

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 15TH 2016

A regular meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday November 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** – 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 Todd Crotty

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING - VACATING CERTAIN ALLEYS LOCATED IN BLOCKS 187 AND 188 OF UNION PLAT; AND ALL THAT PART OF CASS STREET ABUTTING BLOCKS 187 AND 188 OF UNION PLAT, IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN – Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:02 PM. Kramer reviewed the reasons for the vacation. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM.

B. ACTION on aforesaid item – Resolution 2016-23 (VACATING CERTAIN ALLEYS LOCATED IN BLOCKS 187 AND 188 OF UNION PLAT; AND ALL THAT PART OF CASS STREET ABUTTING BLOCKS 187 AND 188 OF UNION PLAT, IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN) – ACTION: To approve Resolution 2016-23 MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

C. PUBLIC HEARING - Public hearing at the Common Council meeting for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Small Urban Operating Assistance Grant Agreement between the State of Wisconsin and the City of Prairie du Chien – Hemmer opened the public hearing at 7:06 PM. City Planner Frable reviewed the proposed changes. Justin Running (Running Inc.) spoke in support of the proposal. Scott Nichols (Crawford County Tavern League Saferide Coordinator) addressed the Council and said the program would continue in this proposed amended form. Hemmer closed the public hearing at 7:12 PM.

D. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item – ACTION: To amend the Small Urban Operating Assistance Grant Agreement between the State of Wisconsin and the City of Prairie du Chien, eliminating the safe-ride hours (Friday and Saturday nights) from the Coulee Cab operation and reallocating these hours to weekday afternoons/early evenings MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Hayes-Hall VOTE: 8-0

5. CONSENT AGENDA - A. COUNCIL – November 1st 2016; B. FINANCE – November 1st 2016; C. PERSONNEL – October 27th 2016; D. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – October 12th 2016; E. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD – September 21st 2016; F. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – Music Fights Back – St. Feriole Island (June 23rd-24th 2017); G. OPERATORS LICENSES (if any). Kramer asked that Item F be removed and addressed separately. ACTION: To approve the Consent Agenda minus Item F MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Leys VOTE: 8-0

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - F. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – Music Fights Back – St. Feriole Island (June 23rd-24th 2017). Kramer said the Council has been presented a letter from the Prairie du Chien Historical Society opposing the permit. Park and Recreation Director Ulrich said he had spoken to Jeremy Cuff, event organizer, and the Historical Society about the proposal. Cuff said he hoped to move the event to a new location in 2018, and would place a fence to protect the Coorough Cabin, which the Historical Society was concerned about. ACTION: To approve the Special Event Permit for 2017, provided the event organizers fence off the Coorough Cabin MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Jones. Before the vote was taken, Janet Finn (Historical Society) asked the Council to require the fence to be placed far enough from the building to prevent any

damage. The motion and second agreed to add the following to the motion: "that the fence be placed no less than twenty (20) feet from the cabin, and signage indicating No Trespassing be placed on the fence." VOTE: 8-0

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – Janet Finn (724 South Beaumont) addressed the Council about several non-operating street lights on the Highway 18 bypass. Mayor Hemmer called for unity and cooperation in response to last week's Presidential election.

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

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

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

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - 2017 SMRT Bus Contract between the City of Prairie du Chien and Running Inc. – ACTION: To approve MOTION: Titlbach SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

D. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD - Approval of the Timber Bid Contract – ACTION: To approve the bid of Meister Log & Lumber Company from Reedsburg, Wisconsin for \$137,900 MOTION: Myers SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Lease Agreement with Screme Xtreme - This lease, which covers the Haunted House in the Cedar Building on St. Feriole Island, expires December 31st 2018. The organizers would like to extend the lease to December 31st 2028. Nick Gilberts (Screme Xtreme) addressed the Council. ACTION: To approve an extension of the current lease between the City and Screme Xtreme through December 31st 2028 MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Jones VOTE: 7-0-1 (Gilberts abstained)

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

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

B. PERSONNEL – Agreement with Fixed Based Operator for Airport (Rich Yeomans) – Yeomans has indicated his desire to extend his current contract, which expires on December 31st 2016, for another two (2) years, at no increase in compensation. ACTION: To extend the current Fixed Based Operator Contract with Rich Yeomans, which expires on December 31st 2016, for another two (2) years, at no increase in compensation MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Jones VOTE: 8-0

C. FINANCE – Proposed 2017 Budget – ACTION: To hold a Public Hearing on the budget on Thursday December 1st at 7:00 PM, prior to the final adoption of the proposed budget MOTION: Gilberts SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 8-0

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

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

A. DISCUSSION - Items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment – Several members asked about when the next Public Works meeting would be held.

D. ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION (7:52 PM) – ACTION: To go into closed session 1) 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: City Attorney Position and Municipal Court Attorney Positions, RE: City Clerk

Position, and 2) 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: Regal Marina, and 3) 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: Possible Land Sale in North Gateway Business Park (Economic Development), and 4) 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

E. CONVENE into open session (8:44 PM) – MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

F. ACTION from closed session – ACTION: To direct the City Administrator to draft a formal counteroffer to the contract proposal of the Police Union MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 8-0 ACTION: To approve a five-year contract extension with City Attorney Lara Czajkowski-Higgins, with the following compensation: 2017 (\$180 per hour), 2018 (\$185 per hour), 2019 (\$190 per hour), 2020 (\$195 per hour) and 2021 (\$200 per hour) MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Jones VOTE: 8-0 ACTION: To offer the position of City Clerk to Tina Fuller and direct the City Attorney to draft an employment contract MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

12. ADJOURN (8:51 PM) – MOTION: Hayes-Hall SECOND: Gilberts VOTE: 8-0

Submitted by Aaron Kramer, City Administrator

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

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