

JUNE 27, 2022 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 27, 2022 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St. Prescott, WI 54021

Call to order/Roll Call: Mayor Daugherty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Tom Oss, Pat Knox, John Peterson, Maureen Otwell, Bailey Ruona and Dar Hintz. Representing staff City Administrator Matt Wolf.

Public Comments: None were given.

Ruona/Otwell motion to approve consent agenda which includes Parks and Public Property Committee Minutes May 16, 2022, Library Board Minutes May 19, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes June 13, 2022 St. Croix Sailing Club Overnight Courtesy Docking Request – Saturday, September 24, Amplifier Permit Request – Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm Freedom Park. Resolution 20-22 Informing the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant, Utility and Fuel Bill Analysis Budget Year-to-Date passed without a negative voice vote.

Next public works committee meeting August 29, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Next plan commission meeting July 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Next parks and public property committee meeting June 29, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Next ordinance committee meeting August 8, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Next personnel committee meeting August 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Public Comments:

Mayor Daugherty and City Administrator Wolf did a presentation to the County for the American Rescue funds for well #3. The County has come up with a grading system to determine which projects will be funded. Alderperson Otwell asked if we don't receive the funds at this time would we be able to apply for them again. City Administrator Wolf stated we would not. The city will be informed of their decision.

Thomas Langenfeld asked to be put on the agenda again regarding abatement of special assessments. Langenfeld felt the Council in 2017 who turned down his request at that time felt the Council did not have all of the information they needed to make a decision. Langenfeld stated he is asking to be put on the agenda again. City Administrator Wolf stated it is past the time to make an objection and if the Council chooses to do an abatement the funds would need to come from the fund balance.

Ruona/Otwell motion to open the public hearing to review the liquor licenses and fermented malt beverage application for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Alderperson Knox questioned the liquor license for Leo's Landing and if they were using the license. Alderperson questioned why the city is holding the Class "B" liquor license. Administrator Wolf stated

the license has been held as a possible incentive for a restaurant. Alderperson Oss stated Pt. St. Croix Marina already has a beer and wine license so there shouldn't be a need for a liquor license. Alderperson Peterson questioned why St. Croix Liquor is applying for a Class "B" liquor license. It was stated they have looked at having a restaurant between the liquor store and the motel.

Ruona/Otwell motion to close the public hearing passed without a negative voice vote.

Ruona/Hintz motion to approve all licenses as presented, Ruona/Hintz amendment to include except for Class "B" liquor license for Pt St. Croix Marina and St. Croix Liquor passed without a negative voice vote.

The Council discussed the proposal to have goat graze at Magee Park to help with the buckhorn overgrowth and other woody invasive species. Israel Hass, Director of Freedom Park informed the Council the goats will not be able to remove all of the overgrowth and woody invasive species at one time. It could take 6 to 8 times for the goats to remove the buckthorn overgrowth and woody invasive species. Three quotes were received ranging from \$6,721 to \$7800. Hass stated he has worked with Diversity Landmarks and they appear to be the ecological. **Ruona/Know motion to approve goat contract with Diversity Landmarks with an amount not to exceed \$7,800 and the funds coming from the \$50,000 allocated for park maintenance passed without a negative voice vote.**

Administrator Wolf explained to the council about the raze order for the building located at 445 Court Street. Alderperson Oss questioned what would happen if the property owner did not take down the building. Administrator Wolf explained the city would take it down and the funds to remove would be added to the real estate property taxes. **Ruona/Hintz motion to approve Resolution 21-22 " A resolution approving Raze Order for the building located at 445 Court Street" passed without a negative voice vote.**

Ruona/Hintz motion to go into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility - City Administrator passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Ruona/Knox motioned to come out of closed session, Knox seconded. Motioned passed unanimously via roll call vote.

City Administrator Wolf stated that Kwik Trip was having a public ribbon cutting on August 3 at 10:00 am and that they were inviting Council to attend. Mayor Daugherty and Council Members Ruona, Otwell, and Knox stated they would be attending.

Ruona/Hintz motioned to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand, City Clerk

