

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Eileen Nickels at 5:30 PM in the Community Room of the Police Department.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Mike Denn, Ken Kilian, Tom Nall, President Eileen Nickels, Amy Seeboth-Wilson, and Barbara Stockhausen. Absent: None.

WORK SESSION

Meeting with University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chancellor and Staff – The following topics were discussed in roundtable fashion:

- a. 2016 City Themes/Goals and Proposed Capital Improvements – City Manager Karen Kurt provided an overview of the City’s guiding principles and themes/goals and touched on the capital improvement projects slated for 2016.
- b. UWP Budget – Chancellor Dennis Shields discussed the challenges the University is facing budget-wise with the largest reduction of State aid in the Country. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Robert Cramer noted that the Tri-State Initiative tuition generated more revenue than what was received from the State of WI and stressed how important third party advocates to state and local legislators were.
- c. New Development – CM Kurt provided an update on the Library Block Project and Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll provided an update on other developments in the City such as the City’s acquisition of the downtown Pioneer Ford properties, Industry Park new development and veterinarian hospital, 34 unit low/moderate income apartment building by the swimming pool, sale of Chicago’s Best building, planned restaurant and brewery addition to Steve’s Pizza, A&W, and the proposed St Augustine building project near campus.
- d. Restructuring of External Relations – Interim Vice Chancellor Rose Smyrski provided an overview of the recent restructuring of External Relations which pulled together the departments of University Information and Communications, Alumni Services, Development and Alumni Engagement, Corporate Relations, Government Relations and the newly formed Event Services.
- e. Responsible Alcohol Use/Social Host Ordinance – Councilor Daus updated the UW Staff on the status of a social host ordinance proposed in April which since has had input from both the University and the School District.
- f. Housing – The lack of housing stock to keep University faculty and staff living in the City was discussed. Councilor Nall suggested a possibility with the Real Estate Association to get together with local banks to discuss flexibility in interest rates, etc. to provide incentives for staff to live in Platteville. Chancellor Shields stated that he will make the effort to organize such a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Denn, second by Daus to adjourn. Motion carried on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk