

JULY 26, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held on Monday, July 26, 2021 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 Thomas Oss, Bailey Ruona, Maureen Otwell, Pat Knox, Dar Hintz and Rob Daugherty. Deputy Clerk Beth Lansing, Police Chief Eric Michaels, Street and Parks Superintendent Mike Kinneman and City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Public Comments: None were given.

Ruona/Hintz motion to approve the consent agenda which included the regular city council meeting minutes for July 12, 2021, ordinance committee meeting minutes for July 12, 2021 and public works committee for July 19, 2021 passed without a negative voice vote.

Sean Lentz with Ehlers presented the sales day report for the \$4,430,000 taxable general obligation debt. The city's bond rating remained at "Aa3". There were nine bidders for the bond. The interest rates ranged from a low bid of 1.1796% to high bid of 1.8446%. The low bid was Piper Sandler & Co from Chicago, Illinois. **Ruona/Otwell motion to approve Resolution 16-21 "Resolution providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of \$4,430,000 taxable general obligation refunding notes series 2012A 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 thereof passed unanimously via roll call vote.**

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Beth Lansing reviewed the 2020 audit report with the Council.

Chief of Police Eric Michaels discussed with Council the NCHIP Livescan Implementation grant which was awarded to the Prescott Police Department in the amount of \$19,646. The match for the Police Department is \$2,183 for a total grant award of \$21,829. The grant will carry over two budget cycles which means the funds could be spent in 2021 but not reimbursed in 2022. **Ruona/Otwell motion to approve the grant award for the Prescott Police Department in the amount of \$21,829 with \$2,183 coming from the Police Department budget and reimbursement in 2022.**

Street and Parks Superintendent Mike Kinneman presented a request to purchase a John Deere compact utility tractor with a number of accessories. The tractor is a used tractor and has 38 hours on it. The cost of the tractor with the accessories is approximately \$63,000. The tractor can be used for a number of projects including mowing of holding ponds and also trails. **Hintz/Otwell motion to authorize the purchase of the utility tractor with accessories not to exceed \$63,000 with funds coming from general funds reserves passed unanimously via roll call vote.**

Daugherty/Ruona motion to approve pay request #2 for the courtesy dock in the amount of \$170,871.75 passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Lisa Johnson representing the K-9 fundraising group presented information regarding their current fundraising efforts. They have exceeded their goal and current have \$78,305.25 raised. Lisa stated they will continue to fundraise for annual ongoing expenses. Alderperson Otwell stated she is uncomfortable with accepting funds from an outside group and felt if this is something the city really needs the funding should be coming through the budget. Mayor Hovel stated the biggest hurdle at this time is getting coverage for the officer who will need to go through three months of training. Alderperson Oss questioned the labor costs especially with mutual aid call. Oss asked for an estimate on what those costs would be. Chief Michaels stated labor costs are hard to determine because there are so many factors built into labor costs. Chief Michaels also stated they don't have to do all of the mutual aid calls. **Ruona/Daugherty motion to move forward with K-9 project passed without a negative voice vote.**

Closing times for the bars and restaurants will return to 2:30 am on weekends as of July 29, 2021. The council would like to take the owners who have stepped up to help with the issues which were happening downtown and hope the decrease in incidents continues.

Parks meeting have been set for the 3rd Monday of each month for the next three months starting at 5:00 pm.

Oss/Otwell motion to approve alcohol permit and amplifier permit for Freedom Park for Sunset Soiree fundraiser on August 21, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm passed without a negative voice vote.

Skate park closed starting August 2, 2021 until October 4, 2021 because of work on the water tower.

Alternate day watering ban will begin August 2, 2021 with house addresses ending with even number can water on even calendar days house addressed ending with odd number can water on odd calendar days.

Ruona/Hintz motion to go with 3rd party for printing and mailing utility bill passed without a negative voice vote.

Daugherty/Hintz 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 passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Ruona/Daugherty motion to come out of closed session passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Ruona/Daugherty motion to offer the sale of public property to Two Rivers Bar and Grill for the amount of \$7,500 plus surveying costs passed without a negative voice vote.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator