

JANUARY 11, 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, January 11, 2022 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St. Prescott, WI 54021

Call to order/Roll Call: Mayor Hovel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Bailey Ruona, Maureen Otwell, Pat Knox and Robert Daugherty. Tom Oss online and Dar Hintz excused. City Administrator Matt Wolf, Police Chief Eric Michaels and City Clerk Jayne Brand.

Public Comments: None were given

Daugherty/Ruona motion to approve the consent agenda which included the approval of regular city council meeting minutes for December 13, 2021, cash balances/budget year to date, payables, payroll, review of receivables, EW homes Inc request for payment from EM Homes in the amount of \$29,206.08, KLM final engineering pay request for water tower #2 (final) in the amount of \$29,998.50 and Classic Protective Coatings pay request #3 (final) in the amount of \$18,447.50 passed without a negative voice vote.

Next public works committee meeting Monday, February 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Ruona/Otwell motion to approve the use of Magee Park for Coulee by Candlelight event and bonfire for Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm passed without a negative voice vote.

Next parks and public property committee meeting Monday, January 17, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Next ordinance committee meeting Monday, January 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Police Chief Eric Michaels gave a year end report for 2021 for the Police Department.

City Administrator Matt Wolf reviewed the changes for the Police Union Contract. The contract is for one year so that the wage and benefit study can be completed. **Ruona/Daugherty motion to approve the Police Union Contract as presented passed without a negative voice vote.**

Next personnel committee meeting Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Communication and New Business:

City Administrator Matt Wolf presented information regarding room tax. The ordinance has the room tax at 8%. A chart of other communities were presented to show what they are charging for room tax. The funds collected from room tax needs to be used for tourism of which is broken down as 30% to the city and 70% to a non-profit. Megan Langer owner of the Port Hotel was asked how much in funds do they anticipate generating from the room tax. She stated she felt it would approximately \$60,000 based on the 8% tax. The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to apply for a non-profit status to be the group who would handle the tax. The Chamber is in the process of obtaining the non-profit status. The council needs to decide to start collecting the room tax and work with the Chamber of Commerce to

develop a memorandum of understanding to utilize the funds as a tourist entity based on the requirement, they gain non-profit status and have a seat reserved for a City councilmember or staff member. Alderperson Ruona stated she would like to see the room tax at 6%. This rate is competitive with other local communities. City staff was directed to move forward with the process for collecting room tax with the rate being 6%

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Clerk