

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL November 12, 2024

A meeting of the Prairie du Chien Common Council was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON

1. Call to order/Roll Call –All present. City Staff present, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Police Chief Kyle Teynor, Street Superintendent Nick Gilberts, and City Administrator Chad Abram
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda. Motion: Ingham, Second: Bremmer, Roll Call Vote: 8-0
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Kayla Ingham

A. PUBLIC HEARING - to rezone Union Plat Lots 1 thru 10, Block 158 (parcel #271-2149-0000) from R-1 "Low Density Residential" to PCD "Planned Community Development" (location of new Public Safety Center). Public Hearing opened by Mayor Hemmer at 7:05 P.M. City Administrator Abram informed the council this was the same rezoning the county just completed for the new jail as well as completing it for Prairie Bluffs Court. Abram added that the neighbors were notified of the hearing from Zoning Administrator Cassie Rickleff. Mayor Hemmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M.

B. ACTION on aforesaid agenda item – Action: To approve - to rezone Union Plat Lots 1 thru 10, Block 158 (parcel #271-2149-0000) from R-1 "Low Density Residential" to PCD "Planned Community Development" (location of new Public Safety Center). – Motion: Bremmer, Second: Cray, Voice Vote: 8-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. COMMON COUNCIL – October 15, 2024
- B. FINANCE – October 15 and 29, 2024
- C. PUBLIC WORKS – October 1, 2024
- D. SBN Amusement LLC dba Rowdy's Class B Beer and Liquor (Note previous owner/agent surrendered license to SBN.)

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 pull letter D and approve the rest. Motion: Riebe, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 8-0. Riebe left at 7:06 P.M.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – Action: To approve letter D. Motion: Bremmer, Second: Ingham, Voice Vote: 7-0. Riebe returned at 7:07 P.M.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- Tina, I and the Finance Committee met on the budget for 3 hours and made the necessary cuts to stay under the expenditure restraint. The Finance Committee will meet Thursday at 4:00 for final approval to post in the newspaper. Thank you, Finance Committee members, Chief Teynor and City Clerk Treasure Tina Fuller for attending the meeting.
- MI Meats Site improvement s along with Hayden is expecting to get asphalted this week to finish up the projects.
- Great news from the Department of Administration City Planner Nate Gilberts was informed we will be receiving a one-year extension until 12/31/25 to the Neighborhood Investment Grant for additional development at Prairie Bluffs Court.
- City Planner Gilberts was also informed and signed by Mayor Hemmer a \$45,000.00 Cybersecurity Grant for 2025.
- Compost site will remain open through the end of November and into December as long as there is not snow. A reminder that the brush site is now closed for the year.
- New swings sets are installed and should be ready for use later this week at Lawler Park, O'Brien Park, Lochner Park and the Firemen's Park.
- Good attendance at this year's Wisconsin Commercial Ports Conference that the City of Prairie du Chien hosted this year. The Ports Commission presented a check to the Prairie du Chien Historical Society as Conference were hosting a social gathering after the first day of the conference at the Fort Crawford Museum, catered by Eagles Aerie 1502
- Roundabout Christmas Trees are up and will be turn on AFTER Thanksgiving.
- Firemen's Christmas trees will go on sale Saturday, November 23.
- Special thanks to Lisa, Cindy, Megan, Cassie and Tina for all of the work during the election before and after. Over 1000 residents came in and voted in person prior to election day. Also, thanks to Nick and his staff for set up and tear down, Kyle and staff for presence the day off and Morgan for her work at Hoffman Hall.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. FINANCE

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

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ORDINANCE 2024-10 REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 7.04 (1) (a) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN – Action: To approve Ordinance 2024-10 and waive the first and second reading. Motion: Bowar, Second: Bremmer, Voice Vote: 8-0.

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

11. ADJOURN (7:12 P.M.) – Motion: Ingham, Second: Waller, Voice Vote: 8-0.

Chad Abram, City Administrator

ORDINANCES PASSED

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