

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Eileen Nickels at 5:00 PM in the Police Department Conference Room at 165 N 4th Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Don Francis, Tom Nall, President Eileen Nickels, and Katherine Westaby. Amy Seeboth-Wilson arrived at 5:15 PM. Excused: Ken Kilian.

WORK SESSION

2017 Budget Review Session – City Manager Karen Kurt distributed a handout and provided a Powerpoint presentation of the City of Platteville 2017 Budget and Fiscal Sustainability. There is a projected shortfall in 2017 due to a \$201,311 increase in debt service and \$19,980 partial ambulance service payment – this does not include any employee wage increase or money for CIP, equipment or contingency. Kurt noted that the City’s budget has been cut at the margins for years, the current budget doesn’t have enough flexibility to be able to address minor variations in revenue or costs, and cutting or continuing to freeze employee compensation or hours is not a sustainable long term solution. To adjust expenses in a sustainable manner, the City will need to alter the services provided. Discussion included essential vs. important services, an option to add a new fee for the ambulance service (+\$120,000), increasing the levy beyond net new construction (1% increase = approx. \$40,000 in new revenue), deducting debt service from the levy limit calculation, renegotiating the TID 5 loan to allow TID 5 to share with TID 7 earlier and for TID 7 to repay monies owed to the general fund, option to not follow internal policy and use reserve funds to cover some expenses and/or CIP costs, implementing a wheel tax, increasing construction building permit fees, selling properties owned by the City, not mowing lawns (more prairie grasses), special assessments for CIP projects, and competitive bidding. *It was the consensus of the Council to: 1) renegotiate the TID 5 loan to allow TID 5 to share with TID 7 earlier and for TID 7 to repay monies owed to the general fund (+\$118,000); 2) deduct debt service from the levy limit calculation; 3) look into implementing a wheel tax of \$5 per wheel (+\$134,000); and 4) increase the levy.* Seeboth-Wilson asked to see programs generating revenue and total expenditures and a pie chart depicting the operating budget of our peer communities for the next meeting.

The next work session is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday, October 17, 2016.

ADJOURN

Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Nall to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk