

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 9, 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, Barbara Stockhausen, and Katherine Westaby. Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Stockhausen to approve the consent calendar as follows: April 25 Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$724,227.17; April Financial Report; Reappointment of Tammy Black and appointment of William Cramer to the Historic Preservation Commission (3 year term); Reserve “Class B” Combination fermented malt beverage and liquor license to Tina Jerrett, Fennimore, for premises at 75 N Second Street (City Bar); One-year Operator License to Jade E Schleicher; Two-year Operator License to Caleb J Anderson, Aaron N Daharsh, Elora A Flack, Kylie J Greenheck, Chloe R Hinderman, Chad E Holstein, Nicholas D Leighton, Dylan J McClain, Jacqueline M Prall, Brockton M Russell, and Colleen M Zastrow; and Proclamation Celebrating Creative Economy Week (May 13-20) as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Garry Prohaska of 280 Division St distributed a booklet to the Council that the Historic Preservation Commission uses when determining historic status and requested that the Historic Preservation Commission be kept in the loop regarding correspondence, etc. regarding the Gates Hotel.

Luke Peters of 55 W Knoll Wood Way announced that a 4th of July Fireworks Dunkin’ Donuts Fundraiser will be held May 26. \$5 for every dozen donuts purchased will go toward the fireworks.

City Manager Karen Kurt introduced Kate Koziol as the new Economic Development Specialist for Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) and noted that she will also serve as the Executive Director of the Platteville Business Incubator.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission, Museum Board, Housing Authority Board, Plan Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission.
- B. Other Reports – City Attorney Itemized Report, Water & Sewer April Financial Report, Airport April Financial Report, Department Progress Reports, and 2016 Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) District Reports

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 17-14 Awarding the Sale of \$1,395,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 217A* – Financial Advisor Dawn Gunderson-Schiel from Ehlers, Inc distributed and reviewed the Sale Day Report for the bond issue financing the cost of 2017 street improvements. She stated that the City’s Standard & Poors bond rating was “AA-“ and noted the issue size was decreased to \$1,375,000 from \$1,395,000. Motion by Daus, second by Nall to approve Resolution 17-14 Awarding the Sale of \$1,375,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Knoll Wood Park Low-Mow Transition* – Recreation Director Luke Peters reviewed the proposal by the Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee to transition the existing turf in Knoll Wood Park to a low mow grass mix, with the suggestion that it be mowed twice each growing season, keeping the grass closer in appearance to that of a traditional turf while also helping to prevent the spread of invasive weeds. The primary reason this change is being explored is to reduce ongoing maintenance. By making this transition, staff estimates an annual savings of \$2,000, including 90 staff hours. Motion by Daus, second by Westaby to enable the staff to proceed with the transition to a low-mow grass mix for Knoll Wood Park. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Letter of Intent with Platteville Area Senior Services (PASS)* – Senior Center Director Jon Meidinger explained that a non-profit organization known as Platteville Area Senior Services (PASS) was created as part of the effort to sustain and improve services at the Senior Center. PASS will serve as the fundraising arm of the Senior Center and will augment the Center’s operating capital beyond what the City can provide. They are requesting approval of a letter of intent which defines and clarifies the relationship between PASS and the City, and articulates their respective responsibilities. City staff request authorization to make changes to the letter of intent as the project progresses and to execute a lease with the Platteville School District for space at OE Gray School. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Planned Unit Development – 455 Broadway St* – Community Planning Director Joe Carroll explained the request to construct two duplex residential apartment buildings and a storage building on one lot at 455 Broadway Street. The proposed development is not in compliance with several requirements of the zoning ordinance, therefore the request for a PUD, which would allow for flexibility. The Plan Commission thought they were trying to fit too much on the size of the property and recommended denial of the request at their May 1 meeting. Public hearing and action at next meeting.
- C. *Proposed Action Plan – Community Safe Routes Committee Bikeways* – Dr. Kristina Fields from the Community Safe Routes Committee presented a Powerpoint presentation for a proposed 7 mile on-street Platteville Loop Bikeway that would connect residents to schools, parks, pool, downtown, library, and trails, and utilize sharrows, bike lanes, and sidewalk/trails. Their next step is to hold a public meeting and return to the Council with the results from that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nall, second by Daus to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk