

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Nickels at 7:00 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

- A. *Acknowledge Kim Lowery 38 Years of Service to City of Platteville* – City Manager Karen Kurt and Administration Director Valerie Martin recognized the retirement of Kim Lowery, Deputy Clerk.
- B. *Annual Tourism Report* – Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kathy Kopp provided an overview of the 2016 Annual Tourism Report/packet and distributed the 2017 Platteville Community Tourism Guide.

President Nickels presented a certificate of appreciation to Councilor Seeboth-Wilson for her 3-year term of service on the Council. Tracey Roberts, on behalf of the Platteville Museums, also presented her a mug.

PUBLIC HEARING

CDBG Public Facilities Grant – Former Pioneer Ford Redevelopment Project – President Nickels opened the public hearing. Community Planning Director Joe Carroll explained that the City received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist with the purchase and redevelopment of the former Pioneer Ford property. The grant is for a maximum of \$500,000 and intended to help offset the costs of property acquisition, environmental analysis, environmental remediation, and site clearance. As part of the grant requirements, the City is required to undertake several citizen participation activities identified in the Citizen Participation Plan, one being to hold a public hearing during the project to provide information and allow an opportunity for comments regarding the program performance. Carroll noted that the properties have been purchased and remediation and site clearance will take place later this year. No public statements in favor. No public statements against. Registered against was Marilyn Gottschalk of 235 Virgin Avenue. Public statements in general included Garry Prohaska, on behalf of the Platteville Historic Preservation Commission, who handed out a letter addressed to City Manager Karen Kurt and CPD Joe Carroll entitled Requesting consultation on newly established adverse effects concerning the Samuel Moore House/Gates Hotel in Platteville, WI, notifying the need to readdress Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the ACHP regulations at 36 CFR Part 800. There was no Council discussion. Motion by Daus, second by Nall to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Seeboth-Wilson to approve the consent calendar as follows: March 28 Special and Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$726,953.66; March Financial Report; Appointment of Gary Munson to the Board of Appeals-ET Zoning (3 year term), Betsy Ralph-Tollefson and Caitlin Rosemeyer to the Library Board (3 year term), William Kloster and Robert Pastor to the Plan Commission (3 year term), and reappointment of Mike Dalecki to the Police & Fire Commission (5 year term); Temporary “Class B” Retailer’s License to serve wine to Platteville Regional Chamber at 405 E Main St (Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums) on April 25 from 5-7 PM for Business After Hours, Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License to serve fermented malt beverages to Delta Sigma Phi at 385&345 W Pine St (Clare Bank Parking Lot) on April 29 from 11 AM – Midnight for Spring Bash Music Fest; One-year Operator License to Joshua D Pertile; and Street Closing Permit (Park Place from Irving St to Market St) for Farmer’s Market on Saturdays 7 AM – Noon from May 6 through October 29 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Emily Pospichal of 800 S Chestnut Street, President of the Platteville Swing Dance Club, as a courtesy, informed the Council that they will be holding their Spring Fling outside on campus (west side of the Markee Student Center) on April 21. The public is welcome to attend.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Historic Preservation Commission, Housing Authority Board, Plan Commission, and Library Board. Westaby noted it is National Library Week.
- B. Other Reports – Other reports submitted included the March City Attorney Itemized Report, March Water & Sewer Financial Report, March Airport Financial Report, and Department Progress Reports. The Police Department now has a Facebook page.

ACTION

- A. *2017 City Borrowing* – Financial Advisor Dawn Gundersen-Schiel from Ehlers distributed the Pre-Sale Report for the \$1,865,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, 2017A and provided an overview of the proposed borrowing that was identified in the 2017 CIP. They structured it with a 15-year term, but may extend that out longer, possibly a 20-year term, before taking it out to sale on May 9. The City's most recent bond issues were rated AA- by Standard & Poors.
 - 1. *Resolution 17-07 Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,865,000 for Street Improvement Projects* – Motion by Daus, second by Westaby to adopt Resolution 17-07 Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,865,000 for Street Improvement Projects as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 - 2. *Resolution 17-08 Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues* – Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Kilian to adopt Resolution 17-08 Directing Publication of Notice to Electors relating to bond issues as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 - 3. *Resolution 17-09 Resolution Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,865,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A* – Motion by Nall, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adopt Resolution 17-09 Resolution Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,865,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Contract 2-17 Ellen & Laura Street Reconstruction* – Motion by Kilian, second by Westaby to award Contract 2-17 Ellen and Laura St Reconstruction 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 \$1,521,102.40 (Council portion \$952,853.30 and Water & Sewer portion \$568,249.10). Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *Additional 2017 Construction Projects* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained the 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. City Manager Karen Kurt noted that a new element of information has resulted from the long term financial plan discussion with Ehlers. The City had based the \$1.7 million borrow on the concept that they didn't want to add more debt than what was dropping off, but only \$1.2 million was General Fund, with the rest from a TID.

Motion by Daus, second by Nall to authorize only the reconstruction of the Third Street Parking lot (\$63,550.00). Motion carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against. Motion by Kilian, second by Daus to authorize the reconstruction of Lutheran St-between Mineral and Furnace St (\$141,500.00) and Furnace St-between Lutheran and Water St (\$410,500.00). Motion failed 1-6 on a roll call vote with Seeboth-Wilson, Westaby, Daus, Francis, Nall, and Nickels voting against.

- C. *Lead Service Line Policy – Update* – 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 from the DNR Safe Drinking Program) in 2017 for the replacement of private lead service lines (LSL) in approximately 366 homes, with \$10,000 going toward two daycare facilities. Properties with known lead service lines will receive notification of the program and a list of prequalified contractors by mail. In addition, a press release will be issued on the program and posted on the City’s website. Motion by Daus, second by Westaby to approve the Lead Service Line Principal Forgiven Loan Implementation Policy as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Conditional Use Permit Renewal – City Bar at 95 N Second St* – The Council approved the previous CUP to provide an outdoor eating and drinking area with a one-year condition because the project was still under construction at the time and because there was a desire to see if any issues or concerns were raised regarding the operation during the initial year. Staff was made aware of two issues – a noise complaint and appearance complaints regarding the portable toilets to serve the outdoor area. The Plan Commission recommended approval with the conditions that the approval be subject to the standards in Section 22.06(J) including any amendments made within the next year and that the approval be ongoing and not subject to annual review. They thought it would be better to modify Section 22.06(J) Outdoor Eating or Drinking Areas or Beer Gardens of the Municipal Code related to the need for recycling bins and screening requirements, time limits, and number limits for portable toilets, rather than make them conditions of this specific CUP approval. Discussion was held regarding portable toilets which are not intended for long-term use for a commercial business. Marilyn Gottschalk of 235 Virgin Ave registered against the CUP renewal. Tracey Roberts of 135 E Furnace St spoke against the CUP renewal stating that the porta potties are disgusting and she has called the police several times because of the yelling, screaming, and fighting outside. She and Jenor Towers residents have to keep their windows closed and the air conditioning on at night so they don’t hear the noise. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Resolution Authorizing Execution of the DNR Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement – Safe Drinking Water Loan Program* – Proposed resolution authorizes the acceptance of up to \$310,000 for the replacement of lead service lines within the City and authorizes the Council President and City Clerk to sign the documents. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Award Contract 6-17 Weed & Grass Mowing* – Proposed contract will allow the City to enforce its tall grass ordinance. Recommend award of contract to low bidder Southwest Lawncare as presented. Action at next meeting.
- D. *Sidewalk Repair Contract* – Proposed contract involves the repair of sidewalk areas throughout the City and grinding trip hazards on City sidewalks that aren’t replaced. Recommend award of sidewalk repair to Lawinger Brothers Construction and grinding of sidewalks to Safe Step with the overage of \$2,228.70 to be absorbed in the budget. Action at next meeting.
- E. *2017 City Goals Quarterly Report* – City Manager Karen Kurt gave a short presentation on the progress of City goals and noted three new operational goals (implement MS4 storm water regulations, conversion to VOIP phone system, and move to managed investment services).

WORK SESSION

Senior Center Task Force Progress Report – Commission on Aging Task Force Financial Planning Subcommittee members Bill Cramer, Gary Pothour, and John Klosterman presented the Commission on Aging *3 Year Plan to Sustain Senior Services* to the Council. Their plan for the future is to have the Center be a function of the City of Platteville, create a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation called Platteville Area Senior Services (PASS), sell the current building (proceeds from the sale to go into an endowment for the Center) and lease space in the OE Gray from the School District, provide services to Platteville and surrounding area residents, begin development of new sources of revenue – fees, grants, sponsorships, annual fundraising, philanthropic relationships, etc., and explore transportation alternatives. They requested Council feedback, approval of the move to OE Gray and lease agreement, continued financial support, splitting the remaining \$30,000 cut over two years (2018 & 2019), and proceeds from the sale of the current facility in an endowment for the Center. The Council expressed interest in the proposal and thanked the members for their thoroughness in coming up with solutions to the Senior Center budget cuts. The Council will discuss at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Francis, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk