

## OCTOBER 10, 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, October 10, 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 Galen Seipel, Rob Daugherty, Bill Dravis and Maureen Otwell was excused. , Jack Hoschette was excused, Joshua Gergen was absent. City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### **Public Comments:**

Peter French 265 Elm St. S, Executive Director for the Prescott Area Food Pantry explained the special use permit application. French stated they are not looking for zoning change. French stated bingo was included on the request but that is just for the storage of the equipment as they have a good working relationship with the American Legion who already hosts them so there will be no bingo in the building. They are currently out of space in their current spot in the old Jacques building. French stated the food pantry has to move or it will have to go away. The food pantry currently serves about 170 families which are about 500 individuals. French stated there will be about 15 to 20 vehicles per week for the food pantry. French stated Freedom Park and Borner Farm are both in residential areas and have a large amount of traffic. French stated the entrance would be off of Wacota Street about 25 to 30 feet from Highway 35. French stated the Knights of Columbus have just offered new winter coats and these would be items distributed also. French stated all parking would be off street. French also stated the thrift store is important as a fundraising mechanism for the food pantry.

Ray Hamilton 368 Wacota stated he is not against the food pantry but does not feel the proposed area is the right spot for the food pantry. Hamilton stated he feels traffic will be a problem. Hamilton also stated he feels the building is too large. The thrift shop would bring in more vehicles. Hamilton stated if there are only 15 to 20 cars a week for the food shelf that is fine. Hamilton stated he doesn't feel the project has been well thought out. Hamilton stated he felt the proposed cost of \$200,000 for the building is too low and the numbers just don't work. Hamilton stated there is no business plan. Hamilton stated allowing the proposed project would make it worse for him.

Mark Huber 551 Locust St. S stated he has been invited to do shifts at the food pantry. Huber stated there are few people who want to live across from a water tower or even an electric substation. Huber stated he does live next to the electric substation but with communication with Xcel Energy they worked together to create a great project which works for the residents and Xcel. Huber reminded everyone that about 20% of the children in the Prescott School District are provided food packets to take home each weekend. Huber stated he doesn't recall having any police calls to the food shelf unlike other establishments in the city. Huber stated Peter and the Food Pantry Board have done a great job with the food pantry and we all need to realize the need is going to be greater.

Coni Gray Washington Street stated the proposal has changed taking off the bingo. Gray stated she doesn't know of anyone who would not support the food pantry. Gary stated she feels there is a traffic concern. Wacota is a very narrow street. Gray asked about working with other groups like the American Legion or the senior citizens for a community center. Gray did say if there are only 20 cars a day that would be doable.

Eric Penk 475 Monroe Street asked the Council to support the proposed trap shooting range on the property owned by the Prescott Sportsman Club in Oak Grove Township. Penk stated there is currently a trap shooting team at the high school and they are in the process of developing one at the middle school.

Brent Hamman 951 Washington Street stated he contacted Pete French once he received the notice. Hamman agreed bingo and convenience store should not have been included in the application. Hamman stated he has had long time involvement with food pantries. Hamman stated he understands how the thrift store would work. Hamman stated he came from a small community and wanted to live in a small community and that is how he got to Prescott. He wants to live in a community which has community based project and feels the food pantry will help to serve the under privileged.

**Daugherty/Otwell motion to approve the consent agenda which included the September 26, 2016 regular city council meeting minutes, September 26, 2016 public works committee meeting minutes, October 3, 2016 parks and public property committee meeting minutes, October 3, 2016 plan commission meeting minutes, August 18, 2016 Prescott Public Library Board of Trustee meeting minutes, cash balances, budget year to date, accounts payable, payroll, review of receivables and September building report passed without a negative voice vote.**

Mayor Hovel presented the information from the Plan Commission on the special use permit for property owned by Greg Harris for applicant Prescott Area Food Pantry, Inc for future construction of a food pantry, convenience/thrift store, farmer's market, gardens, bingo with concessions and garage or shed for storage of garden and snow removal equipment per city code of ordinances chapter 635. The plan commission recommendation was to deny the special use as the commission felt the food pantry would be community oriented but they felt the thrift shop was not. Alderperson Otwell stated she would like to see the scale of the building better compared to the size of the lot. Otwell also would like a better description of how the building will be set up since it is proposed to be 6,000 square feet. Alderperson Seipel stated the street needs would need to be discussed further. Seipel also asked if the property would be tax exempt and was told it would be. Seipel felt it would be good to work with the school district. Alderperson Daugherty stated the work of the food pantry is really needed. Daugherty questioned of the entrance could come in off of Highway 35. Daugherty also stated the food pantry could possible fall into the church category if it is supported by the churches. Alderperson Otwell stated she could support the food pantry but wanted in writing a more detailed plan which would include what would be happening in the thrift shop and a more detailed business plan including traffic. Peter French, Executive Director for the Food Pantry stated the school has been contacted and the school has no additional room. French stated the size of the building was determined because they can never know how much food they can get at one time. Alderperson Seipel stated the street should be looked at by the city engineer. Mayor Hovel also reminded the Council the food pantry is going to grow.

**Seipel/Otwell motion to send the special use request back to plan commission with the Food Pantry providing written information on what the uses are going to be for the projects, timeline and a scale drawing passed without a negative voice vote.**

Mayor Hovel explained his veto of the request for Class "A" beer and Class "A" liquor license for Dolgencorp, LLC DBA Dollar General Store. Mayor Hovel explained they should have approached Council at the time the building was being built about the request for a beer and liquor license as they would have been informed there are other security features which would be required to have the licenses. Mayor Hovel stated we have made Freedom, Churchill and BP add security features in order to be issued a license. Holiday was denied a license because they were unable to meet the security

features. Alderperson Daugherty asked if every business is going to be given a liquor license. He didn't feel the purpose of the Dollar General was to sell alcohol. He stated he understands free enterprise but feels the line needs to be drawn for some businesses. Alderperson Dravis stated he talked to people who had Dollar General's in their community and was told it was not the place they think of to purchase beer or liquor. **Dravis/Seipel motion to up hold Mayor Hovel's veto of the Class "A" beer and Class "A" liquor license for Dolgencorp, LLC DBA Dollar General Store passed without a negative voice vote.**

Mayor Hovel discussed the Prescott Sportsman Club proposal to build a trap shooting range in Oak Grove Township. The City of Prescott is an adjacent landowner to the proposed range. The Mayor reviewed the qualifications of the person who had certified the range plan. The shooting will be toward the compost site owned by the city but the distance between the trap houses and the compost site will be 1,100 feet. Alderperson Seipel questioned the noise which was identified on the map by the sportmans club. All of the areas identified except for the trap houses will be below the decibel where hearing protection is needed. Alderperson Daugherty stated this was discussed with the club when they purchased the property. **Dravis/Daugherty motion to send a letter to the Prescott Sportsman Club and Town of Oak Grove stating the city has no objection to the trap shooting range and the letter will not include an endorsement of the range as this is a decision of the Town of Oak Grove passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Otwell/Daugherty motion to go into closed session per Wisconsin Stats. 19.85 (1) € 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 incentives for project in TIF#5 passed unanimously via roll call vote.**

**Daugherty/Dravis motion to come out of closed session passed unanimously via roll call vote.**

**Daugherty/Dravis motion to approve contract with Cedar Corporation for grant writing TEA grant in the amount of \$5,000 and contract for economic development planning including tax credit application in the amount of \$5,600 passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Daugherty/Otwell motion to approve contract with Cedar Corporation for design, engineering, permit applications, bidding, construction engineering, administration, staking and observation from proposed project in TIF #5 including street in the amount of \$86,000 passed unanimously via roll call vote.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand  
City Administrator