in the marina). ACTION: To recommend the Council approve a 20-year lease with the Regals to operate the marina followed by two (2) 10-year options MOTION: Hayes-Hall. The motion died for a lack of second. Mayor Hemmer suggested the lease be renewed for one year, and the two sides discuss a long-term, better-drafted lease. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve a 1-year renewal of the lease (2016) MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Myers VOTE: 3-0. ACTION: To direct the City Administrator and City Attorney to negotiate with the Regals on a possible longer-termed lease and bring said proposed lease back to the Committee MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Myers VOTE: 3-0

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request for Proposals – St. Feriole Island Riverwall - The City of Prairie du Chien will be seeking proposals from responsive and responsible consultants to provide assessment, planning, design, and engineering services, including, but not limited to: Assessment (site reconnaissance, survey, and in-depth structural inspection of the river wall and its foundations, with inspections performed to a level adequate to fully assess conditions and to accurately assess the level of repairs required and the true costs associated with various alternatives. Proposals must include a description of how the condition of the river wall will be determined and what techniques will be used), Planning (development and analysis of possible improvements/additions to the river wall shall be performed. Proposals must include a description of how alternatives will be generated.), and Design (the consultant shall provide design services and develop preliminary proposals and drawings for repairs, renovations and improvements to the river wall.) ACTION: To recommend the Council approve the RFP at its October 20th meeting MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 3-0

7. ADJOURNMENT (7:06 PM) - MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 3-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer