

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL June 6, 2023

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, June 6, 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, Waller, Ingham, Riebe, Bremmer, Ziegler (Zoom), Solomon and Crary. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Chief Kyle Teynor, Utility Director Larry Gates, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Ulrich and City Administrator Chad Abram
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Gilberts, Roll Call Vote: 8-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Teynor

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – May 16, 2023
- B. FINANCE – May 16, 2023
- C. PERSONNEL – April 6, 2023
- D. PUBLIC WORKS – March 1, 2023

(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: 8-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2023-11 ADOPTING THE 2022 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE REPORT. The summary report can be found on the City website at www.cityofpdc.com linked to Wastewater Department. – Action: To approve Resolution 2023-111 and waive the first and second reading and thank Larry and his staff for all of the good work. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2023-12 Declaring June 17, 2023 as the 350th Expedition Anniversary of Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette in the city of Prairie du Chien. – Action: To approve Resolution 2023-12 and waive the second reading. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Solomon, Voice Vote: 8-0.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Abram reminded everyone of Music in the park and farmers market starting. Rendezvous and the 350th next week with all kinds of fun activities. Abram finished with Flood work with Wisconsin Emergency Management will begin reporting soon.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Claims – To approve the claims. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Solomon, Voice Vote: 8-0.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Approval of lease in TID 9 – Action: To approve the lease with Gilly Corn Maze for one year. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Water Department's 2022 Consumer Confidence Report and publishing the report on the City website at www.cityofpdc.com linked to Water Department – Action: To approve the Water Department's 2022 Consumer Confidence Report and publishing the report on the City website and again thank Larry and his staff for the work. Motion: Gilberts, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN WISCONSIN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE AND CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WISCONSIN – Action: To approve memorandum of agreement between Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office and City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Crary, Voice Vote: 8-0.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:17 P.M.) – Motion: Gilberts, Second: Ingham, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

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 Attorney

B. 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- Land Swap

13. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (8:07 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

14. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

UNDER LETTER B

1) To proceed with land swap deal between the City of Prairie du Chien (City), Crawford County Historical Society (CCHS), and Prairie du Chien Historical Society (PDCHS) and assisted by the Fradette Family Foundation pursuant to the following terms:

*CCHS will deed Parcel No. 271-0534-0000 on St. Feriole Island to the PDCHS.

*PDCHS will convey an easement to the City for a public bike/walking trail across parcel No. 271-0534-0000 and the City will cooperate with and assist PDCHS as it conducts an archeological salvage of artifacts along the trail.

*City will mark the corners and convey, via quit claim deed, Parcel No. 271-2313-0000 on S. Burnette Street to CCHS, with no guarantees as to legal access to the parcel.

*City will clear Parcel No. 271-2313-0000 of trees and debris.

*City will enforce code violations on the Jerry Krachey properties, Parcels Nos. 271-2313-0001 and 271-2314-0000, and shall commence a nuisance abatement action, as necessary.

*City will assist CCHS in applying for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a temporary camper to be placed on Parcel 271-2313-0000.

*City will pay to CCHS \$1,000 per year for five years for historical programming, commencing in January 2024 and continuing until \$5,000 is paid in full.

*The Fradette Family Foundation will donate to the City the sum of \$10,000, which the City will in turn donate to CCHS.

2) To allow and direct the Prairie du Chien Historical Society to conduct an archaeological study on Parcels Nos. 271-2309-0000, 271-2310-0000, and 271-2311-0000 to determine the historical significance of that land.

UNDER LETTER A

3) To accept the resignation of City Attorney Lara Czajkowski Higgins, effective August 31, 2023.

4) To appoint Attorney Amanda Tisdale as City Attorney, effective September 1, 2023, to continue the contract with Czajkowski Higgins & Tisdale, S.C. through December 31, 2023, and to amend the contract with the firm as needed to accomplish this motion.

15. ADJOURN (8:09) P.M. – Motion: Ingham, Second: Waller Voice Vote: 8-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator

ORDINANCES PASSED

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

RESOLUTION 2023-11 ADOPTING THE 2022 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE REPORT.

RESOLUTION 2023-12 DECLARING JUNE 17, 2023 AS THE 350TH EXPEDITION ANNIVERSARY OF LOUIS JOLLIET AND FATHER JACQUES MARQUETTE IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN.