

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Eileen Nickels at 6:00 PM in the Community Room of the Police Department.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Barbara Daus, Mike Denn, Ken Kilian, Tom Nall, President Eileen Nickels, and Barbara Stockhausen. Absent: Amy Seeboth-Wilson. Amy Seeboth-Wilson arrived at 6:03 PM.

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

*Purchase of Former Pioneer Ford Properties* – City Attorney Brian McGraw reviewed that the Council has previously discussed the purchase of the former Pioneer Ford properties in the downtown area and that an Offer to Purchase was approved with some contingencies. One contingency was that the City was able to obtain grants to assist with the environmental analysis and cleanup of the properties. The other was that there was no substantial environmental issues that would cause the redevelopment of the site to be cost prohibitive. The City was awarded a Site Assessment Grant (up to \$150,000) to assist with environmental analysis and remediation, and a Community Development Block Grant (up to \$500,000) to assist with property purchase and demolition of the existing buildings. Regarding the environmental analysis and remediation, Scott Wilson from Ayres & Associates reported that the final reports weren't complete, but they didn't find anything that would prevent the Council from moving forward with the purchase.

Attorney McGraw handed out an amended offer to purchase proposed by the seller with the closing to be held on or before 10/28/15. The amendments include the properties being listed individually with a general description and purchase price, and structuring the sale of the 75 N Oaks Street property over 2015 and 2016 to reduce potential negative tax implications. Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll noted that the actual CDBG contract has not been received (expected by November) and the final closing date may need to be amended to meet the requirements of that grant. Action at next meeting.

**WORK SESSION**

*2016-2020 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)* – City Manager Karen Kurt started the CIP work session by reviewing the 2016 Guiding Principles and 2016 Themes & Goals developed by the Council. Kurt noted that these will be used throughout the whole CIP and budget process.

Director of Administration Duane Borgen and Finance Director Valerie Martin informed the Council that there was only approximately \$30,000 of tax levy limit increase available before having to borrow. The Council then reviewed and discussed the following 2016 CIP requests with Department Heads:

**Administration** – New City Website (\$25,000) – *The consensus of the Council was that the website was a priority.*

**Airport** – Hangar Construction (\$425,000 Private Funds) and Terminal & Hangar Roof (\$40,000 + \$5,000 from Airport fund) – *Consensus of the Council was that both requests were a priority.*

**Fire Department** – Command Vehicle (\$47,000); Replace City Fire Engine #9 (\$525,000); and Replace Fire Inspector's Vehicle (\$37,000) – *Consensus of the Council was to prioritize and look at replacing the City Fire Engine #9 first, then look at the Command Vehicle. The Fire Inspector's Vehicle request was not a priority.*

**Library** – Technology and Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for new library (\$180,000 Building Fund + \$520,000 Foundation Fundraising) – *Consensus of the Council was that this was a priority.*

**City Hall** – Renovation (\$2,000,000 in 2016 and \$2,500,000 in 2017) – *Consensus of the Council was that City Hall was a priority, but wanted to see what was included in the estimate. Also to possibly explore a referendum (maybe in conjunction with the fire department) in order to pay for it over a longer number of years.*

**Museums** – Mining Museum Elevator (\$350,000); Landscaping (\$28,638 + \$1,000 Grants + \$1,000 Donations); and Handicap Accessible Doors (\$16,000) – *Consensus of the Council was to prioritize handicap accessible doors first, then possibly look at the elevator. The Landscaping request was not a priority.*

**Parks Department** – Replace Harrison Playground Equipment (\$28,000); Harrison Sand Volleyball (\$25,000 Park Impact Fees); and Replace Parks Tractor (\$33,000) – *Consensus of the Council was that all three requests were a priority.*

**Police Department** – 911 Software & Equipment (\$48,678); Replace 2 Mobile Radios (\$10,000); and Replace 2 Portable Radios (\$10,000) – *Consensus of the Council was that all three requests were a priority.*

**Public Works/Water & Sewer Equipment** – 2½ Ton Dump Truck (\$141,000); End Loader (\$64,000); and Leaf Vacuum (\$22,000) – *Consensus of the Council was to go to a 12 year rotation cycle (rather than the current 14 year rotation cycle) for the dump trucks in order to replace a truck every other year - the 2016 CIP request will stay the same. All three requests were a priority.*

**Public Works/Water & Sewer Utilities** – Bonson St (Main to Furnace) 686 ft (\$490,000); Richard St (Straw Ave to Chestnut) 792 ft (\$565,000); Short St (Adams to Cedar) 475 ft (\$340,000); Cedar St (Water to 4<sup>th</sup>) 475' (\$679,000); Mason St (Hollman to Lancaster) 1,003 ft (\$717,000); Furnace St (Chestnut to West end) 528 ft (\$377,000); Biarritz & DeValera Reconstruction (Water to East end) 1,109 ft (\$793,000); Business 151 & Water St Intersection Sidewalk (\$450,000); Business 151 & E Mineral St Intersection Sidewalk (\$200,000); Business 151 & Staley Ave Crossing (\$150,000); Sidewalk Repair (\$40,000); Street Repairs & Maintenance Program (\$200,000); Highway Striping (\$25,000); Taxi Van (\$8,000 + \$32,000 Fed & State Grants) – It was noted that Bonson Street reconstruction may be TIF eligible, if the Council wanted to go that route. *The consensus of the Council was to delay Biarritz & DeValera Reconstruction, but all the other requests were a priority. The Council also asked Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot to check with the UW-Platteville Real Estate Foundation to see if they were interested in contributing toward sidewalk on Staley Avenue, in addition to Chestnut Street.*

The Council did not go into closed session regarding the Library Block.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk