

## UNABRIDGED MARCH 8, 2010 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott City Council was held Monday, March 8, 2010 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, Mark Huber, Clair Eaton, Marissa Holst and Peter Kelly. Public Works Director Jerry Killian, City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh and City Clerk Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present City Engineer David Schofield.

Mayor Hunter presented a plaque to Officer Krystal Johnson for dedicated service to the City of Prescott. **Wuorenma/Arndtson motion to approve resolution 02-10 “A resolution commending Officer Krystal Johnson for dedicated service to the City of Prescott” passed without a negative voice vote.**

Mike Matzek introduced himself as a candidate for the Prescott School Board.

**Kelly/Arndtson motion to approve the consent agenda and the recommendations of the committees contained in the consent agenda which included the approval of February 22, 2010 regular city council meeting minutes, acceptance of February 22, 2010 finance committee and Prescott Public Library Board minutes, acceptance of February 25, 2010 ordinance committee meeting minutes, acceptance of March 1, 2010 plan commission meeting minutes, cash balances, budget year to date, approval of payables and review of receivables passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to open a public hearing for preliminary special assessment for west entrance to the Eagle Ridge Business Park passed without a negative voice vote.**

City Engineer David Schofield the report of the engineer for the preliminary special assessments for the west entrance to the Eagle Ridge Business Park. The preliminary plan layout was reviewed. The project data sheet and opinion of probable construction costs were reviewed along with the schedule of assessments against each parcel affected. Sidewalks will be an alternate bid for this project. The funding sources for the project were reviewed. Bill Huppert, resident stated that he was against putting the street into the business park. Huppert questioned if Royal Oaks were delinquent with their property taxes. The answer was that they are delinquent but that the city has been made whole from the county for the real estate taxes. Huppert stated that he felt that the only reason that the city is putting in the street is so that Royal Oaks can market their property. Huppert also questioned if Royal Oaks didn't owe the city money of which the answer was yes. Huppert stated that Royal Oaks should pay the city the money that they owed before the city does anything for them. Jack French, resident stated that they city has already put 1.6 million into this project already and that the city can't continue to keep borrowing. French agreed that Royal Oaks should be paying the city money that is owed. He also stated that the property is still being taxed as agriculture. French requested that the decision to put in the street be reversed. Jerry Voss, resident and business owner stated that this is an expensive speculation for the city. Voss stated that he feels it is great for the city to be looking for ways to bring in businesses. Voss also agreed that they city

get the money owned from Royal Oaks before they begin to work with them again. Ron Hendrickson, business owner stated that he is concerned with the high taxes. He finds it difficult to see how the city can continue to borrow more money in this economy. Mayor Hunter reviewed how the city has gotten to this point of putting in the street. Alderpersons Kelly and Arndtson both spoke in favor of moving forward with this project. **Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to close the public hearing passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Arndtson/Kelly motion to approve the preliminary assessment report for the west entrance to the Eagle Ridge Business Park passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Arndtson/Eaton motion to approve the request to use Monroe, Cedar and Mississippi Streets for run on Monday, May 31, 2010 for Freedom Memorial Mile run passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Arndtson/Kelly motion to approve the use an area near the boat launch for the 3M Club on May 8, 2010 passed by a majority vote with Arndtson abstaining.**

**Arndtson/Eaton motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and approval of ordinance 01-10 an ordinance to repeal city ordinance section 1-1-8 “City clerk-treasurer to maintain copies of documents incorporated by reference” and replace it in its entirety passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Wuorenma/Arndtson motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and approval of ordinance 02-10 an ordinance to repeal city ordinance section 1-2-3 “Schedule of Deposits” and replace it in its entirety passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Arndtson/Eaton motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and approval of ordinance 03-10 an ordinance to repeal city ordinance section 4-1-10 “Hearing on administrative appeal (a) time of hearing” and replace it in its entirety passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Arndtson/Wuorenma motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and approval of ordinance 04-10 an ordinance to repeal city ordinance section 5-2-2 “Powers and duties of Chief (e) department budget” and replace it in its entirety passed without a negative voice vote.**

Aldersperson Huber reviewed the ordinance section 7-6-1 (d) (4) “regulation and licensing of fireworks (d) storage and handling (4) storage distance. Aldersperson Huber stated that the ordinance committee gathered the facts regarding this ordinance in 2 previous ordinance meetings. The council was informed that Victory Fireworks/Premium Properties provided additional information for them to review in regards to this issue. Aldersperson Huber stated that Victory/Premium have not provided the information that they have requested like the amount of fireworks being stored. Aldersperson Holst stated that Victory/Premium has not provided them the information that the ordinance committee requested for what was in the building. Since this is the first reading the council stated that they will read the comments from Victory/Premium before the next council meeting. **Wuorenma/Arndtson motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance 05-10, an ordinance to repeal city ordinance section 7-6-1(d) (4) “Regulation and licensing of fireworks (d) storage and handling (4) storage distance” and replace it in its entirety passed without a negative voice vote.**

City Administrator Elizabeth Frueh presented the request for an unpaid voluntary furlough for Officer Kari Bastien. The request is for an extension for an additional seven days. **Kelly/Arndtson motion to approve request for extension of unpaid voluntary furlough for seven days for Officer Kari Bastien passed without a negative voice vote.**

**Kelly/Arndtson motion to approve operator license for Julie Troxel and Tracie Shanklin passed without a negative voice vote.**

The building report was reviewed by the council.

Mayor Hunter reviewed the written report from the Police Chief.

Other Business:

The Mayor informed the council that he made a mistake when discussing the resolution regarding support of the repeal of Act 28 of 2009 requiring maintenance of effort for emergency services. Mayor Hunter explained that he had said that shared revenue would be cut dollar for dollar but that it is actually a percentage of shared revenue. The council allowed the resolution to say as approved.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand  
Clerk