

**UNABRIDGED MARCH 9, 2009 REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held Monday, March 9, 2009 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St. Prescott, WI 54021

Call to Order/Roll Call: Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Eddy Wuorenma, Julie Arndtson, Deb Ganske, Rob Daugherty, Clair Eaton, and John MacLennan. . Public Works Director Jerry Killian and Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also in attendance was David Schofield, City Engineer representing Cedar Corporation.

Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to approve the consent agenda and the recommendation of the committees contained in the consent agenda which included the approve of February 23, 2009 regular city council meeting minutes, acceptance of February 23, 2009 license committee meeting minutes, review of cash balances, budget year to date, approval of payables and review of the receivables passed without a negative voice vote.

Mayor Hunter reviewed the notes for the meeting that was held on March 4, 2009 with the bars and restaurants regarding Project Respect. It was decided that the bar owners will help with providing people to direct bikers to parking on Front Street, by the railroad bridge, Mercord Mill Park and the Orange Street parking lot. They will also be providing people to help with security in these areas. The city will help by providing additional signage for the parking areas. The bar owners will be responsible to have someone at their door to remind people that they can not have open containers on the sidewalks and streets. Officers will cite for open containers and loud and unnecessary acceleration. Zero tolerance for driving while intoxicated. Cycle club leaders will communicate with their members about the concerns expressed through their publications. This will be a cooperative effort through businesses, city, police and rally organizers. The floor was opened for public comments. Paula Wiesbeck owner of the No Name stated that for clarification they want to make it known that the city is not targeting a specific group. The consensus of the council is to see how everything comes together at the first rally in April and to keep the lines of communication open.

City Engineer, David Schofield updated the council on the time line for Canton Street and Kasson Drive street projects. There had been a delay in getting an easement that was going to be needed as part of the project but the easement has now been eliminated from the project. The project will be advertised on April 2nd & 9th. Open bids on April 21st and award bids at the April 27th council meeting. Preconstruction the week of May 11th and the project completed by September 4th.

Wuorenma/Daugherty motion to approve Shawn Bernick, Sean Riley, Baard Webster and Julie Arndtson to the subcommittee for trees passed without a negative voice vote.

Staff would like to write a grant to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) which would provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three years for newly-hired, full-time sworn police officer positions including filling existing unfunded vacancies or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts. Prior to applying for the grant, staff is asking that the City Council commit to the required funding of the position in the fourth year following the grant if the grant is received.

Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to apply for a grant from the COPS and committing to the fourth year funding passed without a negative voice vote.

City Engineer, David Schofield presented three projects that the city can apply for the economic stimulus – TE grant. The proposed projects are riverfront improvements between the two bridges and in the Mercord Mill park area, State Highway 35 multi-purpose trail or an underpass on Hwy 10/29 at Canton Street. Staff recommendation is to apply for a combination of the riverfront improvements and the State Highway 35 multi-purpose trail. Cedar Corporation will right the grant at no cost to the city. The grant request is due in April with awards in May. The entire project would need to have plans, specs and engineering completed by December. The city could enter into a three party contract for the engineering services but there is concern that the three party contract could hold up the project so that the December deadline could not be met. Alderperson Ganske questioned where the funds would come to pay for the engineering costs. Mayor Hunter stated that it could come from reserves. There could be some additional costs to the city that may not be covered by the grant which could be blacktopping and underground utilities. The proposed project would also require the city to get approvals from the DNR, railroad and residents on right of way issues. **Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to apply for the grant for the riverfront improvements, Hwy 35 multi-purpose trail with further discussion on the terms of the engineer costs passed by a majority vote with Ganske voting nay.**

Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to approve operator license for Sue C. Phelps passed without a negative voice vote.

Veolia the contracted garbage contractor for the City of Prescott had meet with the license committee regarding changes in the recycling with the residents. They had wanted to change to single stream recycling with pickup every other week. Since the meeting Veolia has meet with Pierce County and determined that in order for Pierce County to take the city's recycling the residents will need to separate what they recycle into the two acceptable recycle streams – rigids and fibers. Veolia and Pierce County feel the best way to get the residents to recycle more and separate is to educate them on how this is done. The consensus of the council is to move forward with the recycling as proposed with Veolia and Pierce County providing the education materials.

MacLennan/Wuorenma motion to approve the request of the Great River Road Theatre use of the public square from June 13th to July 20th passed without negative voice vote.

Wuorenma/MacLennan motion to go into closed session per Wisconsin Stats. 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved – fireworks case and alley dispute passed unanimously via roll call vote

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

Council directed staff to proceed with items discussed in closed session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne M. Brand

