

JUNE 13, 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, May 9, 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 Bill Dravis, Galen Seipel, Joshua Gergen, Jack Hoschette, Rob Daugherty and Maureen Otwell. Public Works Director Hank Zwart and City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present Greg Adams of Cedar Corporation, City Engineer.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comments: Gene Hager representing EdgeBuilders and Glen Brook Lumber updated the Council on the businesses. He said they currently have three lines for manufacturing of wood panels. They are providing jobs for 40 plus employees. Existing buildings are adequate but are struggling with land for storage. Hager expressed concern about the amount and speed of traffic once the high school opens.

Aldersperson Jack Hoschette wanted to let the Council know the bike path in Washington County has been staked out.

Gergen/Daugherty motion to approve the consent agenda which included May 9, 2106 regular city council meeting minutes, May 9, 2016 ordinance committee meeting minutes, May 17, 2016 public works committee meeting minutes, June 4, 2016 plan commission meeting minutes, May 23, 2016 board of review meeting minutes, budget year to date, cash balances, accounts payable, payroll, review of receivables, April 21, 2016 Prescott Public Library meeting minutes, April 13, 2016 Prescott Housing Authority meeting minutes passed without a negative voice vote.

The Council discussed the request for reduction in water costs for watering the Dexter Street fields. The estimated usage will be 1,235,000 gallons. The estimated cost for the water is \$1,275 at the tiered rates. If all of the water is at the lowest rate the cost would be \$1,037. Aldersperson Dravis asked about the contract for the irrigation of the field. He was under the understanding the cost of the water was included in the contract. Mike Matzek, representing the Prescott School Board, stated the cost of water was not part of the contract. Aldersperson Gergen asked if the Towns of Clifton and Oak Grove had contributed to the costs. Matzek stated they had not. Aldersperson Gergen stated he feels everybody should pay their fair share. Mayor Hovel stated the School is a developer and as a developer they should have contributed land as part of the parkland dedication but knowing the School was going to have the fields which our residents could use the city did not require a parkland dedication.

Aldersperson Gergen asked why the project was completed last fall. Matzek stated the fields were not part of the referendum for the school and the school had to come first. Aldersperson Otwell stated she looks at the fields as part of the community parks. **Otwell/Seipel motion to allocate up to \$1,500 for at the Dexter Street fields with an ending date of October 15, 2016 passed by a majority vote with Gergen voting nay.**

Gergen/Otwell motion to approve proposal for professional civil design and construction engineering services for Broad Street curb and sidewalk replacement improvements in the amount of \$8,350 with funds coming out of tax increment finance district #4 passed without a negative voice vote.

Gergen/Daugherty motion to approve proposal for design engineering services for Henry, Hampshire and James Street in the amount of \$37,500 with fund coming out of capital fund reserves passed without a negative voice vote.

The council was brought up to date on the compost site. The site is open Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to noon. Use by Prescott residents only except for a few permits which were issued by Town of Clifton. Mayor Hovel stated a few Oak Grove residents have asked if they could purchase permits. This is something which will be looked at over the winter.

Dravis/Otwell motion to install a 15 minute parking sign at the end of Orange Street passed without a negative voice vote.

Daugherty/Dravis motion to replace pump at the waste water treatment plant in the amount of \$17,975 with \$9,251 coming from equipment replacement fund, \$8,724 coming from sewer reserve funds and repair of two pumps in the amount of \$7,940 with \$6,652 coming for equipment replacement fund and \$1,288 coming from sewer reserve passed without a negative voice vote.

The Council discussed sewer rates. The new sewer ordinance has been approved and there are questions if we should move forward with a rate increase as we need to work on an industrial user agreement with Bergquist Henkel Company. There was discussion of if we should start setting aside funds for improvements which may be needed at the plant especially when it comes to phosphorus. It was decided to leave the rates the same and review at budget time.

The railroad quiet zone was discussed. Mayor Hovel would like to contact the Clerk in Pepin before contacts are made with the Federal Railroad Administration. Staff is going to get out the report which was done previously.

Gergen/Otwell motion to approve Resolution 05-16 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Maintenance Annual Report” passed without a negative voice vote.

Aldersperson Dravis presented the intoxicating beverage licenses for 2016- 2017. The license for Papa Tronnio Pizza needs to be held as there are delinquent fees which need to be paid first. The license committee recommended further discussion on the license for Borner Farms further with them. ZA Boys LLC dba Carbones Pizzeria should be a Class “B” beer rather than Class “B” liquor. **Gergen/Otwell motion to approve intoxicating beverage licenses for 2016-2017 with the exception of Papa Tronnio Pizza and Borner Farms passed without a negative voice vote.**

Gergen/Otwell motion to approve cigarette license for 2016-2017 as presented passed without a negative voice vote.

Gergen/Otwell motion to approve amplifier permits for 2016-2017 as presented with an additional letter being sent to Philanders about the noise during the Packer Games passed without a negative voice vote.

Gergen/Otwell motion to approve sidewalk café applications for 2016-2017 for Kitchen Table and Muddy Water passed without a negative voice vote.

Gergen/Hoschette motion to approve operator license application as presented passed without a negative voice vote.

Gegen/Otwell motion to approve sellers permit for Kahuna Shave Ice passed without a negative voice vote.

The Council discussed a letter from residents who would like the city to purchase the old Steamboat Inn property and make it into a park. The asking price for the property is 3.1 million. City staff had already contacted the DNR about writing a Stewardship grant but the DNR would not support a grant for this area. The DNR recommends the city continue working on the area by the boat launch. The consensus of the Council is not to pursue the purchase of this property.

Gergen/Dravis motion to approve 1st reading and waive 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 01-16 "Room Tax" passed without a negative voice vote.

Daugherty/Gergen motion to approve certified survey map for 151 Borner Street with the change in the name of the street from Kinnickinnic Street to Willow Lane passed without a negative voice vote.

Otwell/Daugherty motion to approve payment in the amount of \$3,500 to Pierce County Economic Development passed without a negative voice vote.

For consideration to the Police Commission Cheri Johnson.

Gergen/Daugherty motion to go into closed session per Wisconsin Stats. 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 – discuss economic development projects and possible land purchase passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Gergen/Daugherty motion to come out of closed session passed without a negative voice vote.

Mayor Hovel will follow up with items discussed in closed session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Administrator