

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL October 19, 2021

A regular meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Myers, Bremmer, Solomon, Riebe, Ingham, Wittrig, and Gilberts. Ziegler absent. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, City Administrator Chad Abram, Police Chief Kyle Teynor, and City Planner Garth Frable, City Clerk/Treasurer Tina Fuller.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Bremmer, Roll Call Vote: 7-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Todd Myers

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – October 5, 2021
- B. FINANCE – October 5 and 14, 2021
- C. PUBLIC WORKS – September 7, 2021
- D. Holiday Parade – December 3, 2021
- E. Mayoral appointment of Teresa Champion to Community Development Revolving Loan Fund (Note: These items may be approved on a single motion and vote due to their routine nature or previous discussion. Please indicate to the Mayor if you would prefer separate discussion and action.) – Action: To approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Presentation by Driftless Development and Driftless Main for budget request for 2022. – No Action.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2021-25 REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE BLACKHAWK JUNCTION REVELOPMENT PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN AS IT RELATES TO THE GRANT, AND RESOLVING TO MEET ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE GRANT. – Action: To approve Resolution 2021-25 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2021-26 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH WARD BUNDARIES TO REFLECT POPULATION CHANGES ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS OF POPULATION. – Action: To approve Resolution 2021-26 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Solomon, Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT or MAYOR REPORT - City Administrator Abram gave an update on the current EDA Projects on Taylor Street and North Gateway Business Parl. Abram updated on the progress on the Old BJ Mall site. Abram finished with an update on the windows ordered for the Old Rock School.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Claims – Action: To approve the claims. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.
2. DISCUSSION: 2022 Budget update – No action but City Clerk/Treasurer gave the council on update on the work done thus far with Finance Committee.

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Acceptance of a Department of Justice Grant for the Prairie du Chien Police Department for \$48,495.00. – Action: To accept the Department of Justice Grant for the Prairie du Chien Police Department and thank Kyle and his staff. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Idle Sites grant award for the Old Blackhawk Junction Property. – Action: To approve the Idle Sites Grant from the WEDC and thank Garth for the work on it. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Partnership with Prosperity Southwest on a grant application for future development. – Action: To use TIF housing fund to pay for Grant as our match for the Prosperity Southwest Grant. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Solomon, Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

11. ADJOURN to Closed Session (7:47 P.M.) – Motion: Solomon, Second: Gilberts, Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

A. 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.

B. 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. – City Planner

12. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (8:21 P.M.) – Solomon, Second: Gilberts, Voice Vote: 7-0.

13. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

A. To direct the City Attorney and City Administrator to negotiate with buyer of the Woodridge Acres lots and require to houses per year be constructed. Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.

B. To pay the City Planner at year 20 starting January 1, 2022 and the city to pay for hotel stays in 2022 and direct the City Administrator to contract with a local hotel. Motion: Solomon, Second: Gilberts, Voice Vote: 7-0.

14. ADJOURN (8:23 P.M.) – Motion: Bremmer, Second: Gilberts, Voice Vote: 7-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

RESOLUTION 2021-25 REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE BLACKHAWK JUNCTION REVELOPMENT PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN AS IT RELATES TO THE GRANT, AND RESOLVING TO MEET ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE GRANT.

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