

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL February 6, 2024

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Call to order/Roll Call – All present one vacancy. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Utility Director Larry Gates, 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: Ziegler

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – January 16 and 24, 2024
- B. FINANCE – December 19, 2023
- C. PERSONNEL – August 29, 2023
- D. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE – November 29, 2023
- E. LARIVIERE PARK BOARD – October 25, 2023
- F. St. Patrick's Day Parade March 16, 2024
- G. Mayoral appointment of Suzy Cooley to LaRiviere Park Board

(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: Ziegler, Second: Cray, Voice Vote: 7-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT- Abram spoke about the Mississippi Meats, Prairie Bluff Cottages and Coulee Cap development projects. Abram also informed the council on the workers comp 101 class the department heads had with United Heartland. Abram stated that Planner Gilberts and himself had one meeting with a firm for the RFP for the Public Safety Center. Abram finished with informing the council that he will have a department head at meetings throughout the year giving them updates on the department.

A. Communications with the Fire Chief – No action.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

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

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

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Approval of Delta 3 Engineering Contract for Water Quality Trading Project. – Action: To approve the Contract for Water Quality Trading Project with Delta 3. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Cray, Voice Vote: 7-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Approval to proceed with a Clean Water Fund Pilot Project/Water Quality Application – Action: To approve the Water Quality Trading project and to put out for bids one for standard project and an alternate using the Clean Water Pilot Project. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Wastewater Treatment Facility Evaluation Report and upgrades needed. – Action: To approve the Wastewater Treatment Facility Evaluation Report as presented. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 7-0.

D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Approval of engineering contract with Delta 3 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades. – Action: To approve the engineering contract with Delta 3 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 7-0.

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2024-01 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 1.30 AIRPORT COMMISSION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. See the attached memo from the City Administrator. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2024-01 an Ordinance repealing and recreating section 1.30 airport commission of the Municipal Code of the city of prairie du chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Riebe, Second, Ziegler, Voice Vote: 7-0.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (8:15 P.M.) – Motion: Ziegler, Second: Waller, 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. Waste Water Lead Operator

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. Department Head Evaluations

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. City Administrator

12. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (9:03 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Roll Call Vote: 6-0. (Ziegler left during closed session).

13. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION – To approve hiring Dylan Varo as Waste Water Lead Operator and pay according to wage scale. Also, to post for vacant Waste Water Operator both internally and externally. Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 6-0.

14. ADJOURN (9:04 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Kiesau, Voice Vote: 6-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator