

OCTOBER 25, 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, October 25, 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, Rob Daugherty, Pat Knox, Dar Hintz and Bailey Ruona. Maureen Otwell was excused. City Administrator Matt Wolf and City Clerk Jayne Brand represented staff.

Public Comments: Mike Hildebrandt commented on the letter of intent to possibly purchase the land the city owns outside of the city. Mike commented there are three neighbors who would like to purchase the land.

Randy Murphy representing Cernohous Chevrolet commented on the proposed changes to the C-2 zoning district. Randy stated with electronic technology coming to vehicles they may need to do an expansion. He requested the zoning remain as it currently is.

Scott DeGross representing the Fireworks Stores requested the C-2 zoning remain as it is. It could have an affect on their business

Patrick Pechacek representing St. Croix Terrace requested the C-2 zoning remain as it is. Patrick stated it will be future owners who will have to deal with possible issues which arise.

Thomas Langenfeld stated a change in the C-2 zoning could affect his business and requested it be left as it currently is.

Daugherty/Ruona motion to approve the consent agenda which included the regular city council meeting minutes for October 11, 2021 passed without a negative voice vote.

Oss/Ruona motion to sent the proposed changes to C-2 zoning back to ordinance committee passed without a negative voice vote.

Next public works committee meeting set for November 8th at 5:00 pm

Daugherty/Oss motion to approve \$500 to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission for assistance to continue to market and promote the Great River Road National Scenic Byway and the City of Prescott as a hub and gateway passed without a negative voice vote.

City Administrator Matt Wolf presented the Riverfront project design approval and consideration of courtesy dock items outside the original scope. Phase 1 of the Riverfront project has been reviewed by the Parks Committee at several meetings. A public meeting was held with the downtown businesses. The city received a \$600,000 MLS Wisconsin Department of Transportation grant. The proposed total cost of the project is \$1,654,000. The courtesy dock expenditures of \$316,245 have already been spent. The remaining estimated costs of the project is \$701,417. TIF #4 generates approximately \$400,000 annually. The project will be bid out in the end of January or early February 2022. Seth Hudson, Cedar Corporation presented the costs which were outside the existing engineering service contract for the courtesy dock. DNR required additional studies and the courtesy dock project changed from the original plan. The additional costs are \$9,500. **Ruona/Oss motion to approve Cedar Corporation to go ahead with design for phase 1 of the Downtown Riverfront project and approve the payment of \$9,500 to Cedar Corporation outside the existing engineering services contract for Riverfront improvements related to the courtesy dock passed without a negative voice vote.**

Flagging of Magee Park was discussed. The center of the trail will be flagged. GIS will be used as part of this project. **Ruona/Daugherty motion to approve the flagging of Magee Park with any cost coming from the \$50,000 allocated for trails passed without a negative voice vote.**

Meeting date of December 7th at 5:00 pm was sent for the Coulee River Trails workshop.

Police Chief Michaels provided a written report on the downtown update. From 9/24/21 to 10/15/21 there were three issues and all were handled without any problems.

City Administrator Matt Wolf reviewed the letter which was sent for 1225 Canton Street.

The Council reviewed the letter of intent to purchase property from the city. An appraisal would be needed before the property could be sold. The party purchasing the property would need to also get approvals from Oak Grove and Pierce County. Alderperson Knox questioned why the city purchased the land in the first place and was told a portion of the land was being used as a dump for the city. The dump site has been capped as per DNR requirements. Alderperson Oss stated he was not in favor of selling the land. This issue will be moved to the next council meeting for further discussion.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Brand
City Clerk