

Minutes of the Common Council – October 20th 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday October 20th 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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Request from Gerald Horkheimer Revocable Trust to rezone that part of Farm Lot 35 as desc. in Vol. 534/D/47 exc. that part used for Hwy purposes as desc. in WD #307887, Private Land Claims (parcel #271-2319-0000) from R-1 “Low Density Residential” to B-2 “Highway Commercial” Zoning District – Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM. Zoning Administrator Julie Jackson provided an overview of the zoning request that will help facilitate the possible construction of a new Eagles club. Public comment was taken on the proposal. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:09 PM.

B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item – ACTION: To approve the request from Gerald Horkheimer Revocable Trust to rezone that part of Farm Lot 35 as desc. in Vol. 534/D/47 exc. that part used for Hwy purposes as desc. in WD #307887, Private Land Claims (parcel #271-2319-0000) from R-1 “Low Density Residential” to B-2 “Highway Commercial” Zoning District MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-0

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – October 6th 2015; B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – October 6th 2015; C. BOARD OF REVIEW – May 14th 2015; D. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – August 14th 2015; E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 24th 2015; F. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION – June 16th 2015; G. PLAN COMMISSION – September 21st 2015; H. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – September 2015 and 3rd Quarter 2015; I. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any); MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – No formal action taken.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

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

B. PUBLIC WORKS – 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.) Kozelka and Hayes-Hall expressed some concern over the timetable, which called for submittals to be returned by November 9th. ACTION: To issue the RFP MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 8-0

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment –

Leys asked about the status of a dumpster that has been located on Parish Street. Gilberts asked for an update on the Ohio and Washington Street project.

12. ADJOURN (7:26 PM) - At this time, the Council adjourned to reconvene at the Crossing Rivers Health Center, 37868 U.S. Highway 18, Prairie du Chien (Polodna Room - 2nd floor) to continue their meeting.

ACTION: To adjourn to reconvene at Crossing Rivers Health Center MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0

13. RECONVENE (7:46 PM)

A. Call to Order – Roll Call – All members present

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request from the Crossing Rivers Health Center Board of Directors to Petition the Federal Aviation Administration -

The Crossing Rivers Health Center Board of Directors is requesting the Council and the City submit to the FAA a formal land release and an alternatives analysis with the goal of installing an access road to the Center from Highway 18. Both documents must be submitted by the City of Prairie du Chien, as sponsor of the Prairie du Chien Municipal Airport. Hospital staff and board members explained the process so far, which has resulted in minimal to no progress with the Wisconsin DOT and FAA. The Crossing Rivers Board met on Monday October 19th and formally requested the City move forward with the petition to the DOT and FAA. Discussion was held on the process, which may take up to two (2) years according to state and federal officials. The consensus of the Council was that the road was vital to the success of the hospital and the safety of patients and staff. ACTION: To direct city staff to begin the process of petitioning the Wisconsin DOT and FAA for a formal land release to modify the terms of the existing clearzone easement and to submit alternatives analysis for the proposed land use change in the runway protection zone (RPZ) MOTION: Myers SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

15. ADJOURN (8:20 PM) - MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer