

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL August 15, 2023

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 – Waller, Riebe, Bremmer, Ziegler, Solomon, Ingham and Crary. One vacancy. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, City Planner Nate Gilberts, Zoning Administrator Cassie Rickleff and City Administrator Chad Abram
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ziegler, Roll Call Vote: 7-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Karen Solomon

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: on rezoning Lot 1 of Crawford County Certified Survey Map 1503 (271-0750-0005) and Lot 2 of Crawford County Certified Survey Map 636 (271-0749-0001) from “B-2 Highway Commercial” Zoning District to “PCD Planned Community Development” Zoning District. (Brought by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Prairie du Chien for the former Blackhawk Junction Mall property). – Mayor Hemmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 P.M. Zoning Administrator Rickleff spoke on the change in the zoning for the property at Prairie Bluffs Court. Mayor Hemmer then closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M.

B. Action on aforesaid: Ordinance 2023-10 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2023-10 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – August 1, 2023
- B. FINANCE – August 1, 2023
- C. PERSONNEL – August 1, 2023
- D. PLAN COMMISSION – July 17, 2023
- E. REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – May 22, 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: Solomon, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 8-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT- Administrator Abram spoke on both projects being completed on St. Feriole Island. Abram added a summary of funding for the Waterfront Improvement Project. Abram again thank Mike Ulrich for his service and assisting after his retirement with the Brewer trip and Music in the Park.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

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

B. PLAN COMMISSION AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Prairie Bluffs Court Covenants. The covenants have been approved by both the Plan Commission and the RDA. – No action.

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2023-13 ADOPTING THE DECLARATIONS OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PRAIRIE BLUFFS COURT COMMERCIAL CENTER. – Action: To approve Resolution 2023-13 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Crary, Voice Vote: 8-0.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Approving Certified Survey Map LOCATED IN FARM LOT 32, OF THE PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS AT PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN, ALSO BEING LOT 1, CRAWFORD COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 1503, RECORDED IN VOLUME 13, C.S.M.'S, PAGES 45-45C, DOCUMENT #346136, LOT 2, CRAWFORD COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 636, RECORDED IN VOLUME 5, C.S.M.'S, PAGES 42 and 42A, DOCUMENT #238238, ALSO INCLUDING VACATED 20 FOOT ALLEY RECORDED IN DOCUMENT #346635, CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. – Action: To approve the Certified Survey Map. Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Alderperson at large vacancy. – Pam Kiesau and Noah White appeared in person and spoke to the council briefly. A election was held by the 7 alderpersons. The result of the election was 4 votes Kiesau and 3 votes White. Motion to destroy the ballots. Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0. Ballots were destroyed and Alderperson Kiesau took her seat.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Professional Service Agreement with Vierbicher for Tax Increment District 8 for amendment number 1. City staff is proposing to amend the Boundary and Project Plan for Tax Increment District No. 8 to promote additional development within the City. TID No. 8 district Boundary will be amended to add tax parcels 27122740000 and 27122750000, which are currently owned by the City. – Action: To approve Professional Service Agreement with Vierbicher for Tax Increment District 8 for amendment number 1. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Solomon, Voice Vote: 8-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Proposal from Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center for a Phase 1 survey of 3.28 acres at 679 East Blackhawk Avenue. Please see memo from City Planner Gilberts for the project. – Action: To approve the proposal from Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center for a Phase 1 survey. Motion: Riebe, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:30 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Waller, 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. Parks, Forestry and Recreation Director

12. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (7:37 P.M.) – Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ziegler, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

13. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION – To approve the hiring of Mike Wallace as the new Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Crary, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

14. ADJOURN (7:39 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Solomon, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator