

Minutes of the Common Council – December 1st 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday December 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 Ron Leys

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed 2016 Budget – Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:06. Scott Nichols (Saferide Coordinator - Crawford County Tavern League) spoke on behalf of restoring funding in the budget for the Saferide program. Considerable discussion was held. A public hearing is schedule for the December 15th Council meeting on the funding. Mayor Hemmer proposed the City allocate some contingency funds to do specific programs, such as the downtown flower project, with the Main Street program. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:47 PM.

B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item – ACTION: To approve the budget as proposed MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – November 17th 2015; B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – November 17th 2015; C. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD – September 16th 2015; D. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – October 13th 2015; E. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any). City Administrator Kramer asked the item D be pulled as the Public Works Committee had not met earlier in the evening. ACTION: To approve the consent agenda minus item D MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 7-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - Tony Kurtz (Regional representative for Senator Ron Johnson) introduced himself to the Council.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Kramer informed the Council there would be an agenda item on the December 15th Council meeting to decide what to do with the Council vacancy, created by the resignation of Kyle Kozelka, effective December 31st.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

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

B. PUBLIC WORKS - Request from Jim Noel (409 South State) for snow removal to his garage located in the non-opened or improved alley, for trailer storage/access – ACTION: To postpone any action MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Mayoral Appointment – ACTION: To approve the appointment of Jane Jacobs to the Housing Authority for a five-year term, expiring September 1st 2020, replacing Wendy Adkins MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

B. UPDATE – Citywide LED Conversion Project – Co-Public Works Manager Terry Meyer discussed the recent progress on the project. No formal action taken.

C. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment – Titlbach said she has received calls from constituents opposed to the proposed blowing of the sirens daily at noon, which is to be considered by the Public Works Committee at a later meeting. Gilberts asked if the staff would look into drop boxes at the boat launches for people to purchase boat passes during off-hours.

D. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:15 PM) – ACTION: To go into closed session 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: Economic Development Incentive Package, and 2) 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 – Municipal City Attorney MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

E. CONVENE into open session (8:41 PM) – MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0

F. ACTION from closed session – ACTION: That the City of Prairie du Chien extend the following incentive offer to the Solomon Corporation, based in Solomon, Kansas, for said company to open and operate a facility in the North Gateway Business Park of the City: 1) The City provide a loan of \$571,125, at zero percent interest, to the Solomon Corporation, for a term of 15 years, with monthly payments of \$3,173.00 commencing January 1st 2017, and said month payments to be paid no later than the 15th day of each subsequent month, through December 31st 2031, with the final payment being \$3,158.00, with the Solomon Corporation providing a mortgage on its property in Prairie du Chien as collateral for said loan, and 2) the City offer to sell to the Solomon Corporation two (2) acres in the North Gateway Business Park, designated as Lot 2 of CSM 1331 (see attached to the minutes), at a price of \$100 per acre MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 7-0 ACTION: That, if the incentive offer to the Solomon Corporation is accepted, and the transaction is completed, than, at closing, the City of Prairie du Chien terminate its current loan to William Adamany and also terminate its Development Agreement with and an Option to Purchase granted to William Adamany MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 7-0

12. ADJOURN (8:43 PM) - MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer