

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL – MARCH 15th 2016**

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday March 15th 2016 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** – Ron Leys absent **2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 7-0 **3. Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Mike Jones

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING - Request from Tom Novey to rezone Lots 7 & 8, Block 3; Davies Subdivision No. 1 (parcel #271-0264-0005) from R-1 “Low Density Residential” to R-2 “Medium Density Residential” Zoning District** – Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:06 PM. Zoning Administrator Jackson provided an overview of the request, which is to build a duplex. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:08 PM.

**B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item – Ordinance 2016-04** – ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2016-04 MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 7-0

**5. CONSENT AGENDA** - A. COUNCIL – February 23rd 2016 and March 1st 2016; B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – February 23rd 2016 and March 1st 2016; C. PARK BOARD – December 16th 2015; D. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – October 6th 2015; E. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – February 2016; F. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any) ACTION: To approve MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 7-0

**6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** - None

Without objection, Hemmer moved the agenda:

### **10. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS – Ordinance 2016-03 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 15.04 (SLOW-NO WAKE)** - This Ordinance would create a slow-no wake zone adjacent to the Campion Boat Landing. This is the second reading for this proposed Ordinance. Discussion was held on shortening the zone. Jim Gallagher (829 South Wacouta) questioned the need for the zone, and said the proposed area was too large. ACTION: To approve the Ordinance with the following language defining the slow-no wake zone - Beginning at a point 250 feet north of the midpoint of the Campion Street boat landing, thence in a westerly direction to a point on Challifaus Island, thence due south 500 feet along the meandering line of the Mississippi River to a point on Challifaus Island thence east to a point 250 feet south of the midpoint of the Campion Street boat landing thence in a northerly direction along the meandering line of the Mississippi River to the point of the beginning – and to direct to the Public Works Committee the issue of closing the north entrance to the Campion Boat Landing MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 7-0

### **7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Resolution 2016-05 (COMMEMORATING THE VILLA LOUIS ON ITS 81ST YEAR OF OPERATIONS)** - ACTION: To approve MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0

**8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Kramer reminded the Council of upcoming meetings. Hemmer congratulated the Prairie du Chien High School Boys Basketball team on their upcoming trip to the State Tournament.

### **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS**

**A. FINANCE – Claims** – ACTION: To approve MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 7-0

**B. FINANCE – Grants and Donations Fund** - Staff is recommending three fund transfers to eliminate some sub-category deficits in the Grants and Donations Fund. ACTION: To approve the transfers MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Myers VOTE: 7-0

**C. FINANCE - Policy 2016-01 (COMPREHENSIVE CREDIT AND GAS CARD POLICY)** – ACTION: To approve Policy 2016-01 MOTION: Myers SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0

**D. PERSONNEL – Ordinance 2016-06 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 22.04 (1) (VACATION))**  
- The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 22.04 (1) to modify the City's current vacation procedure. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2016-06 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 7-0

**E. PERSONNEL – Creation of Lead Man Position in Water Department** – ACTION: To approve the creation of the lead man position in the Water Department as an internally posted position, with a pay increase of \$0.50 for the a probationary period of the first six months after appointment, and a subsequent \$0.50 per hour raise after the six month probationary period, to the successful applicant MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0

**F. PARK BOARD – City Facility Usage** – ACTION: To approve the following requests - Prairie St Farmers Market Request to use Lucky Park (This is a 1-year request), PDC Jaycees request to use St Feriole Island for Flea Market (This is a 1-year request), Prairie Dog Blues Fest to use St Feriole Island (This is a 3-year request), Carriage Classic to use St. Feriole Island (This is a 3-year request), Big River Long Rifles to use St. Feriole Island for Rendezvous (This is a 1-year request) MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 7-0

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

**A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Proposed construction of press box (over existing dugout) at St. Feriole Island Ball Park** - The Council is being asked to approve the construction as this will be located on City-owned property. Steve Sagedahl addressed the Council on the proposal and answered questions. ACTION: To approve the project MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Jones VOTE: 7-0

**B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Scheduling of Special Council meeting** - Due to the Spring Election, the April 5th Council meeting will need to be re-scheduled to April 12th, which will be the last meeting of the current council. On April 19th, a re-organizational meeting and first meeting of “new” Council will be held. Staff is looking to schedule a Special Council meeting the week of March 28th. The Council directed the City Administrator to try and schedule a meeting the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 PM. No formal action taken.

**C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2016-05 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 9.01 (OFFENSES AGAINST STATE LAWS SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE))** - The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 9.01 to delete the section dealing with possession of switchblades, which has been modified by a recent state law, and adopting the state law involving the illegal use of ATVs. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2016-05 MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Myers VOTE: 7-0

**D. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment** – Hayes-Hall asked staff to look at cleaning up and improving Fort Fun, inquired about the status of the old hospital site and asked why certain cable subscribers no longer receive Local Cable Channel Access 6.

**E. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (7:45 PM)** – ACTION: To go into closed session 1. 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, and 2. 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 Property MOTION: Gilberts SECOND; Myers VOTE: 7-0

**F. CONVENE into open session (8:13 PM)** – MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Titlbach VOTE: 7-0

**G. ACTION from closed session** – None taken.

**12. ADJOURN (8:14 PM)** – MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 7-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer

**ORDINANCES PASSED**

- \* Ordinance 2016-03 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 15.04 (SLOW-NO WAKE)
- \* Ordinance 2016-05 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 9.01 (OFFENSES AGAINST STATE LAWS SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE))
- \* Ordinance 2016-06 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 22.04 (1) (VACATION))

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

- \* Resolution 2016-05 (COMMEMORATING THE VILLA LOUIS ON ITS 81ST YEAR OF OPERATIONS)

**POLICIES PASSED**

- \* Policy 2016-01 (COMPREHENSIVE CREDIT AND GAS CARD POLICY)