

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 8, 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 Bonin, second by Kilian to approve the March 25, 2014 Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$579,831.44; March Financial Report; Appointment of Tom Taber to the ET Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term), Crystal Klinefelter to the Housing Authority (fill term expiring 5/1/16), Rosemary Anderson to the Library Board (3 year term), Wendy Brooke to the Plan Commission (3 year term), Tim Boldt to the Police & Fire Commission (5 year term), and Jamie McPeek as PCAN Representative; Two-Year Operator License to Vincent J Anderson and Jason M Bull; Walk/Run Permits for UWP Health & Human Performance Dept on May 3 and Southwest Health Center Nightingales Fundraiser on May 10; and Street Closure Permits on May 2 and May 3 for the Chamber of Commerce for the Discover Wisconsin Premier & Kickstart Tourism Festival. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND PETITIONS**

Jennifer Fuschino was introduced as the new Rountree Gallery Director. Director Fuschino provided a short background and announced that the Rountree Gallery is currently open on Saturdays and Sundays until summer hours start.

Luke Peters announced the receipt of a \$20,000 grant from the State Energy Office to purchase a variable frequency drive (VFD) for the swimming pool to help save energy with the pool circulation pumps. This has been done coordination with updating the boiler.

The Project Pulse Team consisting of Luke Peters, Doug McKinley, Ryan Simmons, Carolyn Schuler, Connie Steinhoff, Brian Allen, Jodie Richards, and Larry Bierke announced the April 25<sup>th</sup> Boots vs Badges Dunkin Donuts Delivery Challenge Fundraiser to raise money for Project Pulse.

**REPORTS**

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Commission on Aging, Historic Preservation Commission, Museum Board, Redevelopment Authority, and Tourism Committee.
- B. Other Reports
  - 1. March Airport Financial Report
  - 2. March City Attorney Itemized Statements
  - 3. March Water & Sewer Revenue and Expenditures
  - 4. 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, Museum, Police, Public Works, Recreation, and Senior Center.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. *Resolution 14-12 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. Motion

by Kilian, second by Denn to adopt Resolution 14-12 Amending Addendum C of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement to include Fire Protection Services as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Housing Authority Board Recommendation Regarding Appointments* – At the last meeting, Housing Authority Board member Marilyn Gottschalk requested to extend the term of one board member for an additional 5 years for purposes of continuity with a new director. Motion by Steiner, second by Daus to extend the term of Housing Authority Board member Deb Faherty for an additional five year term. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *Resolution 14-13 Authorizing the Salaries of Full-Time Personnel, Excluding Library Personnel, City Clerk and City Manager for 2014* – City Manager Larry Bierke noted that the Council considered merit pay increases for salaried employees during two recent closed sessions and provided an explanation of the two proposed resolutions. Version A resolution and budget amendments reflect the merit pay increases the Council discussed during the two closed sessions and include corresponding fringe benefits for a previous salary increase approved in November but not included in the 2014 budget. Version B resolution and budget amendments reduced the amounts of the merit pay increases to stay within the total amount budgeted for merit increases. Motion by Daus, second by Steiner to adopt Resolution 14-13 (Version A) Authorizing the Salaries of Full-Time Personnel, Excluding Library Personnel, City Clerk and City Manager for 2014 and Version A budget amendments with \$3,279.83 transferred from the Communications budget. Motion by Kilian, second by Denn to table the merit pay increases as he believes the distribution further enhances the discrimination against hourly employees. Motion failed 2-5 on a roll call vote with Bonin, Nickels, Steiner, Daus, and Stockhausen voting against. Original motion by Daus carried 5-2 with Kilian and Denn voting against.

#### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Conditional Use Permit – Asphalt Plant at 1110 E Mineral Street* – Annual approval of a conditional use permit to allow for the operation of an asphalt plant in the rock quarry. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Ordinance Amending the Official Traffic Map – Senior Center, Restricted Parking* – Request to designate both parking spaces on Court Street in front of the Senior Center as “restricted parking only – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Ordinance Amending City Room Tax* – Proposal recommended by the Tourism Committee to increase the City Room Tax by 1% starting on January 1, 2015. Action at next meeting.
- D. *Zoning Code Amendment – Limited Occupancy Overlay District – Historic Districts* – Request to add residential historic districts to the Limited Occupancy Residential Overlay District. The Plan Commission recommended denial of the proposed ordinance due to concerns that included limiting rentals in an area close to the University and whether it was really needed. There were also concerns raised in the current ordinance regarding the 75% rule in the petition process (which could potentially force a property into an overlay district using a ¾ vote by the Council) and the lack of domestic partnerships in the definition of family. Council discussion echoed the concerns raised and suggestions were made to table action at the next meeting until the current ordinance was reviewed and possibly revised. Public hearing and action at next meeting.
- E. *Contract 3-14 Sidewalk Repair* – Approval of contract to repair sidewalks throughout the City and grind trip hazards that aren’t replaced. Action at next meeting.
- F. *Fiscal Software Package* – Request to update the finance/utility billing software installed in 2003 and spread the payment over two budget cycles, 2014 and 2015. Action at next meeting.

President Nickels announced the April 15, 2014 Reorganizational Meeting at 7:00 PM and presented Council member Patrice Steiner with a plaque recognizing her years of service on the Council from 2007-2010 and 2011-2014. Steiner thanked everyone for the wonderful experience.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Stockhausen, second by Steiner to adjourn to closed session 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 – *Kallenbach Properties* – and to come back into open session to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stockhausen, second by Steiner to adjourn. Motion carried on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk