

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 24, 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: Dick Bonin, Barbara Daus, Mike Denn, Ken Kilian, Council President Eileen Nickels, Amy Seeboth-Wilson, and Barbara Stockhausen. Absent: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 15-04 Amending Sections 22.09(I)(1)(b)&(c) Bicycle Parking Requirements – President Nickels opened the public hearing. Recreation Director Luke Peters explained that the proposed change to the ordinance clarifies bicycle parking requirement language to make sure all new bicycle racks support a bicycle upright by its frame at two points of contact to prevent bicycles from pivoting or falling over. The Plan Commission approved this at their April 6, 2015 meeting. Bonin asked if the new bicycle racks on Main Street comply with this ordinance to which Peters said they did. No public statements in favor, against, or in general. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to adopt Ordinance 15-04 Amending Sections 22.09(I)(1)(b)&(c) Bicycle Parking Requirements as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. *CompuNet – Update on IT Needs* – TJ Carter from CompuNet presented a recommendation to implement an updated server/storage system to meet the City’s technology needs. Project costs are \$37,500 to \$40,000 with an estimated City/PD breakdown of 40/60. Action at next meeting.
- B. *School Superintendent Regarding Building Referendum Questions* – Superintendent Connie Valenza from the Platteville School District gave a presentation on the importance of passing the \$15 million school referendum at the April 7 Spring Election and the impact it will have on the school district and community.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bonin, second by Daus to approve the consent calendar as follows: March 10 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$829,558.18; Appointment of Jennifer Long to the Historic Preservation Commission (3 year term), Betsy Ralph-Tollefson to the Library Board (remainder of term of Rosemary Anderson), Liz Throop to the Housing Authority (5 year term), and reappointment of Christine Wunderlin to the Housing Authority (2nd 5 year term); Temporary Class “B” License to serve Fermented Malt Beverages to Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity for Delta Fest on April 18; Two-Year Operator License to Taylor L Dora, LeeAnn M Schulz, Brandon C Weigel, and Paige R Winkler; Run Permit to Southwest Health Center’s Nightingales 5K on May 9; Street Closing Permit to Delta Sigma Phi for Bradford and West Pine St on April 18, UWP/Francis Steck for Keystone Pkwy and Cornerstone Circle on May 2, and Farmers Market for Market Street on Saturday AM from May through October; and Cancel Uncollectible Bills (for 2014 budget year) as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Cheryl Schmieder, President of the Friends of the Municipal Auditorium, thanked the Council and gave a special thank you to City Manager Larry Bierke for his significant role in the creation of the group and their fundraising efforts to make updates to the Municipal Auditorium allowing it to be in use regularly by many organizations.

Jackie Cruse of 2319 County O, Tawney Denn of Morengo, IL, Carla Holloway of 75 E Gridley St, Ryan Tredinnick of 155 W Main St, and Kieryn Aigner of 652 Jefferson St spoke against the proposed ordinance banning pit bulls citing that the City should rather have a comprehensive dangerous dog ordinance, no bad

dogs – just bad owners – punish the owner rather than the breed, and presented the results of a Facebook petition (28,577 worldwide with 856 in WI and 338 in Platteville) against the proposed ordinance.

Ryan Tredinnick of 155 W Main St spoke against a draft social host ordinance that was given to the University to review stating that the fine proposed was extremely harsh and would create an undue hardship for students.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Airport Commission, Platteville Transit System Joint Committee, Water & Sewer Commission, Museum Board, and Library Board. Daus reminded the public of the March 29 Lyceum program at the Museum and Fire Department Pancake Breakfast.
- B. Other Reports – Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by Public Works, Director of Administration, City Attorney, Community Planning & Development, EMS, and Senior Center. City Clerk Jan Martin announced the last day for absentee voting in the Clerk’s Office for the April 7 Election was Friday, April 3.

ACTION

- A. *Reconsideration of Appeal of Certificate of Appropriateness Denial – 130 Market Street – Motion* by Kilian to reconsider action taken March 10 on the Appeal of Certificate of Appropriateness Denial for 130 Market Street. Motion died for lack of a second.
- B. *Contract 1-15 Fourth Street Reconstruction – Motion* by Daus, second by Bonin to award Contract 1-15 Fourth Street Reconstruction to Maddrell Excavating, including Alternates A (reconstruction of 2 parking lots on the corner of Furnace and Fourth) & C (colored concrete between the sidewalk and curb from Main to Furnace) for a total contract price of \$1,857,332.30 with the City portion being \$1,084,348.30. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *Ordinance 15-05 Amending Section 2.01 Aldermanic District #4 and Election Ward Eight due to Annexation of Property – Motion* by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adopt Ordinance 15-05 Amending Section 2.01 District #4 and Election Ward Eight due to the annexation of 680 E Business Hwy 151 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. *Lease of City Hall Space with Main Street Program – Motion* by Seeboth-Wilson to approve the lease of the former police department space in City Hall with the Main Street Program with a change from \$200 to \$100/month in Section 2 regarding subleasing. Motion died for lack of a second. After discussion, it was moved by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Daus to approve the lease of the former police department space in City Hall to the Main Street Program with a revision in Section 2 stating that the Tenant may not lease any portion of the premises to a subtenant for free. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. *Appeal of Plat Restriction/Sidewalk Waiver – 1775 Progressive Parkway – Motion* by Denn, second by Bonin to waive the restriction on the plat for 1775 Progressive Parkway to allow a driveway connection from 1775 Progressive Parkway to Commercial Drive with the condition that the driveway is limited to exit traffic only and a sidewalk waiver to allow for a partial installation as proposed on the site plan. Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to amend the motion to require that a corridor be retained for the area of a sidewalk and that the developer pays for and installs the sidewalk if the City requires it in the future. Motion to amend carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Seeboth-Wilson voting against. The original motion including the amendment carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Seeboth-Wilson voting against.

- F. *Public Building Design Approval – Library Block Project* – The Library Block Redevelopment Project proposes to redevelop a city block bordered by Elm, Chestnut, Main and Pine Street with a 2-story public library and 4-story 72-unit Holiday Inn Express hotel, and repurposes the current library building for a SWCAP health clinic/office space. The intent of the project is to address the underutilized, blighted properties on the block and create a new, expanded public library. The project is a public-private partnership. The Plan Commission approved the building design as presented at their March 2 meeting. They also suggested that the project include a hotel entrance onto Chestnut Street, a rooftop garden or plantings, and planters/landscaping along the street frontage. Garry Prohaska of 280 Division St and Arlene Siss of 130 N Hickory St expressed concern that the proposed building façade doesn't fit with the downtown area (staggered windows) and that the developers didn't approach the Historic Preservation Commission to discuss the design. Kilian proposed a new façade and thought the Council should take the time to look at the downtown design standards and negotiate a new design with the developer. City Manager Larry Bierke noted that the design has been paid for by the developer. Jack Luedtke of Main Street Program stated that they had submitted some of the pictures to the state through the Main Street Committee Design Committee and they said that the current presentation fits very well into the concept of infill into historic districts. He thought Councilor Killian made a good point with some façade ideas that may not cost a lot that the architect may be willing to incorporate. Discussion ensued. Motion by Stockhausen, second by Bonin to approve the proposed public library building design subject to final zoning approval and a development agreement. Motion by Kilian, second by Denn to amend the motion to approve the building design except for the façade on Main Street and Chestnut Street, and to have the developer rework the façade design with final approval by the Council. Motion to amend carried 4-3 with Stockhausen, Bonin, and Nickels voting against. The original motion including the amendment carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Platteville Public Transportation Committee Recommendations* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained the following recommendations from the Platteville Transit System Joint Committee: 1) name of the system "Platteville Public Transportation"; 2) logo; 3) fare; 4) fare collection system; and 5) bus routes. Discussion was held regarding the type of data and statistics that need to be collected for the shared ride taxi grant. Crofoot will provide that information for the next meeting. Action at next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Denn, second by Daus 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: a) *Library Block Development Incentives* and b) *Possible Land Acquisition*. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The Council reconvened in open session at 11:10 PM.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stockhausen, second by Bonin to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk