

UNABRIDGED MAY 26, 2009 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held Tuesday, May 26, 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 Julie Arndtson, Mark Huber, Rob Daugherty, and Clair Eaton. Eddy Wuorenma arrived at 7:20 p.m. Jimmy O'Brien was absent. City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh, Public Works Director Jerry Killian and Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present Dave Schofield, City Engineer and Terry Dunst, City Attorney.

Arndtson/Huber motion to approve the consent agenda and the recommendation of the committees contained in the consent agenda which include the approval of May 11, 2009 regular city council meeting , approval of the May 18, 2009 special city council meeting minutes, acceptance of May 7, 2009 finance committee meeting minutes, acceptance of May 11, 2009 finance committee meeting minutes, acceptance of May 21, 2009 personnel committee meeting minutes, approval of payable and review of receivables passed without a negative voice vote.

City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh presented a budget survey to the council requesting that they help provide information to staff for the preparation of the 2010 budget. The Alderpersons and Mayor will return the survey to city hall.

City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh presented a request to place a 90 day hiring freeze on full time personnel. This request is due to an announcement that was made by Governor Doyle and the budget shortfalls that are happening at a state level and how they could trickle down to municipalities through possible cuts in state shared revenue and transportation aids. The 90 day hiring freeze will be through August 2009 which will allow us to see what is happening with the state budget. **Wuorenma/Eaton motion to approve a 90 day hiring freeze for full time personnel passed without a negative voice vote.**

Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to approve Resolution 7-09 "A resolution authorizing the City Administrator and Accounting Supervisor to select public depository institution for the purpose of investing city funds" passed without a negative voice vote.

Arndtson/Daugherty motion to approve Resolution 8-09 "A resolution setting the fee for special assessments searches" passed without a negative voice vote. The fee has been established at \$25 per assessment.

City Engineer Dave Schofield presented payment request #2 for the beach house. There are a few punch list items that need to be completed. The pay request is in the amount of \$47,270.10. **Daugherty/Huber motion to approve pay request #2 to Cannon Construction in the amount of \$47,270.10 passed unanimously via roll call vote.**

City Engineer Dave Schofield did a presentation to the council on storm water utility. The presentation included pros and cons for establishing a utility or leaving the cost on the real estate taxes. The council needed to decide how they wanted to bill for multi-family residential. They can either bill measured individually or a standard ratio. **Arndtson/Daugherty motion to bill multi-family measured individually passed by a majority vote with Eaton voting nay.**

City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh presented draft text for a letter to be sent to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding the proposed 4-lane expansion on USH 10 and STH 29/35. Alderperson Huber stated that he would like to see and offer to meet with the DOT included in the letter. The letter will state that the city will give consent for the DOT to hire a study be done taking into consideration the concerns that have been brought forward by residents and council. It was reminded that if the DOT does the study the city needs to an official of a north-south corridor. **Arndtson/Huber motion to approve the letter being sent to the DOT regarding the proposed 4-lane expansion on USH 10 and STH 29/35 passed without a negative voice vote.**

The cost for the official mapping was presented. The cost is not to exceed \$9,850. It was recommended to wait on official mapping until we hear back from the DOT on the letter regarding the 4-lane expansion on USH 10 and STH 29/35. **Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to table the official mapping until a response is returned from the DOT on the 4-lane expansion on USH 10 and STH 29/35 passed without a negative voice vote.**

City Engineer Dave Schofield informed the council that the preconstruction meeting for Canton and Kasson Street will be held on May 27th. The construction phase should start within a couple of weeks following the preconstruction meeting.

The council reviewed a memo from the Department of Transportation regarding the Highway 35 speed limit from downtown Prescott to Monroe Street. Based off a study that was completed the DOT indicated that the existing 35 MPH speed limit is an appropriate posted speed and does not warrant a change at this time.

Alderperson Eddy Wuorenma presented a letter from the Fire and EMS Chief regarding Chippewa Valley Technical College refusal to prove an EMT class. Wuorenma stated that Chief Dravis had informed the Association that CVTC did not even return calls to him. A class has been set up with Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College out of New Richmond.

The Mayor reviewed with the council a written report from the Chief of Police.

Wuorenma/Arndston motion to approve a letter of support for the Hastings to Prescott pedestrian/bikeway trail passed without a negative voice vote.

Paul Montgomery presented a request for a sign on the Welcome and Heritage Center Building. The sign says – Stop, Shop and Drop In! Historic Prescott. The council was informed that this issue was brought before the Prescott Industrial and Economic Committee and was not able to get a recommendation from the committee. The request for the sign on the Welcome and Heritage Center Building died for a lack of a motion.

Aldersperson Daugherty reminded the council of the responsibilities. They should be attending meetings; if unable to attend they should call to let staff know they will not be able to make the meeting. Preparedness - pick up your packets and review before the meeting. Call city staff if you have questions or need help.

Daugherty/Arndtson motion to approve the 2nd reading of ordinance 01-09 “Pawnbrokers in the City of Prescott” passed without a negative voice vote.

Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to approve the 2nd reading of ordinance 02-09 “Neighborhood Electric Vehicles” passed without a negative voice vote.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand