

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Eileen Nickels at 7:01 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Dick Bonin, Barbara Daus, Mike Denn, Ken Kilian, Council President Eileen Nickels, Amy Seeboth-Wilson, and Barbara Stockhausen. Absent: None.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Bonin, second by Denn to approve the consent calendar as follows: September 23, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,130,701.64; September Financial Report; Re-Appointment of William Kloster and Appointment of Jason Klovning to the Airport Commission; One-Year Operator License to Travis M Deibner, Caleb WA Dykema, Brad J Frick, William E Johnson Jr, Taylor M Meyer, and Jenna J Webb; Two-Year Operator License to Kevin D Cardin, Brad A Debroy, Tanner M Jansen, Rebecca A Kessler, Elizabeth M Martin, Katharine P Rowan, Sarah L Schultz, and Amanda Valencia; and Taxi Operator License to William A Richard. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.**

Former director Melissa Pahl introduced the new Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation (PAIDC) Executive Director, Ela Kakde to the Council.

Arlene Siss of 130 N Hickory Street invited all to a pasty dinner fundraiser for the historical Stone Cottage on October 24.

**REPORTS**

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Museum Board, Commission on Aging, Police & Fire Commission, and Redevelopment Authority. Daus thanked all who attended the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for the new taxi lanes and hangar development at the Airport and announced that the Airport is actively seeking people to construct hangars.
- B. Other Reports
  - 1. September Airport Financial Report
  - 2. September Water & Sewer Financial Report
  - 3. Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by Public Works, Senior Center, City Attorney, Director of Administration, Recreation, Community Planning & Development, Police, EMS, and Museum. Public Works Director Howard Crofoot updated the Council on the status of the Broadway Street reconstruction. Phase 1 is complete, Phase 2 was supposed to be completed at the end of August, and Phase 3 is due to be complete by November 7. The City has been withholding \$1,000 per day from the contractor for every day the project overruns.

**ACTION**

- A. *Ordinance 14-16 Repealing and Recreating Section 38.03 Speed Limits on Business Hwy 151* – City Manager Larry Bierke reviewed that at the last meeting the Council heard a proposal that would change the speed limits on Business Hwy 151. The concept was brought forward by Council member Stockhausen in an effort to slow vehicular traffic in and around the busier business corridor and intersection on Business Hwy 151. Ideas had been suggested about sidewalks and crossing lights needed for the increased amount of pedestrians in that area. Bierke noted that those ideas have substantial costs related and suggested that perhaps one of the steps the Council could take before going that far would be to reduce the speed limits. The proposed ordinance looks at reducing

the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph where the four lanes become two lanes: reducing the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph where those two lanes come down the hill and cross Valley Road and stay at 25 mph all the way to the Chamber of Commerce and then speed back up to exit the community. Kilian didn't believe it was a good idea to encourage pedestrian traffic by changing the speed limit without marked crosswalks or traffic signals and expressed a concern with intoxicated pedestrian traffic on Court Street. Bonin disagreed with Kilian and stated that he would like to help the pedestrians by slowing down the traffic because they were going to be walking there regardless. Stockhausen supported reducing the speed limit because she sees students walking down Water Street and turning on Bus Hwy 151 to go to those restaurants and would like to approach the County to start slowing down the traffic earlier once the City changes. Denn thought it would be better to just enforce the speed limit rather than reducing the speed limit and was concerned that there will be increased congestion if the speed limit is reduced. Daus supported the decreased speed from 30 mph to 25 mph in the "restaurant corridor", but didn't see a need to reduce the current 40 mph to 35 mph in the other areas. She expressed concern about the danger of people coming out of Country Inn in the dark and crossing traffic on Water Street in the middle of the road to go to Walgreens. Discussion was held about the traffic transition from 40 mph down to 25 mph. Denn noted injury and accident rates have gone down each year on Hwy Bus 151 since 2010. Seeboth suggested that three years wasn't much data to work with and suggested that 5-10 years be used. Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to table action and direct Staff to work with the County/Township to help make a more consistent reduction of speed down to 25 mph and also have staff take a look at a step-down speed of traffic by East Valley Road bridge with perhaps having a light that blinks at the top of the hill, and bring back at a later date. Motion carried 5-2 on a roll call vote with Seeboth-Wilson and Bonin voting against. Kilian asked to have current and proposed speed limits on a map for the next discussion. Seeboth asked Staff to make some recommendations on how to solve the pedestrian problem beyond the speed limit.

- B. *Grant County Highway Construction Aids* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that annually the City sends \$2,000 in escrow to Grant County for street construction projects and Grant County matches the funding. After the project is complete, the City requests and receives the full \$4,000. Motion by Kilian, second by Denn to approve the petition to allocate \$2,000 of 2015 budget money for Fourth Street reconstruction to receive \$4,000 from Grant County. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Proposed 2015-2019 Garbage and Recycling Contract* – Requested approval of contract to Faherty, Inc. for solid waste and recycling service for 2015-2019 for residential properties (1 and 2 family) to include City properties. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Loan and Development Agreement: 25 East Main Street* – Recommendation from the RDA to have the City borrow \$172,000 from Fidelity Bank, to be loaned to Wall Properties for remodeling 25 E Main Street, subject to a developer agreement. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Kallembach Development Agreements* – Requested approval of proposed development agreements for 375 Irene Street, 235 Third Street, 260 S Chestnut Street, 310 W Gridley Avenue, 185 Center Street, and 430 S Chestnut Street. Action at next meeting.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Denn, second by Kilian 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 – *City Manager Evaluation and Employment Contract* – and reconvene to open session to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Denn, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin  
City Clerk