

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL August 1, 2023

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, August 1, 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, Riebe, Bremmer, Ziegler, Solomon, Ingham and Cray. One vacancy. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Street Superintendent Nick Gilberts, Fire Chief Tad Beutin and City Administrator Chad Abram
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ingham, Roll Call Vote: 7-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Nate Bremmer

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – July 18, 2023
- B. FINANCE – July 18, 2023
- C. PERSONNEL – June 20, 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: Bremmer, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 7-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Proclamation for Mike Ulrich Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director – Action: To approve the proclamation and read it aloud. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 7-0.

Brett Jackson from Prairie du Chien spoke on behalf of the neighbors and concerns of the new public safety center and the location of the hospital site. Jackson asked a few questions and Mayor Hemmer and Administrator Abram answered them.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Abram updated the council on the construction projects on St. Feriole Island and they are on schedule. The Villa Louis Road project should be completed prior to Carriage Classic. Abram added his explanation to the social media post on the puppy paddle at the outdoor pool. This was a decision based on conversations of a lot of city staff and especially our pool contracted technicians. Abram added he has four dogs one from Rivers and Bluffs and supports the shelter and the actions they provide to all animals.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

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

B. PERSONNEL

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2023-09 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 5 (FIRE DEPARTMENT) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2023-09 an ordinance repealing and recreating chapter 5 (fire department) of the municipal code of the city of prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.

10. OLD BUSINESS

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

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:21 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Ziegler, 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. – R.E. Parks, Forestry and Recreation Director

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. Police Officer

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. Recreation and Aquatics Manager

13. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (7:43 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Crary, Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

14. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

B. Action: To accept resignation of Emily Pedley-Fecht effective August 19th and post the position. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Crary, Voice Vote: 7-0.

C. Action: To accept the memorandum of understanding between the City of Prairie du Chien and the Prairie du Chien Police Union and authorize the City Administrator and Mayor to sign it. Motion: Riebe, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 7-0.

15. ADJOURN (7:44 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator