

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL November 21, 2023

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, November 21, 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 – Crary, Waller, Cantero, Bremmer, Ziegler, Ingham, and Riebe. Kiesau absent. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, City Administrator Chad Abram, City Planner Nate Gilberts.
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: Crary

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

A. COMMON COUNCIL – November 7, 2023

B. FINANCE – November 6 and 7, 2023

C. PUBLIC WORKS – November 7, 2023

D. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE – October 4, 18 and 25, 2023 and November 1, 2023

D. Mayoral appointment of Patricia Olijnyk to the LaRivirie Farm Park Board and Andy Ringgold to the Board of Review.

(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: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: RESOLUTION 2023-26 A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF the CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN. - Action: To approve Resolution 2023-26 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Riebe, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 7-0.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT - None

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

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

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Awarding of auditing services for the City of Prairie du Chien – Action: To approve and go with low bid with Lauterbach and Amen for auditing services for three years. Motion: Waller, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Airport Hanger lease for 2024. The Airport Commission voted on not increasing by 2% in 2024. – Action: To approve the 2% increase on ganger lease. Motion: Waller, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.

B. PARK BOARD

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Brooms for Disc Golf on St. Feriole Island – Action: To approve the brooms for the disc golf course. Motion: Cray, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 7-0.

C. PUBLIC WORKS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Farmland Lease for 2024-2026. All of the City Farmland that is leased will expire at the end of 2023. Please see materials in the packet. – Action: To approve and send out for bids on farmland lease. Motion: Ingham, Second: Cantero, Voice Vote: 7-0.

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

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Annual report from St. Feriole Gardens – Action: To approve the annual report form the Saint Feriole Gardens as presented. Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:28 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Ziegler, Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

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 Purchase

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: Possible Land Sale

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

13. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION – Action: To direct city attorney to send counter offer under letter B of closed session. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 7-0.

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

Chad Abram, City Administrator

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

RESOLUTION 2023-26 A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF the CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN.