

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**JULY 12, 2016**

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Pro Tem Barbara Daus at 5:35 PM in the Community Room of the Police Department.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council President Pro Tem Barbara Daus, Don Francis, Ken Kilian, and Tom Nall. Katherine Burk arrived at 5:55 PM. Excused: Eileen Nickels and Amy Seebboth-Wilson.

- A. *Future of EMS Garage Site* –City Manager Karen Kurt reviewed that the City owns the land at 340 W Furnace (water tower), 330 W Furnace (EMS building), 230 N Elm (former Kallembach house) and 200 N Elm. The City has the deed to the EMS building, but all of the participating townships contributed proportionally to the construction and maintenance of the building. The building is currently tax exempt, there is no appraised value, and it is insured for \$150,500. The building is in fair to poor condition. The surrounding area is zoned R-2 and the building is not consistent with the surrounding residential area. The Council discussed the Staff recommendation to combine, at a minimum, approximately 6,000 sq ft of the EMS building lot with the water tower lot for the potential future expansion of the current water tower (in 20+ years), with the remainder of the lot combined with one or two of the N Elm lots. Also, the Public Works Dept has storage needs that could be accommodated in the existing EMS building (currently the City rents storage at a cost of approximately \$6,000 per year). Three disposal options were discussed: 1) Liquidate – set listing price and sell the remaining lots and/or building outright with proceeds from building sale divided proportionately between the contributing townships; 2) Buyout – use appraisal for building to buy out the townships and develop an RFP for the remaining lots and/or building – giving the City the most control with respect to future use; or 3) Defer – Rent the building or use it for storage to delay decision to a future point in time. The Council was not in agreement in what they thought should be done with the site, but there was a consensus of the Council to have the City Manager look into the buyout option and acquiring full control of the site.
- B. *Update on former Kallembach Properties* – Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll provided the Council a status update on the 15 former Kallembach properties the City took possession of in 2015. The City owned three of the properties and demolished the buildings (community garden is on one of the properties). Seven other properties are completed. Of the remaining five properties (all owned by River to Valley Initiatives), four are on track to be completed this year with one that will be subject to a penalty (420 Southwest Rd). Instead of demolishing and building a new house at 565 Cedar Street as proposed, they will be requesting approval at the regular Council meeting later in the evening to move the house on 440 Southwest Rd to Cedar Street.
- C. *Business Hwy 151 Striping Options* – This item was brought up for information and discussion at the June 28 Council meeting, with action scheduled for the regular Council meeting tonight. Public Works Director Howard Crofoot wanted to give the Council a chance to discuss proposed Alternate C further. He explained that striping a dedicated turning lane from Chestnut to Mineral Street (except at the Water St intersection) was an opportunity to improve vehicular safety in the Bus Hwy 151 corridor. He noted that it would separate out the left turning traffic from the straight traffic, and also would help with crossing traffic merging into the desired lane, reducing crashes. Traffic counts (referencing the State’s 2013 traffic counts) are not high enough in the section from Mineral St to Millennium Dr to warrant four lanes. The criteria for a four lane road is 15,000. The Council discussed concern with eliminating the wide shoulders currently being used by bikes and pedestrians. Some thought it would make it safer and encourage the bikers and pedestrians to use the trail instead of the dangerous highway. Other comments included wondering if the business

owners were aware of this proposal – how it would affect them, soliciting community input before making a major change, and if the contract August timeline could be extended. Director Crofoot stated that he would check with the contractor to see if they could be flexible with the date.

ADJOURN

Motion by Nall, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk