

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL February 7, 2023

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Gilberts, Solomon, Zeigler (Zoom), Ingham, Bremmer, Waller and Crary. Riebe absent. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer and City Administrator Chad Abram. Chief Kyle Teynor VIA Zoom.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Solomon, Roll Call Vote: 7-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Alderperson Ingham

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – January 17, 2023
- B. FINANCE – January 17, 2023
- C. PUBLIC WORKS – December 20, 2022
- D. LARIVIRIE PARK BOARD – September 21, 2022

(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. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2023-02 Urging Legislature and Governor to Fix Broken System of Funding Critical Local Services. – Action: To approve Resolution 2023-02 and have the Mayor read it and waive the second reading. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – City Administrator Abram discussed the visit with Governor Evers and Senator Pfaff at the Brunson Court Development and that he and the Mayor stressed about the Resolution that was just acted on. Abram added about the purple lights and it is a nation-wide problem and the city is working with the WI DOT and Alliant on the issue. Finally, Abram advised the council on the phone call from US Senator Tammy Baldwin officially receiving the news of the congressional aide for the Public Safety Center.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. FINANCE

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Claims – Action: To approve the claims. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 7-0.

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: accepting CESF Funds to purchase mobile computers for four patrol vehicles. This is a grant from the WI Department of Justice and has \$0.00 dollar amount

match. The grant is for \$16,668.00. – Action: Approve the grant award and authorize the Mayor to sign for it. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Bid results and award bidder for Welcome Center addition. – No Action.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Appeal from Jessica Bixenman for denial of Operator License. In Section 12.02(6)(g) the applicant has the right to file an appeal with the City Clerk within forty-five (45) days and appear and be represented before the Common Council, to be heard, to present evidence in favor of the granting of the license, and to rebut the evidence presented in opposition to the granting of the license, at a hearing held within forty (40) days of the filing of such appeal. A letter was received from Jessica Bixemann on January 19, 2023. – After the hearing the action was to deny the appeal. Motion: Solomon, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

11. Adjourn to closed session (7:45 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Solomon, Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

A. 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 (7:58 P.M.) – Motion: Solomon, Second: Waller, Roll Call Vote: 7-0

13. Action from Closed Session – To accept the resignation of the City Planner and post for the position. Motion: Ingham, Second: Solomon, Voice Vote: 7-0.

14. Adjourn (7:59 P.M.) – Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

RESOLUTION 2023-02 URGING LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO FIX BROKEN SYSTEM OF FUNDING CRITICAL LOCAL SERVICES.

ORDINANCE PASSED