

MAY 18, 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, May 18, 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 Joshua Gergen and Dar Hintz in person. Maureen Otwell, Thomas Oss, Bailey Ruona and Rob Daugherty appeared by phone. City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Greg Adams and Seth Hudson of Cedar Corporation appeared by phone.

Public Comments: Jim Baker of Linn Street stated his main concern is what is actually happening with the Palmetto Subdivision. He asked about accepting money instead of greenspace. He feels if the city approves this they are setting a dangerous precedent. He feels the proposed subdivision does not conform with the surrounding homes.

Melyssa Rice of Monroe Street stated these are extraordinary times and she feels this subdivision is coming in the back door. She stated the decision should be delayed. She presented a petition not in favor of the subdivision. She did explain it is not a legal petition but that is not able to be done during this time.

Jim Baker of Monroe Street asked if the Council members had received enough information to make a decision. Does not agree with not having any green space, smaller lots and the houses being close. He stated when he purchased his home he knew what was being proposed behind him for houses and now that has changed.

Joe Block of Monroe Street stated he feels the proposal has changed from the beginning. He believes government shouldn't pay a role in business. He is worried about the aesthetics of the house and beauty of the neighborhood going to look like. He believes there should be more greenspace. He would like to see larger lots and offsets between homes. He has concerns the council has more worry about a profit for the developer than current and future residents. He believes the proposal should be put on hold and get by in from the community.

Jim French owner of the property stated he has heard from residents they want the twin home type of housing. There will be a homeowners association. They have accommodated the request from the residents as best as possible. They have a quality builder who builds a quality product. They will try to get local involvement from the trades on this project.

Jim Baker of Monroe Street stated he is agreement of twin homes just doesn't want to see so many.

Melyssa Rice of Monroe Street questioned where the stormwater is proposed to go.

Ruona/Gergen motion to approve the consent agenda which included regular city council meeting minutes for April 27,2020, personnel committee meeting minutes for April 22, 2020, plan commission meeting minutes for May 4, 2020, public works committee meeting minutes for May 5, 2020, parks and public property committee meeting minutes for May 11, 2020, cash balances, budget year to date, accounts payable, payroll and review of receivable passed without a negative voice vote.

Mayor Hovel presented the master plan for the Palmetto Subdivision. Alderperson Hintz stated she would like to see the plan see the plan go back to plan commission. Alderperson Ruona asked about elevations and asked about where the windows would be in the townhouses. Matt Heib, engineer for the project there would be some windows on the sides of the units. Alderperson Ruona also asked

about the city helping the project if they took out 9 to 16 units. It was explained we haven't helped other residential development so this would be hard to do. There was a question about the twin homes being so close. Mayor Hovel stated state building code allows home to be as close as ten feet. Mayor Hovel explained that the greenspace was removed because of the amount of stormwater management which needs to be done on site. The plan commission was in favor of the payment in lieu of parkland because of the stormwater. Mayor Hovel also explained that there is greenspace at both the elementary and intermediate school. Alderperson Oss questioned the use of the schools green space. Alderperson Daugherty stated there has been a lot of work done on the plat to address the comments of the neighbors. City Administrator Jayne Brand also stated city staff has been working with the developer to address the comments of the neighbors. **Daugherty/Otwell motion to approve the master plan for Palmetto Subdivision as presented with Alderperson Oss, Ruona and Hintz voting nay and Mayor Hovel breaking the tie by voting in favor of the subdivision.**

Gergen/Otwell motion to approve Resolution 09-20 "Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for Wastewater Treatment Plant" passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruona/Gergen motion to approve acceptance of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Multimodal Local Supplement grant in the amount of \$600,000 passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruona/Otwell motion to approve design and construction engineering for WisDOT MLS Riverfront Improvement project for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$154,000 passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruona/Hintz motion to approve topographic surveying services for the Freedom Park Trail Project in the amount of \$4,000 passed without a negative voice vote.

Hintz/Ruona motion to approve appointment of William Fetzner to Police Commission, Brian Crist, Zoning Board of Appeals, Steve Most, Prescott Area Fire & EMS Association passed without a negative voice vote. For consideration Ed Lucas to Prescott Housing Authority and Mark Poff for Zoning Board of Appeals.

Otwell/Hintz motion to Resolution 11-20 "Municipal Emergency Proclamation" passed by a majority vote with Ruona and Oss voting nay.

Other Business:

The Council was informed regarding one of the Governor's ruling which came down would allow for the moving of the ½ half of real estate taxes to August 20th rather than July 31st. Pierce County has decided not to move the date and if they don't move the date the city can't.

Playground equipment, basketball courts and tennis courts will reopen on June 1st. This will allow staff to get signage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator

