

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL March 19, 2024

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 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 – Bremmer absent and one vacancy. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Street Superintendent Nick Gilberts and City Administrator Chad Abram.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Waller, Second: Ziegler, Roll Call Vote: 6-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Ingham

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING - Request from Crawford County, to rezone Block 28, Union Plat (parcel #271-1191-0000) from R-1 “Low Density Residential” to PCD “Planned Community Development”.

B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item – Action: To approve the rezoning of Block 28, Union Plat from R-1 to PCD. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Riebe, Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – February 20 and March 5, 2024
- B. FINANCE – March 5, 2024
- C. PERSONNEL – March 5, 2024
- D. PUBLIC WORKS – February 20, 2024
- E. Cirque LuzDalia, April 5, 2024 at Hoffman Hall

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: Riebe, Second: Kiesau, Voice Vote: 6-0.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Resolution 2024-02 RESOLUTION TO ADJUST URBAN BOUNDARIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OF WISCONSIN. Action: To approve Resolution 2024-02 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 6-0.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- Prairie Cottages – Update

- Coulee Cap – Update
- MI MEATS – Update
- Spring Election April 2, 2024 council will meet on April 9th and the 16th in April
- Public Safety Center – Update (Kickoff Meeting was 03/07/24 with SEH we have another schedule for this week on Thursday at 8:00 am updates will be given at each council meeting moving forward.
- St. Patrick’s Day very crowded but very safe thank to Chief Teynor and his staff as well as Superintendent Gilberts and staff for empty trash compiled during the day.
- Extra week added to concerts in the park per Mike at staff meeting today.

A. Communications with Street Superintendent – Gilberts gave the council an update on progress in 2023.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Claims – Action: To approve the claims. Motion: Waller, Second: Crary, Voice Vote: 6-0.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: Approval of Bids for Bituminous Paving and Seal Coating of city streets. – Action: To approve and send to Council the bid for Bituminous Paving to Iverson Construction and approve bid for Seal Coating to Fahrner Asphalt and Sealcoating. Motion: Ziegler, Second: Kiesau, Voice Vote: 6-0.

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2024-03 ORDINANCE 2024-03 CREATING SUBSECTION 6 OF CHAPTER 15.04 (SLOW-NO-WAKE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN. – Action: To approve Ordinance 2024-03 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Ingham, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 6-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS (Including items for future agenda consideration or Committee assignment) Public Works to have meeting on roundabout flowers, Islands on Blackhawk Avenue, and potential docks on water front and/or slough.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (7:43 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

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 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. Police Officers

12. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (7:47 P.M.) – Motion: Riebe, Second: Kiesau, Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

13. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION: To approve hiring Heath Smith as a Waste Water Operator. Additionally, to keep the number 2 candidate Owen Callahan on eligibility list for one year. Motion: Riebe, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 6-0.

14. ADJOURN (7:49 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Ziegler, Voice Vote: 6-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator

ORDINANCES APPROVE

ORDINANCE 2024-03 CREATING SUBSECTION 6 OF CHAPTER 15.04 (SLOW-NO-WAKE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

RESOLUTION 2024-02 RESOLUTION TO ADJUST URBAN BOUNDARIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OF WISCONSIN.