

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 28, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Nickels at 7:04 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Don Francis, Ken Kilian, Tom Nall, President Eileen Nickels, Katherine Westaby, and Amy Seeboth-Wilson. Absent: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Annual Tourism Report – This report will be presented at a future meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Francis to approve the consent calendar without the street closing permit as follows: March 14 Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$614,416.38; Appointment of Doug Du Plessis to the Airport Commission (partial term ending 11/1/17) and Paula Langmeier to the Housing Authority (partial term ending 5/1/20); Temporary “Class B” Retailer’s License to Jamison Museum Association for Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Exhibit Opening on Sunday, April 30; Banner Permit to American Cancer Society Relay for Life from April 17-April 24; and Cancel Uncollectible Bills (for 2016 budget year) as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Tyler McArthur and Dan Arnold of 40 Alden St provided a PowerPoint presentation of their request to block off a portion of W. Mineral Street for a block party with a live band for approximately 200 people on April 1. Motion by Daus, second by Westaby to approve a street closing request (allowing open intoxicants) to Colin Griffin for 410 W Mineral St – 445 W Mineral St for a block party on April 1 from 11 AM – 5 PM with conditions that there would be no selling or buying of alcoholic beverages, the area fenced in, no glass containers, provide porta potty, and wristbands for 21+ as requested. Motion carried 7-0 on roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Garry Prohaska of 280 Division St provided information regarding the requirements for Section 106 review of projects involving affordable housing and historic properties. He expressed a concern that the Council may be setting themselves up to lose state and federal monies.

REPORTS

Board/Commission/Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Police & Fire Commission, Water & Sewer Commission, Community Safe Routes Committee, Housing Authority Board, Museum Board, and Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee.

ACTION

- A. *Contract 1-17 Elm Street Reconstruction* – Reconstruction of Elm Street from Pine Street to Furnace Street (including utilities) in two phases. Motion by Kilian, second by Westaby to award Contract 1-17 to Owen’s Construction with Alternate A (select crushed material) for the total contract price of \$467,703.50 (Council portion \$275,462.50 and Water & Sewer portion \$192,241.00). Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Lead Service Line Grant Implementation Policy* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained the proposed policy that would allow for the dispensing of \$310,000 received by the City (Principal Forgiven Loan Grant) in 2017 for the replacement of private lead service lines (LSL) in approximately 366 homes, with \$10,000 going toward two daycare facilities. The City would reimburse 100% of the costs, up to \$1,140, for the first 263 properties to request funding through

an application submittal. The City would conduct a Request for Qualifications process open to all licensed plumbers who work in the City and ensure the plumbers understand the program, procedures, and requirements. The property owners would then be contacted by mail with the program requirements, an application form, and a list of the pre-qualified plumbers. The average cost for replacement of the LSL is \$1,500. Council discussion included encouraging as many property owners as possible to take advantage of the program and update their lines, updating the policy language to reflect the staff report. Daus thought the language reimbursing 100% of the costs, up to \$1,140, was confusing and suggested a frequently asked questions (FAQ) to go out with the application. Seeboth-Wilson expressed concern that no bids would come in under \$1,140 and thought property owners should pay a % of the cost. Motion by Seeboth-Wilson to have the City reimburse 90% of the costs to replace the lead service lines up to a maximum of \$1,140. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Daus, second by Nall to approve the lead service line policy concept with the removal of “100% of the costs” as discussed. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- C. *Outdoor Fitness Center* – Motion by Kilian, second by Daus to approve the installation of an Outdoor Fitness Center (ENERGI Prime fitness system featuring 5 stations with 120 exercises and welcome sign) to be located 200 yards south of the dog park, near the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- D. *Community Garden* – Motion by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to renew the community garden contract with the Main Street Sustainability Committee for the City owned property at 160 E Mineral St and expansion from 4 plots to 8 plots as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- E. *Local Historic Designation of 41-55 S Oak Street* – The Historic Preservation Commission nominated and voted to recommend approval of the property at 41-55 S Oak Street (Samuel Moore House/Gates Hotel) as a local historic site. The property is owned by the City, is one of the properties acquired as part of the former Pioneer Ford site, and is intended to be sold to General Capital to be part of their proposed redevelopment project. Staff is recommending denial of the request since approval would conflict with the previous votes of the Council concerning the PUD approval and approval of the development agreement for the proposed General Capital project. Registered in favor of the historic designation included Kristal and Garry Prohaska of 280 Division St and Becky Mootz of Shullsburg. Speaking in favor of the historic designation included Fritz Domann of 1210 Camp St and Garry Prohaska of 280 Division St. Mr. Prohaska presented a petition (192 hand/121 online signatures) to designate the Samuel Moore House/Gates Hotel as local historic structure and local historic site with all the protections provided under the City’s Chapter 27 Historic Preservation ordinance. Council discussion included Kilian speaking in favor of the designation, with Nall, Seeboth-Wilson, and Nickels expressing concern with the Historic Preservation Commission waiting until after plans are in motion before looking at designating a property historic. It was suggested that the Historic Preservation Commission consider being more proactive in the future regarding potential historic properties, rather than waiting until a development project is ready for approval. Motion by Daus, second by Nall to deny the request for local historic designation for the Samuel Moore House/Gates Hotel property at 41-55 S Oak Street. Motion carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against.

- F. *2016 Budgeted Carryovers* – Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Daus to approve the requested 2016 budget carryovers to 2017 totaling \$7,368.07 (Senior Center-\$2,203.26, Clerk-\$735.00, & Library-\$4,429.31) as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Contract 2-17 Ellen & Laura Street Reconstruction* – Propose to award Ellen and Laura St reconstruction contract to low bidder Rule Construction LTD with Alternate A (Approximately 200’ of concrete at the bottom of Ellen St), Alternate B (Concrete on Laura St from Virgin Ave to Lilly St), and Alternate E (Business Hwy 151 traffic signal repair restoration) for the total contract price of \$1,521,101.40 (Council portion \$952,853.30 and Water & Sewer portion \$568,249.10). Action at next meeting.
- B. *Additional 2017 Construction Projects* – Savings from 2017 street reconstruction project bids and unspent funds from the 2016 borrowing for both TID 7 and GO bonds would allow for the City to spend a total of \$423,703.78 toward additional projects. Option A includes the reconstruction of Lutheran St (between Mineral and Furnace St), Furnace St (between Lutheran St and Water St), and Third St Parking Lot (east of City Hall). Option B includes Option A plus the reconstruction of the Pine St Parking Lot (east of Post Office), but also requires an additional \$55,000 in borrowing. Action at next meeting.
- C. *2016 Annual Storm Water Report* – The Council was presented a copy of the 2016 Annual Storm Water Report that will be submitted to the Wisconsin DNR prior to March 31. This annual report is required as a condition of the City’s Storm Water permit. In the future, it will be posted online approximately one month prior to the due date, allowing the Council and public the opportunity at two Council meetings to comment or ask questions about the report. This effort is part of the ongoing public involvement and education efforts with regard to compliance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk