

FEBRUARY 8, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St., Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to order/Roll Call: Mayor David Hovel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Joshua Gergen, Maureen Otwell, Bill Dravis, Jack Hoschette and Galen Seipel. Rob Daugherty was excused. City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present Greg Adams of Cedar Corporation, City Engineers

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comments: None were given.

Gergen/Davis motion to approve consent agenda which included the regular city council meeting minutes for January 25, 2016, plan commission meeting for February 1, 2016, accounts payable/payroll and review of receivables passed without a negative voice vote.

Gergen/Dravis motion to approve certified survey map for 265 & 271 Tower Heights Court passed without a negative voice vote.

Mayor Hovel presented the request for a conditional letter of map revision for the property located at 307-311 Lake Street. A small portion of the property is in the flood plain and the request is to place fill to build out of the flood plain. Louie Filkins of Ogden Engineering stated this request is a part of the FEMA process to receive the map revision. Alderperson Seipel asked what the fill would be. Filkins stated it would be natural rock which would be placed. **Gergen/Dravis motion that there are no objections to the placement of fill as discussed and presented passed without a negative voice vote.**

Gergen/Dravis motion to approve temporary Class "B" beer and "Class B" wine license for Prescott United Church of Christ for February 14, 2016 passed without a negative voice vote.

Julie Pangallo presented information regarding the 2016 River City Sculpture Tour. The proposal would be to have 3 to 5 sculptures placed around the city and the city would be included in a tour with other communities. The sculptures would be in place from May to April. The sculptures would be placed on a pedestal which would be provided by the city. The pedestal could be made of concrete or other monument material. The sculptures would be placed on public property. Sponsors would pay a sponsor fee for the sculpture. The cost of the sponsorship fee would be \$2,400. The sculpture would need to be welded onto the pedestal for security purposes. The request is to have the city cover the insurance and provide the pedestals. This item was moved to a parks meeting which was set for February 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Hovel presented information on premier resort tax area. This would be at tax rate of 0.5% which would be imposed by the city and be able to be used by the city for infrastructure expenses. A bill needs to be introduced at the state legislature to exempt the city from the 40% tourist related businesses. Once that is approved the city would need to have a referendum to allow the residents to vote on the tax. If approved the city council would need to put an ordinance in place for the tax. Alderperson Seipel stated he is opposed to this tax. He stated it would not only be tourist who would be taxed but also the residents. The consensus of the council was to see if it passes state legislature.

Mayor Hovel read a memo from the Chief of Police and City Administrator regarding possibly going over budget in the Police Department due to the murder which happened in November 2015. Because the case crosses state lines and has been asked for a speedy trial there will be overtime expense and other expenses associated with the case. This money will not be reimbursed back to the city. Alderperson Otwell asked if the costs could be separated from other costs. Staff will track the expenses.

Other Business:

Public Comments: David Peterson of 510 Pearl Street commented on receiving a notice about pushing snow across the street and depositing in the public right of way.

Reminder of emergency management meeting on February 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for council and city staff.

Gergen/Seipel motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator