

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 27, 2015

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, Mike Denn, Ken Kilian, Council President Eileen Nickels, and Barbara Stockhausen. Amy Seeboth-Wilson arrived at 7:01 PM. Excused: Dick Bonin

CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER

City Clerk Jan Martin swore in Andrew Weber as a police officer for the City of Platteville.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. *CompuNet* – TJ Carter from the City’s IT provider CompuNet presented the Council an update of the City’s technology operational status, 2014 projects, issues, and 2015 projects.
- B. *Platteville Business Incubator Inc* – Due to an illness of the presenter, this presentation will be rescheduled.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Denn to approve the consent calendar as follows: January 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,207,260.11; Appointment of Robert Pastor (Southwest Health System), Art Beaulieu (Platteville School District), Andy Custer (Citizen), Gary Engelke (Business Owner), and Barb Stockhausen (Council) to serve on the Platteville Transit System Joint Committee along with UW-Platteville appointees; One-Year Operator License to ToniRose M Horsfall; Two-Year Operator License to Cheyenne E Gillbert and Nickolas B Vance; Temporary Class “B” License to St Augustine University Parish for Newman Banquet on February 7; and Banner Permit (\$125 fee waived) to Fire Department for March 9-30. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Rich Christensen of 10 S 3rd Street apologized for his derogatory comments made at the last meeting.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Police & Fire Commission, Plan Commission, Water & Sewer Commission, Library Board, Parks Forestry & Recreation Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, and RDA.
- B. Other Reports – Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by the City Attorney, Library, EMS, Director of Administration, Senior Center, Public Works, Recreation, and Community Planning & Development.

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 15-02 Update Employee Handbook* – City Manager Larry Bierke explained that the proposed resolution updates the list of department heads, language regarding the 40 hour work week (reinstated in 2015) and Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). A revision from Kilian regarding the WRS language was discussed, but not implemented. Motion by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adopt Resolution 15-02 Updating the City Employee Handbook – Department Heads, Business Hours and Wisconsin Retirement as presented by Staff. Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against.
- B. *Ordinance 15-02 Creating Section 43.52 of the Municipal Code – Annexation and Rezone of 680 East Business Highway 151* – Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll provided an overview of the property owner petition to annex the 1.9 acre vacant property at 680 E Business

Hwy 151. The annexation request meets all the requirements of the State statute. If the annexation is approved, the applicant requests that the property be rezoned to B-3 Highway Business District. The property owner has a developer interested in buying the property for a retail development and they want to connect to City utilities; therefore the reason for the annexation request. The Plan Commission approved the request at their January 5 meeting. Carroll stated that the State is currently in the process of reviewing this annexation petition and asked that the Council approve the request subject to State approval. Motion by Kilian, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adopt Ordinance 15-02 Creating Section 43.52 of the Municipal Code – Annexation and Rezone of 680 East Business Highway 151 subject to State approval. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Ordinance Amending Sections 2.01 and 2.03 due to Annexation of Property (Municipal Airport)* – City Clerk Jan Martin explained that the intent of the proposed ordinance is to create a new Election Ward (Nine) with County Supervisory District (#15) designation to accommodate the recently annexed non-contiguous Municipal Airport and make it part of the City of Platteville Aldermanic District #4. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Ordinance Revising Chapter 31 Taxi* – City Clerk Martin explained that the intent of the proposed ordinance is to clarify language in the current taxi ordinance that the shuttle bus and shuttle bus drivers will required to be licensed by the City. Previously the University shuttle bus and driver were not required to be licensed, but will when they become part of the Platteville Transit System. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Ordinance Amending Section 22.09 Bicycle Parking Requirements* – Recreation Director Luke Peters explained that the intent of the proposed ordinance is to clarify bicycle parking requirements and made a couple revisions – changed the spelling of “criteria” to “criterion” and deleted the sentence “Alternative racks may be approved by the Community Safe Routes Committee.”. Action at next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen 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 – *Possible Land Acquisition* and 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 – *Review Executive Search Proposals*, and return to open session to take action, if any. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

The Council reconvened in open session at 9:00 PM.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Daus, second by Denn to hire the firm of Public Administration Associates LLC (PAA) for the 2015 City Manager search per their proposal (\$9,000, out-of-pocket expenses not to exceed \$1,000, and advertising costs). Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Denn to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk