

MARCH 11, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St., Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to order/Roll Call: Mayor David Hovel called the meeting to order 6:30 p.m. Members present were Joshua Gergen, Galen Seipel, Dar Hintz, Bailey Ruona, Maureen Otwell and Robert Daugherty. City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present Seth Hudson, from Cedar Corporation. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comments: None were given

Gergen/Ruona motion to approve the consent agenda which included the regular city council meeting minutes for February 25, 2019, health & safety committee meeting minutes for February 25, 2019, parks and public property committee meeting minutes for February 25, 2019 and March 4, 2019, plan commission meeting minutes for March 4, 2019, cash balances, budget year to date, accounts payable, payroll and review of receivables passed without a negative voice vote.

A resolution was brought forward for changing the speed limits on Highway 10 and Highway 29. The Council contents the limit from the eastern city limits on Highway 10 to the traffic bridge and Highway 29 from the northern city limits to the traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 10/29 and Campbell Street be set at 35 miles per hour. There have been a number of buildings added which requires the speed limit to be lowered including the new high school which can have a number of younger drivers and the addition of some industrial businesses which have added semi-truck traffic. There is also residential been added with the St. Croix Bluffs Subdivision. The Council also contents the speed limit from the Highway 10 traffic bridge to the eastern city limits on Highway 35 should be 25 miles per hour. This area is mostly residential. **Gergen/Hintz motion to approve Resolution 02-19 "A resolution to lower speed limits on Highway 10/29/35 within the city limits" passed without a negative voice vote.**

The Council discussed a resolution to establish a crosswalk at the traffic light located at Highway 10/29/35 and Campbell Street and a crosswalk on Highway 29 at the intersection of North Acres Road and Eagle Ridge Drive. The city has looked at a number of different options for crossing Highway 10 and 29. They have looked at underpass but this doesn't work because of the number of utilities which are in the highway right of way. This area can't have an overpass because it is the alternate for Interstate 94. The Council would like to see a crosswalk about Highway 10 and other one across Highway 29. The city would put in a multipurpose trail along Highway 29 to Eagle Ridge Drive. There is also a sidewalk already on North Acres Road. **Gergen/Otwell motion to approve Resolution 03-19 "A resolution to establish a crosswalk at the traffic lights located Highway 10/29/35 and Campbell Street and Highway 29 at North Acres Road and Eagle Ridge Drive intersection passed without a negative voice vote.**

Aldersperson Ruona presented the need to do an assessor plat in the downtown area. There appears to be public infrastructure on railroad property and railroad property on public infrastructure. It has been hard to work with the railroad to determine who owns what. The assessor plat will establish who owns which parcels. Once the assessor plat is completed we will know who owns what and adjustment will be made. Aldersperson Ruona stated we need to know who owns what especially when seeking grants. Aldersperson Seipel asked if the railroad would have to accept the plat. Seth Hudson of Cedar Corporation stated they will have 30 to 60 days to object to the plat. **Seipel/Ruona motion to approve scope downtown/waterfront area assessor plat in the amount not to exceed \$81,575 with funds coming from TIF #4 passed without a negative voice vote.**

City Administrator Jayne Brand informed the Council the multi-discharge phosphorus variance which was applied for with the DNR has been conditionally approved. There will be a public comment period when the wastewater permit is reissued when there could be comments on the variance.

Gergen/Hintz motion to approve operator license for Brandon James McCarthy passed without a negative voice vote.

Alderperson Ruona presented the request to have a Fairy Garden Park at St. Croix Bluffs Park. The Fairy Garden Park is to honor three children in the community who have passed. They had originally been working with Pat Ptacek to put the park by the store but the size of the park has increased. The park would be completed in phases. The park would be ADA compliant. There would need to be a memo of understanding between the city and the Fairy Garden group.

Gergen/Hintz 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 – proposed redevelopment in TIF #4 and development within ½ mile of TIF #4 passed without a negative voice vote.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator