

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 10, 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, Amy Seeboth-Wilson and Barbara Stockhausen. Excused: Dick Bonin

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Platteville Economic Development Advisory Group – Ed White distributed the purpose statement and 2015 goals for this group consisting of the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Program, UW-Platteville, Southwest Tech, Grant County Economic Development, Platteville Business Incubator, and PAIDC and provided a brief update of what they are currently working on – providing social/networking opportunities for the Industry Park, buyer/supplier network, and innovation grants with the University. White noted that the group meets once a month to talk about how to individually and together make Platteville a better place economically and offered up their professional services/advice to the Council if ever needed.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Denn to approve the consent calendar as follows: January 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$3,748,721.66; January Financial Report; One-Year Operator License to Nicholas P Reinhold; Two-Year Operator License to Matthew B Steiner; Taxi Driver License to Gary J Cullen and James E Kopp; and Banner Permits (\$150 fees waived) to American Cancer Society from April 6-28 and United Way of Platteville from September 14-October 30. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

None.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Community Development Board and Redevelopment Authority (RDA). Daus encouraged Council members to attend Lobbying Day at the State Capitol on February 18 to meet with State Representatives to discuss the Governor's budget and the effects it may have on municipalities.
- B. Other Reports
 - 1. City Attorney Itemized Statement
 - 2. Water & Sewer January Financial Report
 - 3. Airport January Financial Report
 - 4. Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by the City Attorney, Public Works, Senior Center, Director of Administration, EMS, and Community Planning & Development.

ACTION

- A. *Ordinance 15-01 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. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to adopt Ordinance 15-01 Amending Section 2.01 Adding Territory to Aldermanic District #4, County Supervisory District #15 and Creating Election Ward Nine and Amending Section 2.03(1)(a) Polling Places due to Annexation of Property – Platteville Municipal Airport as presented. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Ordinance 15-03 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 be 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. Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to adopt Ordinance 15-03 Amending Section 31.18(A) Taxi and/or Taxi Driver Licenses and Title of Section 31.19 License Fee and Term as presented. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Seeboth-Wilson abstaining.
- C. *City Manager Position Profile, Advertisement, and Salary Range* – President Nickels distributed a position profile and advertisement for the City Manager Search proposed by Public Administration Associates (PAA) with a salary range of \$90,000 to \$110,000 plus benefits, DOQ. Discussion was held regarding the number of employees listed in the ad and the position profile. Director of Administration Duane Borgen stated that there were 299 W-2's issued this year (77 f/t, 12 p/t, and 210 temporary/seasonal). Motion by Denn, second by Kilian to approve the 2015 City Manager Position Profile and advertisement with the corrected number of employees. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Final Plat – First Addition to Golden Heights Subdivision* – Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll explained that in 1995 the property in question was originally platted as Outlot 2 in the Golden Heights Estate subdivision. The Council approved a Preliminary Plat in 2009 to further subdivide this parcel, but there was disagreement about the placement of a note regarding fill on the Final Plat, so it never went any further. The applicant has now submitted a Final Plat which will be called the First Addition to Golden Heights Estates. The proposed plat, dividing 1.9 acres into 5 building lots to be developed for residential use, meet all the requirements of the zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance regarding minimum lot size and frontage. Carroll also reviewed that when Reddy Drive was installed as part of the original subdivision, a storm water culvert was installed under the street. The end of the culvert was installed beyond the right-of-way and onto this property without an easement. The proposed plat and agreement will provide the necessary easement for this culvert extended to the boundary of the subdivision and also provides a proposed sharing of the construction needed to extend this culvert. Staff recommends approval of the Final Plat conditioned upon the applicant entering a development agreement with the City to govern the installation of the infrastructure and improvements necessary to convey storm water through the drainage easement within this subdivision. Kilian expressed concern with the type of fill used and asked City Attorney Brian McGraw if the City could be held responsible for not saying anything about it, to which McGraw responded that he doesn't believe the City has any liability to a prospective buyer. Applicant Paras Reddy addressed Kilian's concern by stating that many lots in Platteville have the same type of fill (from the Pine Street sewer replacement and other City projects), explained that tires were kept there for the large equipment crossing the street, that pieces of culvert, pipes, and metal were removed. As for the trees that Kilian keeps bringing up, he explained they weren't even on this property, they were on a lot that was already sold – the trees were used to keep the dirt from shifting onto the University property. The fill has been there for 10 years with no settling or ponding. He also stated that he will disclose that the property has fill to prospective buyers during the sale. Daus questioned if the North side of the lot backed up against a wetland, to which Mr. Reddy responded that the DNR said that his property wasn't in a floodplain. McGraw and Carroll noted that storm water was addressed in the development agreement. Daus requested that the City costs associated with this development agreement be provided for the next meeting. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Potential Lease of City Hall Space* – Main Street Executive Director Jack Luedtke distributed and presented a proposal regarding the vacant space of the old police department in City Hall. It has been a goal to establish a "Maker Space" in an area with certain resources (specifically high speed

internet) for people with a potential business idea to get started at a very low cost, provide an opportunity as an aid to helping students develop their business while they are attending school here, and serve as a catalyst to staying here to grow their company after graduation. The proposal asks that the Council direct the City Manager and City Attorney to draft a lease between the City and Main Street Program for the designated vacant space. Daus questioned the proposal's "upfront costs" to prepare the space. Seeboth-Wilson thought it sounded like a great project and hoped that the cost of the lease would minimum. Action at next meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Daus, second by Denn 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)(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 – *Proposed Aring Contract Settlement*, 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 9:01 PM.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Daus, second by Denn to accept a donation of \$10,000 from Aring in settlement of a backhoe contract dispute and authorize Staff to go out for bids for a new backhoe. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stockhausen, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk