

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 12, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Eileen Nickels at 7:15 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barb Stockhausen, Mike Denn, Council President Eileen Nickels, Ken Kilian, and Dick Bonin.
Excused: Barb Daus and Amy Seeboth-Wilson.

City Manager Bierke introduced Angie Wright and Gene Weber to give an update on the Moving Platteville Outdoors Grant. Angie Wright spoke on the grant as far as the Rountree Branch Trail. She explained this is to expand and improve the trail so the current trail links to the trail behind Menards. \$633,330 was pledged by the DNR for the trail. She thanked the different groups and individuals that helped with the trail. Gene Weber also thanked all the groups and individuals who helped with this project. He commented there were numerous local businesses that donated a portion of their food sales and made monetary donations. There must be a total community collaboration to accomplish this project and Platteville exceeded. City Manager Bierke commented the City of Platteville application received the highest score on their application in an eleven County area and that because we received such a high score, Platteville received all of the DNR funding. The DNR is seeking an additional \$45,000 from the Federal government on Platteville's behalf.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bonin, second by Denn to approve the consent calendar as follows: July 22, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$680,553.09; Financial Report for July; Appointment of Garry Prohaska to fill the remainder of term for the Historic Preservation Commission which expires 05/01/15; One-Year Operator License to David M Duggan and Alyssa M Hanson; Two-Year Operator License to Cole J Cooper, Jessica M Dill, Grace A Friederick, Samantha J Glowacki, Katherine M Macco-Webster, Vanessa S Mislivecek, Jacob J Semann, and Bridger R White; "Class A" Combination Beer & Liquor license to ADH MOR, LLC (Nick Pease, Agent) for premises at 280 W Main St (The Local Beer & Spirits); Street Closing of Alley between 2nd Street and Oak Street on Sept 12-Sept 14; Parade Permit – Dairy Days Parade on September 6th at 9:30 AM; Banner Permit – Dairy Days from Aug 13 to Sept 7th; Ordinance 14-14 Creating Section 43.50 of the Municipal Code – Annexation of 1536 County Hwy B. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Aldersperson Kilian requested the July 15, 2014 Special Council Meeting Minutes be amended per his changes to his comments on the proposed 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Projects and brought back to the August 26 Council meeting for approval.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Arlene Siss, 130 N Hickory St, announced the Stone Cottage will be holding an Art & Music event on Sunday, August 24th, from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. It will consist of an arts and crafts fair, food and ice cream, Farmer's Market, tours of Stone Cottage, recognition of the volunteers who helped clean up at Hillside Cemetery and music by Class Brass Quintet from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. All are welcome.

Christina Curras commented on the tornado recovery at the Platteville University. The recovery is proceeding and the facilities are almost all repaired. Students will be able to move in, dining services will be up and running within a week, pre-season sports events will be held at other locations until their athletic fields are repaired with hopes that the September 13th football game will be held in its regular location, glass and debris still needs to be removed from the grounds, Memorial Park is currently off limits and marked off, and work on the stadium will continue.

David Nevins announced there will be a Welcome Weekend and Fest at the University on 29th and the campus and surrounding area will be extremely busy with all the students coming back and moving into the dorms. 1,600 students will be moving in on August 29th with more the next few days. The Welcome Fest will consist of an outdoor band, “The Cab”, which will be at 8:00 PM. The headline band is “A Great Big World” and will play from approximately 9:00 PM to no later than 10:30PM. A few of the events will include zip line, rock climb, and the Great Mascot Race. Tickets are on sale. This year they have a cover for the outdoor stage shows.

Kathy Austin of 1503 Austin Rd, owner/operator of Cuttin Up Hair Salon, commented five of her customers recently received \$20 parking tickets when they were receiving services at her salon that lasted over the two hour parking allowances. There are probably other customers that received tickets, but didn’t say anything to her. She is requesting the parking be changed from two hours to three hours and possibly lowering the fine to \$5 or \$10. There are six salons in the downtown area and she is sure other salons have had this issue. She wasn’t able to do anything about the tickets the customers received, but did issue them a credit on their next salon service.

Jack Luedtke, 20 S Fourth Street, Executive Director of the Main Street Program, commented other merchants on Main Street have told him of the same issue. He agrees with Ms Austin and thinks the change to three hours would help business on Main Street. He felt the expense of changing the signage would be minimal and his Board of Directors approve of this action. President Nickels will have staff look at possible changes and bring back to the Council.

Richard Christensen, 10 S Third Street, commented that the change to three hours for downtown parking may create other problems due to people taking spaces away from customers. He also spoke on the July 22nd Special Presentation concerning the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission Taxi Consolidation Feasibility Study. He commented the Council should have cancelled this presentation as he felt the report was unacceptable. He felt the report was jumbled and a mess and had nothing to do with the local taxi service and all to do with the Platteville Shuttle service. He commented that Amy Seeboth-Wilson should have abstained from voting on this item as he considered it a conflict of interest. President Nickels asked DPW Crofoot to do further research in to this and bring it back to the Council if it warrants further action.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Extraterritorial Board of Zoning Appeals, Airport Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Tourism Committee, Redevelopment Authority, Commission on Aging, and Water and Sewer Commission.
- B. Other Reports
 - 1. Airport Financial Report for July
 - 2. City Attorney Itemized Statement
 - 3. Water/Sewer Revenue and Expenditures for July
 - 4. Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by the City Manager, Police Department, Director of Administration, Public Works, City Attorney, Museum Department & Rountree Gallery, Senior Center, and EMS.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Kallembach Housing Bids*. Director Carroll gave a summary of the proposals in written information to the Council and also gave them a flash drive with the complete proposals of each property. After a brief discussion on the condition of the houses, whether to demolish or repair, and comments, President Nickels asked Council members to go over the written information Director Carroll had in the Council packet, look at the flash drive, and then come back to the next meeting with proposals for possible action.

- B. *85 N Water, 222 N Elm, and 160 E Mineral Next Steps.* City Manager Bierke explained one of these three properties is near the EMS, one is near Jenor Park and the third is on the corner of Water St and Mineral St. If left empty during the winter, they will just deteriorate more, could become nuisance properties, and maintenance for lawn mowing and snow removal could become an issue. Demolition of all three properties was suggested. President Nickels felt we should solicit bids for demolition with separate bids and brought to the next meeting.
- C. *Contract 15-14 Street Repairs and Maintenance.* DPW Crofoot stated this is for a thin overlay of streets in need of maintenance as previously done by Iverson Construction. City has budgeted \$200,000 for this line item. The bid by Iverson Construction came in at \$145,293. Alderperson Denn asked about crack filling. DPW Crofoot stated that this will also be hired out and be charged against this budget line item. Alderperson Denn questioned why the City crew couldn't do this since the City has equipment and materials necessary. DPW Crofoot stated the City crew does not have the time needed or the man power necessary to do this in a timely fashion. It would be much more effective and efficient to hire this out. Action will be taken at the next meeting.
- D. *Contract 9-14 TID #5 Bike Trail.* DPW Crofoot stated this is a connecting trail to Wal-Mart/Menards. Currently, the Moving Platteville Outdoors and the Platteville – Belmont trails join at another trail constructed by the Keystone Developer. This trail in the Keystone Development is a switch-back trail that connects the old railroad bed trails to Keystone Parkway. This project will connect from the end of that trail up to Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart has provided \$24,000 and an easement toward the construction of this bike/pedestrian path. The developer for Keystone properties in TIF #5 will provide \$18,550 and an easement. The remaining amount of \$32,450 (total \$75,000) was budgeted as a TIF #5 expense. A delay on the bidding was due to the DNR having issues with the ADA guidelines for this trail. Bidding resulted in three bids. The lowest bid was received from Iowa-Grant Trucking for \$90,553, which is \$15,553 more than originally budgeted. DPW Crofoot suggested two options. One would be to award the contract to Iowa-Grant Trucking for \$90,553 with the additional \$48,553 paid from TIF #5 Fund Balance. The second option is reject all bids and direct Staff to re-bid in the spring of 2015. President Nickels stated this item should be brought back to the next Council meeting for action.
- E. *Schedule Special Meetings for Discussions Related to 2015 Budget.* After further discussion, it was decided the 2015 Budget meeting will be held October 1 at the Police Department at 6:00 PM. Department Heads should attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Denn, second by Bonin to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Lowery
Deputy City Clerk