

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 25, 2014**

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, Dick Bonin, Mike Denn, Ken Kilian, Council President Eileen Nickels, Patrice Steiner, and Barb Stockhausen. Absent: None.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to approve the March 11, 2014 Council Minutes with a correction in the date of the minutes from January 25 to February 25; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$420,382.18; Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages to St Augustine University Parish, 135 S Hickory Street for Fish Fry on April 11, 2014 and Parish Festival on May 4, 2014; One-Year Operator License to Amanda K Coker; Two-Year Operator License to Shannon M Davey and Mark A Lewis; Taxi Vehicle License to Good Plan Van, 2007 Chrysler T&C Van, Plate #206-TRT; Taxi Driver License to John W Gard and Mark W Henry; Banner Permit (\$125 fee waived) for Platteville Fire Dept from March 31 to April 13, 2014; Street Closing Permit to Delta Sigma for Charity Band Festival on May 2; Cancel 2013 Budget Year Uncollectible Bills in the amount of \$3,524.92; Cancel 2013 Budget Year Uncollectible Ambulance Bills in the amount of \$30,000; and 2013 FY to 2014 FY Budget Carryovers totaling \$196,994.86. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND PETITIONS**

Dan Winch of 345 S Bayley Avenue was present again to object to a sidewalk snow removal fee that he and his neighbor received and threatened a class action lawsuit if the Council did not do as he requested.

Patrice Steiner of 730 N Water Street announced that artwork (including “That Tree”) was purchased with the funds that were left over from the now defunct Arts Board and was on public display in City Hall.

Barbara Daus of 135 Preston Drive announced that the Council was in receipt of the Annual Museum Board Report and Tourism Entity Report. Both are available on the City website.

**REPORTS**

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Airport Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Freudenreich Animal Care Trust Fund Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Public Library Board, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Committee, Police & Fire Commission, and Water & Sewer Commission.
- B. Other Reports
  - 1. Building Inspection Department
  - 2. Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by the Director of Administration, City Attorney, City Manager, Community Planning & Development, EMS, Public Library, Museum, Police, Public Works, Recreation, and Senior Center.

City Clerk Jan Martin announced that the Spring Election was April 1 and that the last day to vote absentee in the Clerk’s office was Friday, March 28 until 5 PM.

Public Works Director Howard Crofoot invited the public to look at the new GIS interactive voting map now out on the City webpage [www.platteville.org](http://www.platteville.org). This map provides information such as Council representation, district and ward, where to vote, date of the next election, etc.

## ACTION ITEMS

- A. *Request to Purchase Zoll AutoPulses for EMS from Beining Trust Donation* – Request by the EMS Department to purchase two Zoll AutoPulses and all necessary extras (batteries, charger, case, bands) for a total cost of approximately \$31,047 using funds from the Beining Trust donation. Steiner questioned the amount of Act 102 funds available, to which Director of Administration Duane Borgen replied the balance was \$2,100. Daus stated that she wasn't clear on the funding sources for the other departments; discussion ensued. Nickels noted that there was another account noted in the staff report that consisted of donations, but that EMS Administrator Brian Allen was reluctant to deplete the account since it has taken a number of years to reach the combined total of \$16,313.72. Daus noted that the theater was required to raise 50% of their funds in the past. She hopes that the townships are made aware of the gift that they would be receiving from the Trust Fund if the City of Platteville picks up the entire cost. Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to allow the expense of one half of the amount for each of two Zoll AutoPulses from the Beining Trust donation, with the other half of each raised by EMS. Motion by Denn, second by Kilian to amend the motion to allow the expense of 1 Zoll AutoPulse, with the second one to be raised by EMS. Motion failed 2-5 on a roll call vote with Nickels, Steiner, Daus, Stockhausen, and Bonin voting against. The parent motion by Daus carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Lean Government Presentation by Southwest Tech* – Charlie Draheim from Southwest Tech delivered a presentation on the Lean Government” business strategy based on satisfying the customer by delivering quality products and services that are just what the customer needs, when the customer needs them, in the amount required, at the right price, while using minimum of materials, equipment, space, labor, and time. The City is interested in forming a consortium with Grant County and other local governments with Southwest Tech providing the required training. The State of Wisconsin is encouraging the initiative and providing funding of up to \$2,000 to help offset startup costs.
- B. *Resolution Amending Addendum C to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement* – Fire Chief Ryan Simmons explained the proposed resolution to include fire protection as well as emergency medical services in the Grant County MABAS Division 108 mutual aid agreement. The impact of adopting the proposal is added protection and resources becoming available to the City while eliminating liability issues of resources coming from outside Grant County. Action at next meeting.
- C. *New Stormwater Regulations Presentation* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the impact of upcoming DNR stormwater regulations that will affect due to the City being over 10,000 in population. Crofoot explained basic requirements, actions needed in 2014 and beyond, and cost estimates. By summer of 2014 the City will be required to have a DNR stormwater permit, will need to budget an additional estimated \$155,000 in 2015 for stormwater compliance, within 18 months will need to have the initial program and ordinances to DNR for review and approval, and by March 31, 2016 submit first annual report to DNR.
- D. *Housing Authority Board Recommendation Regarding Appointments* – Housing Authority Board member Marilyn Gottschalk requested permission to extend the term of one board member for an additional 5 years for purposes of continuity with a new director. They have a five member board, with one is in the first year, one has resigned, and another's term will be up next year. Action at next meeting.

## CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Daus, second by Denn to adjourn to closed session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – *Discussion of*

*Revised Merit Pay Recommendations* – and per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – *Possible Land Acquisition* – and to come back into open session to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steiner, second by Stockhausen to adjourn. Motion carried on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk