

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL – JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday July 5th 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** – All present. **2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** – MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0 **3. Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Mayor Hemmer. Prior to the Pledge, Mayor Hemmer asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Fred Huebsch, who passed away on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – Finding of No Public Need** - The sale of the following properties is being proposed: A parcel of land located in Lot Six (6) of Block Eighty (80), Union Plat, City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot Six (6), in Block Eighty (80), according to the Union Plat of the City of Prairie du Chien; thence east along the north line of said Lot to the Northeast corner of said Lot; thence South along the East end of said Lot, 60 feet; thence West on a line parallel with the North boundary of said Lot to the West boundary of said Lot; thence North on the West boundary of said Lot, 60 feet to the place of beginning. Except that part of the above premises used for highway purposes. (314 South Marquette Road). Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:02 PM. City Administrator Kramer explained the need for the hearing. No comments were received from the public. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

**B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda items** – ACTION: To declare a finding of no public need for the aforementioned property MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

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

**A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Compensation/Classification Study** - Karen Kurt (City Manager, Platteville) discussed the recent study on salaries and job classifications done in Platteville and answered questions from the Council. No formal action was taken, but the consensus was to send the proposal to the Personnel Committee.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA** - A. COUNCIL – June 21st 2016; B. FINANCE COMMITTEE – June 7th 2016; C. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any) ACTION: To approve the consent agenda MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

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

**8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – No formal action taken

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

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

**B. FINANCE – Resolution 2016-17 (DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF BORROWING)** - The Wisconsin DOT notified the City that there is now a “90 percent” chance that the next phase of the Marquette Road project will be started in 2017, not 2018, as had been previously updated. Kramer provided an update on the financing, schedule and planning process, assuming the project is back on a 2017 schedule. ACTION: To approve Resolution 2016-17 MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

**C. FINANCE – Resolution 2016-18 (DECLARING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM STATE OF WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND) – ACTION:** To approve Resolution 2016-18 **MOTION:** Titlbach **SECOND:** Gilberts **VOTE:** 8-0

**10. OLD BUSINESS** - None

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

**A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Disposition of Airport Terminal** - The State has awarded the bid for the new airport terminal, which calls the demolition of the current terminal. The City has been given the opportunity to bid out removal of the building and retain the proceeds. Staff is seeking direction on where to proceed with a Request for Proposals. **ACTION:** To proceed with bidding out the removal of the airport terminal **MOTION:** Titlbach **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 7-1 (Leys opposed)

**B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Beginning procurement process for SMRT Bus operation including naming procurement lead, naming evaluation team, and establishing timeline** – City Planner Frable reviewed the process. **ACTION:** 1) To direct staff to prepare and issue the Request for Proposals based upon the schedule provided, 2) Appoint Garth Frable as the Procurement Administrator for this request for proposals to coordinate the process, and 3) Name the following evaluation team for reviewing the proposals and making a written recommendation on the selected contractor to the Common Council (Terry Meyer, City of Prairie du Chien Public Works, Crawford County; Pat Peterson, Vernon County Aging Unit, Vernon County; Charlie Handy, La Crosse County Planning Department, La Crosse County, and Peter Fletcher, Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission, Regional) **MOTION:** Solomon **SECOND:** Titlbach **VOTE:** 8-0

**C. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment** – Jones asked that the future use of the Cedar Street landing be discussed further.

**D. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (8:04 PM)** – **ACTION:** To go into closed session 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:** Contract negotiations with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, Possible Land Trade (Economic Development), Land Purchase (Flood Mitigation Project) **MOTION:** Gilberts **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

**F. CONVENE into open session (8:41 PM)** – **MOTION:** Hayes-Hall **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

**G. ACTION from closed session** – **ACTION:** To accept the offer from the Police Union to enter into negotiations on a new contract and appoint the following Councilmembers to the negotiating committee: Todd Myers, Karen Solomon and Edward Hayes-Hall **MOTION:** Solomon **SECOND:** Hayes-Hall **VOTE:** 8-0

**12. ADJOURN (8:45 PM)** - **MOTION:** Hayes-Hall **SECOND:** Solomon **VOTE:** 8-0

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

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