

## July 24, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, City Council Meeting of the Prescott City Council was held on Monday, July 24, 2023, 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 Lindsey Owens, John Peterson, Dar Hintz, Pat Knox and Maureen Otwell. Council member not present was Bailey Ruona. Representing staff were City Planner, Carter Hayes, Clerk, Rashel Temmers, Deputy Clerk, Beth Lansing and Chief of Police, Eric Michaels. Also present were a number of community members.

Public Comments: None.

Consent Agenda:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2023
2. Tourism Committee Minutes, July 11, 2023
3. Parks and Public Works Committee Minutes, July 17, 2023
4. TIF Joint Board of Review Minutes, July 19, 2023

**Hintz/Peterson motioned to approve the consent agenda. There was no discussion on the Consent Agenda. Consent agenda passed without a negative voice vote.**

Reports of Standing Committees:

- A. Finance Committee: no report.
- B. Planning Commission: no report.
- C. Parks & Public Works: Alderperson Knox reported on the July 17, 2023, committee meeting. Knox informed the Council on the signage and fencing discussion for Public Square Park. The schools are moving the younger children to the school on Elm Street and are concerned that while the children are outside, there should be specific signs and protective fencing on the South side of the park. There was discussion that the school would pay for half of the costs while the city should pay for the other half. Knox also reported that the Scenic By-Way grant will reopen and that there was discussion on resubmitting our grant application as we did not receive any funding from the first go-around. There were no funds issued to the State of Wisconsin. We were encouraged to re-apply as we did score well the first time around.
- G. Health & Safety: no report.
- H. Personnel: no report.

Communication and New Business:

1. Public Comments: Dallas Eggers gave a presentation to the Council on the old Steamboat Inn property and ideas for improvements.

2. Approval of Communications Plan for the Proposal to Implement Downtown Paid Parking. City Planner, Carter Hayes, gave an update to the Council regarding the downtown parking project. Information will be mailed out to residents with the next quarterly utility billing, the end of September. There will also be two public informational meetings. The first business informational meeting will be on August 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. and at 3:30 p.m. The second meeting will be the Council Public Hearing on August 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. More in-depth discussion will take place on these dates. Discussion was as follows: Alderperson Hintz questioned the parking rate and that the proposed rate should be more than \$1.25/hour and agreed that residents should be free. Alderperson Knox brought up the fact that a \$10.00 all-day permit would defeat the purpose of visitor turnover and mentioned the cost of permits should be comparable to Point Douglas Beach. Alderperson Ownes questioned if all permits would be purchased online so the pricing could be adjusted for individual permits. Alderperson Peterson brought up that people wouldn't go online to a separate website to purchase daily permits instead of just using the meters downtown to save a couple dollars and if information would be sent out to residents with the types of permits available and the costs for each. Alderperson Otwell questioned if there were still going to be test sites and times. Mayor Daugherty suggested that since the meters would most likely not be implemented until winter season, and the test site being Mercord Mill Park, maybe wait until spring when there will actually be people who would park there to use the park as a test site. There was no further discussion. **Hintz/Otwell motioned to approve the Approval of Communications Plan for the Proposal to Implement Downtown Paid Parking. Motion passed without a negative voice vote.**
3. Approving the Safety Fence at Public Square Park for \$6,187.00 to be Shared with the Prescott School District. Alderperson Knox shared public comments that he has received regarding the fence. There was no further discussion. **Otwell/Peterson motioned to approve Approving the Safety Fence at Public Square Park for \$6,187.00 to be Shared with the Prescott School District. Motion passed without a negative voice vote.**

Closed Session. None.

Other Business:

1. Fire Association Intergovernmental Meeting – August 16 or 23 – Council Preference? Council agreed on August 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Resident, Melyssa Rice, spoke regarding the downtown parking project and inquired about how or why the city came up with this project. Resident Tom Oss, spoke about unintended consequences for employees and people who won't pay to find other places to park in residential areas.

**Peterson/Hintz motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion passed without a negative voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rashel Temmers  
City Clerk