

JUNE 24, 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, June 24, 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, Robert Daugherty and Maureen Otwell City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comments: Diane Webster owner of Borner Farm addressed the council regarding the special use permit and alcohol licensing. The farm was created in 2009. It is a farm in the middle of the city. When they started they didn't know how it was going to go. They provide CSA program and education to a number of various age groups. They have partnered with schools, Great River Road Learning Center and UWRF. Pizza night is 13 Friday nights out of the year. They had no idea it would be what it is today. The pizza nights are the major funding source for the farm. Webster addressed several other items such as composting, wood chips, roof repair, noise, rodents and licensing. Webster stated on the average they serve about 130 pizzas on a Friday night pizza night. With only being allowed 100 people on the site they have had to turn people away. They have been able to handle the parking on their property. Webster stated they would like to revisit the number of people allowed to have during a pizza night for an increase in that number.

Debbie Hunter, Janet Cleary, Carmen Drake, Linda Johnston, Isaac Martin and John Brantman spoke in favor of Borner Farm.

Maele of Prescott Roadhouse, Bill Hiniker of Point St Croix Marina and Larry Johnson of St. Croix Liquors spoke to the Council about a Class "B" liquor license.

Hintz/Ruona motion to approve the consent agenda which included regular city council meeting minutes for June 10, 2019, public works committee meeting minutes for June 10, 2019, plan commission meeting minutes for June 18, 2019 and license committee meeting minutes for June 18, 2019 passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruona/Gergen motion to approve Class "B" beer and Class "C" wine license for Borner Farm passed without a negative voice vote. The discussion before the vote included Alderperson Hintz discussing having more than 100 people on the property for the pizza night is a violation of the special use permit. Alderperson Gergen stated he was comfortable with the 100 people. Alderperson Ruona stated the application states generally 25 to 100 people. She stated there should be a definite number put in the special use. Alderperson Otwell stated the pizza night is the financial support for the educational goals of the farm. Alderperson Hintz stated she does disagree with what the farm does for the community but a code is a code. There is also proposed housing which is planned for behind the farm. Mayor Hovel stated ordinances are designed for the protection of the neighbors. He said the number needs to remain at 100. It may be that the pizza night may have to move. Diane Webster stated she has worked with the neighbors and feel the complaints are unreasonable and not valid. Alderperson Seipel asked about being a non-profit. Diane Webster stated they are not a non-profit but have not made any money off of the farm. They hope to leave the farm as a legacy. Alderperson Daugherty stated they have a special use permit and they need to adhere to what is in the permit which is 100. If they want something different they need to make a request and it needs to be presented before Council.

Seipel/Hintz motion to have the city hold the class "B" liquor license passed by a majority vote with Daugherty and Ruona voting nay. Alderperson Seipel stated Prescott is not suffering from not issuing

the license. He questioned where additional parking was going to come from and also that the city is looking at a redevelopment of the downtown and riverfront areas.

Ruona/Gergen motion to approve operator licenses as presented passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruona/Hintz motion to approve final pay request for the Orrin Road/Linn Street water loop project in the amount of \$12,615.19 passed without a negative voice vote.

Daugherty/Ruona motion to approve pulverizing/paving street project for 2019 in the amount of \$137,119.84 with funds coming from general fund balance passed without a negative voice vote.

Gergen/Ruona motion to approve lining of manholes in the amount of \$13,377 with funds coming from TIF #5 passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruonal/Otwell motion to reconstruct the alley between Kinnickinnic Street/Orange Street and Broad and Locust Street passed without a negative voice vote.

Gergen/Daugherty motion to approve GIS/online mapping services with Cedar Corporation in the amount of \$11,700 with funds coming from water, sewer, stormwater and general fund passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruonal/Gergen motion to approve street closing for Dakota Street from Walnut Street to Ash Street for Saturday, August 17th from 10:00 am to 3:15 pm passed without a negative voice vote.

Other Business:

Alderperson Seipel discussed grass clippings in the street and how he doesn't feel it affects the phosphorus in the sewer system. City Administrator Jayne Brand explained that it does affect the sewer system because of the possible infiltration of stormwater into the sewer system especially with the large rains we have been having. Isaac Martin also stated grass itself contains phosphorus but he has more concern about the nitrates which are getting into the river due to the amount of fertilizer which is being left on the street.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator