

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL September 19, 2023

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, September 19, 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 – Crary, Waller, Bremmer, Ziegler, Kiesau, Ingham, and Riebe. One vacancy. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, City Clerk/Treasurer Tina Fuller, City planner Nate Gilberts, City Police Chief Kyle Teynor, City Fire Chief Tad Beutin and City Administrator Chad Abram via zoom.
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: Jaaren Riebe

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. COMMON COUNCIL – September 5, 2023

B. PUBLIC WORKS – June 20th, 2023

B. Redevelopment Authority – July 31, 2023

C. PLAN COMMISSION – August 7 and 21, 2023

D. AIRPORT COMMISSION – April 5 and May 31, 2023

E. Mayoral appointment of Terry Sprosty to the Police and Fire Commission

F. Change of Agent at Leisure Times – Jean Powers

(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: Remove letter F and approve the rest. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 7-0. Riebe left at 7:02 P.M.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – Action: Approve letter F. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 6-0. Riebe returned at 7:03 P.M.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2023-17 CLOSING BUT NOT VACATING STREETS ON ST. FERIOLE ISLAND – Action To approve Resolution 2023-17 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Ziegler, Second, Ingham, Voice Vote: 8-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2023-18 RESOLUTION DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF BORROWING – Action: Action To approve Resolution 2023-18 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Waller, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2023-19 DECLARING BOUNDARY AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT NO. 8 A BLIGHTED AREA – Action: Action To approve Resolution 2023-19 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Ingham, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 8-0.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Abram spoke VIA Zoom on the projects on the Island and quick update on the MI Meats development.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

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

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Purchase of a new and selling of used K9 patrol car. See memo from Chief Teynor. Action: Action:
9a2 (1): to approve the financing of a 2023 Dodge Durango for \$39,822.00 plus finance charges through Ford Credit for 5 years. Motion: Waller, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.
9a2 (2): To accept donation from Police Foundation for lease payments for 2023 Dodge Durango over 5 years. Motion: Waller, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 8-0.

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Appointment of Public Safety Center Commission by Mayor Dave Hemmer. This appointment will be official with a chairperson and other members that will be open to the public unless a closed session is required by State Statute. – Action: To approve the Public Safety Center Commission by Mayor Hemmer. Charlie Connell (Chairperson), Vicki Waller (Finance Chair), Nick Gilberts at large, Curt Kramer at large, Doug Moris (school representative). Motion: Crary, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Alderperson vacancy in District 4. – Curt Bender and Carlos Cantero both spoke to the Common Council. After discussion a vote was taking by the 7 alderpersons with a result of 6 votes Cantero and 1 Bender. Ballots were destroyed and Carlos Cantero was given the Oath of Office and took his seat.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:24 P.M.) – Motion: Ziegler, Second: Ingham, Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

A. 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: Possible Land Sale

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 – Police Officer

12. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (7:43 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 8-0.

13. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION – To accept offer to purchase Lot 36 Woodridge Acres and direct the City Attorney to complete the paperwork with the relator. Motion: Riebe, Second: Crary, Voice Vote: 8-0.

14. ADJOURN (7:44 P.M.) – Motion: Ziegler, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

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