

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL June 20, 2023

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Gilberts, Waller, Ingham (Zoom), Riebe, Bremmer, Ziegler, Solomon and Crary. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Chief Kyle Teynor, 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: Alderperson Solomon

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – June 6, 2023
- B. FINANCE – June 6, 2023
- C. PERSONNEL – June 6 and 13, 2023
- D. PUBLIC WORKS – June 6, 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: Molly Bohn, Field Representative Congressman Van Orden Office. – No action.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Administrator provided and update on AB245 for the council and thank all of the volunteers and staff that worked the 350th and Rendezvous.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

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

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 8.05 (4) GARAGE SALE SIGNS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2023-02 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Crary, Voice Vote: 8-0.

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2023-03 CREATING CHAPTER 7.06 (22) (PARKING REGULATIONS FOR CITY PARKS PARKING LOTS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2023-03 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Gilberts, Voice Vote: 8-0.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2023-04 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 11.07(19) (A-D) GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2023-04 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Gilberts, Voice Vote: 8-0.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2023-06 CREATING CHAPTER 11.14 (COMPOST AND BRUSH SITE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2023-06 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Solomon, Voice Vote: 8-0.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: 2023-05 CREATING CHAPTER 9.37 (REGULATING HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS AND OTHER TRANSIENT LODGING FACILITIES) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. (This was approved but the second reading is needed). – Action: To approve Ordinance 2023-05 and waive the second reading. Motion: Riebe, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 8-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Funding for the Waterfront Improvement Project. The project has been approved and the bid awarded. See memo attached from Finance Meeting on April 18, 2023. (Aldermen Riebe left after the vote 7:26 p.m.)

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: License Renewals – A list of the license applicants is included in the packet. – Class A Retail Fermented Malt Beverage, Class A Retail Liquor, Class A Liquor (Cider Only) Class B Fermented Malt Beverage, Class B Intoxicating Liquor, Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail Licenses, Dance Licenses, Transient Room Permit, and Amusement Devices. – Action: To approve all license renewals for the City of Prairie du Chien. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Gilberts, Voice Vote: 7-0 (Riebe returned at 7:27 p.m.)

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:27 p.m.) – Motion: Solomon, Second: Crary, 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. – R.E. City Planner

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. – R.E. Park and Recreation Director

C. 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. – R.E. Police Officer

Aldermen Nate Gilberts excused himself during the discussions under letter A and was escorted in and out of the chambers.

13. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (8:21 p.m.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Crary, Voice Vote: 8-0.

14. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Letter C: Direct Police Chief, City Administrator and City Attorney to draft hiring contract for number one candidate for police officer. Motion: Riebe, Second: Solomon, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Letter B: Accept the resignation letter of Park, Recreation and Forestry Director effective August 1, 2023. Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Letter C: To offer position of City Planner to candidate Nate Gilberts. Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Roll Call Vote: 6-0-2 Gilberts and Waller abstained.

15. ADJOURN (8:24 p.m.) – Motion: Solomon, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator

ORDINANCES PASSED

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