

APRIL 27, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held on Monday, April 27, 2020 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St., Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to order/Roll Call: Mayor David Hovel called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m. Members present were Bailey Ruona and Dar Hintz in person. Maureen Otwell arrived at 6:10 pm. Thomas Oss, Joshua Gergen and Rob Daugherty appeared by phone. Deputy Clerk/Treasure Beth Lansing and City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Greg Adams and Seth Hudson of Cedar Corporation appeared by phone. Sean Lentz of Ehlers appeared by phone.

Public Comments: None were given.

Darlyn Hintz was given the Oath of Office.

Ruona/Hintz motion to approve the consent agenda which included regular city council meeting minutes for March 25, 2020, license committee meeting minutes for April 6, 2020, plan commission meeting minutes for April 6, 2020, Prescott Public Library Board minutes for February 20 & March 16, 2020, cash balances, budget year to date, accounts payable, payroll and review of receivables passed without a negative voice vote.

City Engineer Greg Adams presented the bids for Lake Street. The bids ranged from \$945,331.10 to \$1,598,500. Adams stated a lot of private work has slowed down with Covid-19 and companies are looking for projects. The low bidder was Total Excavating. **Daugherty/Hintz motion to approve the low bid of \$945,331.10 to Total Excavating for the Lake Street project passed unanimously via roll call vote.**

City Engineer Greg Adams presented the bids for Pearl Street. The bids ranged from \$552,662.85 to \$775,116.10 with the low bidder being Total Excavating. Alderperson Ruona asked if Total Excavating is a large enough company to be able to handle two projects at the same time. Adams stated they can handle two projects at the same time. Adams also stated there is a clause in the contract which gives penalties if the project is not completed on time. **Ruona/Daugherty motion to approve the low bid of \$552,662.85 to Total Excavating for the Pearl Street project passed unanimously via roll call vote.**

Ruona/Otwell motion to accept the termination letter from Verizon for antennas on the water tower as of September 18, 2020 passed without a negative voice vote.

Otwell/Ruona motion to accept the second amendment to Member's Long Term Contract for use of the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility passed without a negative voice vote.

Finance Advisor Sean Lentz presented the sale day report for the \$1,975,000 General Obligation Street Improvement borrowing. The city again received an Aa3 rating from Moodys. Lentz stated this is a very good rating for a city of Prescott. There were six bidders for the borrowing. The bidding ranged from 1.9515% to 2.2318%. The lowest bidder was UMB Bank out of Kansas City, Missouri.

Ruona/Otwell motion to approve Resolution 08-20 "Resolution providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of \$1,975,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2020A, of the City of Prescott, Wisconsin; Establishing the terms and conditions therefor; Directing their execution and

delivery; creating a debt service account therefor; and awarding the sale therefor passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Ruona/Otwell motion to approve Resolution 06-20 “2020 Budget Amendment” passed without a negative voice vote.

The Council was made aware that an application has been approved by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for temporary waving of credit card fees in response to COVID-19.

Aldersperson Hintz presented the request for Crazy About Baseball application for Class “B” beer license. Aldersperson Hintz explained that there will be an area set up where beer can be sold and consumed. Signage will be up to inform people this is the only place they can consume the beer. License operators will be selling and the end time for consumption will be 10:00 pm. Beer will only be sold during Pirate games. **Ruona/Otwell motion to approve Class “B” beer license for Crazy about Baseball with the guidelines as described passed without a negative voice vote.**

Otwell/Ruona motion to approve conditional use permit for Kathleen Tobias for a hair salon at 740 Albert Street with one condition that vehicles not park on Canton Street between their parking lot and the first driveway on Canton Street passed without a negative voice vote.

Seth Hudson representing Cedar Corporation presented an update on the riverfront project. There are issues with getting the railroad to respond regarding the assessor plat which has been discussed with them. Hudson stated we would like to break the project up into phases with the first phase being from the car bridge to Orange Street. Aldersperson Ruona stated she would like to get this project started and would like to have a parks committee meeting to have further discussions on it. A parks meeting was set for May 11th at 5:30 pm.

Mayor Hovel presented the following as his appointments:

Cedar Corporation for city engineer. Aldersperson Oss asked how long Cedar has been engineers for the city. They have been with the city since 1998. Oss asked if the city could do a request for proposals for city engineer. Aldersperson Ruona suggested this would not be the year to do that with the street projects and riverfront projects. **Ruona/Otwell motion to approve Cedar Corporation as city engineer passed without a negative voice vote.**

Pierce County Journal for official newspaper. **Otwell/Ruona motion to approve Pierce County Journal as the official newspaper passed without a negative voice vote.**

Ruona/Otwell motion to approve resolution 07-20 “Appointment of public Depository” passed without a negative voice vote.

Heywood, Cari and Anderson as city attorney. **Hintz/Otwell motion to approve Heywood, Cari and Anderson as city attorney passed without a negative voice vote.**

Appointments to council committees and boards were discussion and agreed upon as printed.

Otwell/Ruona motion to elect Rob Daugherty as Council President passed without a negative voice vote.

Considerations for committees – Bill Fetzner- Police Commission, Brian Crist- Zoning Board of Appeals

Ruona/Hintz motion to approve Resolution 09-20 “A resolution commending Alderperson Galen Seipel for dedicated service to the City of Prescott” passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruona/Otwell 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 – downtown redevelopment passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Hintz/Ruona motion to come out of closed session passed without a negative voice vote.

The Council discussed giving a bonus to the Police Officers for their dedicated work during the COVID-19 issues. The rest of the staff have been breaking up their days but the Police Officers have worked their 80 hours per pay period with some having to do overtime. It was discussed the Officers and Chief would receive \$250 for the months of April and May for a total of \$500. Alderperson Oss questioned if the city should go outside of the union contract. Alderperson Otwell stated our Officers are well trained and we don't want to risk losing any of the Officers. Alderperson Hintz stated the city invests a lot of time in the officers. **Ruona/Otwell motion to approve a \$500 bonus to each Officer and Chief due to COVID-19 passed without a negative voice vote.**

Hintz/Otwell motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator