

## **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – JULY 26<sup>th</sup> 2016**

A meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Public Works Committee was held on Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 6:00 PM in City Hall. Chairman Todd Myers called the meeting to order.

### **GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call** – Todd Myers (Chairman), Mike Jones, Edward Hayes-Hall, Todd Crotty  
CITY STAFF ALSO PRESENT- Mayor Dave Hemmer, City Administrator Aaron Kramer, Co-Public Works Manager Terry Meyer (WWTP), Co-Public Works Manager Larry Gates (Water), Police Chief Chad Abram
- 2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda** –  
MOTION: Jones SECOND: Myers VOTE: 4-0
- 3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting** – MOTION: Myers SECOND: Jones VOTE: 4-0

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Changing Traffic Flow on a Portion of Perry Street** - Holy Family Parish is requesting that the section of Perry Street located between North Beaumont and Prairie be designated a one-way street, with traffic flowing east to west. If approved, this item will be placed on the August 16<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. Meyer said the request is due to the location of the new school and daycare facilities and the desire by the church to have students dropped off on Perry Street versus North Beaumont Road. Abram said that he had no issues with the request from a Police Department standpoint. He did ask the Committee to re-open its discussions on the traffic patterns around B.A. Kennedy School, and Mayor Hemmer asked that the portion of North Illinois between Blackhawk and Washington also be reviewed at a future Committee meeting. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve the traffic change on that the section of Perry Street located between North Beaumont Road and Prairie Street to one-way from east to west MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 4-0

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Proposed Water Rate Increase** - The Water Utility is seeking permission to an application on September 30<sup>th</sup> with the Public Service Commission to increase water rates three (3) percent for general service. Rate increases of this nature do not require a public hearing. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 3 percent. This rate increase, if approved, would go into effect on December 1<sup>st</sup>. If approved, this item will be placed on the August 16<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. Gates explained the formula the Public Service Commission follows to determine the rate increase. Discussion was held on the proposed rate increase. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve the application for the rate increase MOTION: Myers SECOND: Crotty VOTE: 4-0

**6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Nommenson Pond Silt Removal** - Staff is proposing to do this project later this fall, with the funds coming from excess money in the 2014-16 Capital Projects Fund and re-allocating the funds (\$10,000) previously earmarked for Old Rock School. This project (Estimated cost - \$18,405) will continue our efforts to address the flood and flash flood conditions on the eastern side of the City. Discussion was held on the proposal. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve the contract with Gerke Excavating to remove the silt from Nommenson Pond, with funds to come from releasing the allocated funds (\$10,000) for Old Rock School in the 2014-16 Capital Projects account and the remainder to come from unexpended funds in the same account MOTION: Jones SECOND: Crotty VOTE: 4-0

**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Approval to Purchase Liquid Polymer Feeder (Wastewater)** - The current feeder has more than 20 years of use and has had parts fail recently. The feeder is part of the sludge treatment process. Staff is seeking permission to purchase a new feeder from Energenic (Cedarburg, WI) for \$8,383. Funds will come from the current WWTP annual budget. ACTION: To

approve the expenditure immediately due to the necessity of having a working feeder MOTION:  
Myers SECOND: Jones VOTE: 4-0

**8. ADJOURNMENT (6:43 PM)** - MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 4-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer