

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Eileen Nickels at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Daus, second by Seebth-Wilson to approve the consent calendar as follows: September 29 and October 12, 2015 Special and October 12, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$437,883.49; Appointment of Chuck Runde to the Airport (2nd 3 year term), Paul Mariskanish to the Historic Preservation Commission (partial term ending 5/1/18), Laura Grotjan to the Rountree Gallery Board (partial term ending 7/1/16), and Austin Polebitski to the Water & Sewer Commission (5 year term); One-Year Operator License to Rachel Bekele, Ashely N Brunette, and Jeffrey T Needham; Two-Year Operator License to Meagan M Hanson and Emily B Michael; and Street Closing Permit to St Augustine University Parish for Hickory Street from Greenwood Avenue to Pine Street for their Complex Supper on April 13, 2016 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Zachery Svaboda of 605 Southwest Road stated that he received a disorderly conduct citation for "overwhelming noise" on Saturday night at 8:30 PM. He wished that there was a "quiet time" ordinance in Platteville rather than any time anyone calls in a complaint about noise.

Marilyn Gottschalk of 235 Virgin updated the Council on the Move to Amend petitions circulating throughout Platteville. They received over 800 signatures and will be presenting the petition to the City Clerk tomorrow.

REPORTS

Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by Library Board, Airport Commission, Museum Board, Parks Forestry & Recreation Committee, Community Safe Routes Committee, and Commission on Aging.

ACTION

- A. *Professional Service Agreement for Job Classification Study* – City Manager Karen Kurt reviewed that the proposed agreement with Carlson Dettmann Consulting (CDC) is to complete a job classification study to help in developing a uniform classification and compensation plan for City employees. The study would cost \$10,000 and be paid for using the funds in the 2015 merit pay account. There is also an option of adding a market analysis as part of the study for an additional \$11,000 in 2016 if the Council is interested. If approved, the study is expected to start next month and wrap up in Jan/Feb. Motion by Kilian, second by Stockhausen to approve the professional services agreement for a job classification study with Carlson Dettmann Consulting (CDC) for \$10,000 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Renaming the Rountree Branch Trail the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail* – On behalf of the Platteville Community Arboretum (PCA) and Moving Platteville Outdoors (MPO), member Gene Weber presented a request to rename the Rountree Branch Trail (the stretch of trail to be paved and lit between the Chestnut Street bridge to the trail intersection behind Menards) the "David Canny Rountree Branch Trail" after community member David Canny who had the vision, inspired the community to build the trail out of his love for Platteville, and inspired others to give back. If approved, there will be a kiosk at the entrance of the trail that will share the story of naming the trail after David Canny. Kathy Kopp and Kristopher Wright spoke in favor. Registered in favor included

Henry Marcotte, Mary Penn, Lauren Nakano, Tiffany Vance, Jan Mergen, Nathaniel Curry, Mary Rosemeyer, Mike Penn, Richard Genthe, Frank Steck, Katherine Burk, Thomas Nelson, Julie Pluemer, and Cindy Tang. Staff noted that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) owns the right-of-way from Mineral Street to the trail intersection behind Menards and that the DNR will not allow a trail on their land to be named for a person. The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Committee recommended approval to rename the portion of the Rountree Branch Trail from Mineral Street to Chestnut Street the “David Canny Rountree Branch Trail” at their public hearing on October 19. Motion by Nall, second by Daus to rename the portion of the Rountree Branch Trail from Mineral Street to Chestnut Street the “David Canny Rountree Branch Trail” as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- C. *Request for Platteville Housing Authority Jurisdiction Change* – The Platteville Housing Authority currently administers the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program and requested to expand their jurisdiction outside the City limits to allow more housing choices for participants. Daus questioned if the Platteville Township was aware of this request, to which Housing Director Jen Weber stated no – they would notify them as a courtesy after it was approved since it’s just a landlord preference. Seeboth-Wilson expressed concern with allowing rental subsidies outside the City limits when the City has been actively addressing affordable housing (new housing development currently being built on 4th Street) and personally likes the idea of persons and families being closer to the City to use City amenities. Motion by Kilian, second by Denn to have Staff draft a resolution to expand the current jurisdiction of the Platteville Housing Authority to encompass the entire 53818 zip code within Grant County. Motion carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Daus voting against. The resolution will be on for action at the next meeting.
- D. *Contract 14-15 Snow and Ice Removal* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot reviewed the bid options from the last meeting. Denn and Daus expressed concern that the contract provisions do not follow City ordinances with regard to removing snow (36 hours after snowfall ends regardless of the day of the week) and asked that it be taken into consideration in the bid specs for next year. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to award Contract 14-15 Snow and Ice Removal to Four Seasons Landscaping for \$.20 per SF or \$38.75 minimum for snow and \$.25 per SF or \$50.00 for ice and packed snow. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *2016-2018 City Assessing Proposals* – The City did not receive any assessing proposals by the October 26 deadline, so Staff will extend the bid deadline.
- B. *Library Block Development Agreement* – City Manager Karen Kurt and Library Director Jessie Lee-Jones presented an overview of the proposed \$16,176,000 Library Block Project (which has been in discussions for the past 2½ years) history, development proposal, development financing, library proposal, lease agreement, development agreement risk, project timeline, and next steps. Speaking in favor of the project were Main Street Director Jack Luedtke, Developer Troy Hoekstra, and Staff Counsel Stephen Roy. Registered in favor included Betsy Ralph-Tollefson, Carol Ann Hood, Hap Daus, and Cindy Tang. Action at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Denn to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk