

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 22, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Nickels at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ken Kilian, Tom Nall, Eileen Nickels, Barbara Stockhausen, and Katherine Westaby. Excused: Barbara Daus and Don Francis.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

2017 Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award – City Manager Karen Kurt explained the significance of receiving this award from the professional association for government institutions. Out of hundreds of towns, cities, counties and other government entities in Wisconsin, less than forty have received this award. A Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation was also sent to acknowledge Valerie Martin’s contribution to the achievement of creating the City Budget presentation.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Nall, second by Stockhausen to approve the consent calendar as follows: August 8 Regular and August 15 Special Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,505,259.49; Reappointment of Kristina Fields, Cindy Tang, Tim Ingram, and Robin Fatzinger to the Community Safe Routes Committee (3 year term); Change of Agent for Pizza Hut of Southern WI (Crystal M Reed, Agent) for premises at 230 Dubuque Rd (Pizza Hut); Temporary Class “B” to sell fermented malt beverages for Platteville Jaycees for Dairy Days at the Legion Park on September 8-10; Temporary “Class B”/Class “B” to sell fermented malt beverages and wine to Friends of Platteville Municipal Auditorium for Bluegrass Band (Dead South) at the Auditorium at 75 N Bonson St on September 8 and Platteville Main Street Program for Executive Director’s Workshop Dinner at the Jamison Museum at 405 E Main St on September 21; One-year Operator License to Taylor M Cherek and Chelsi M Custer; Two-year Operator License to Samuel R Nigbur, Aaron D Pluemer, Rachael L Sporkin, Jessica J Thompson, and Dolores Wasserburger; and Street Closing (S Hickory from W Pine to Greenwood Ave) for St Augustine University Parish for Newman BBQ/Games on September 6 as presented. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

David Nevins from UW-Platteville presented information regarding the UW-P Welcome Weekend that will be held September 2-4 at the UW-Platteville campus.

REPORTS

Board/Commission/Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Housing Authority Board, Library Board, and Airport Commission.

ACTION

- A. *Approval of City Attorney Request for Proposals (RFPs)* – Council questioned Administration Director Maurer regarding the method the RFP would be distributed, the time line expected for the new attorney to become proficient, and whether the position would be filled by a single person or multiple people/firms. Administration Director Maurer replied that the RFP would be posted in the paper and distributed to local firms. Legal proficiency would be expected immediately, however, City Manager Kurt did add that there would be some time needed to learn the City’s functions. City Manager Kurt also pointed out that the RFP allows for a single or multiple persons/firm to fill the role. Motion by Stockhausen, second by Kilian to approve the RFP for City Attorney and establish a review team which would be tasked with reviewing the submitted proposals and making

the recommendation to the Council for a new City Attorney as presented. Motion carried 4-1 on a roll call vote with Nall voting against. Council President Nickels appointed Kilian and Daus as the two Council representatives for the Evaluation Committee. City Manager Kurt recommended that Police Chief McKinley, Community Development Director Carroll, Administration Director Maurer, and herself should be the four City representatives.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Sidewalk Café Permit – 92/96 E Main Street – 2nd & Main* coffee shop, café and pub is requesting to install an outdoor eating and drinking area on the public sidewalk in front of their building. This request requires approval by the Council in order to allow alcohol. Community Development Director Carroll addressed Council concerns such as if smoking would be permitted and where tables and chairs would be stored, and suggested they bring up any other concerns at the next Council meeting when a representative from the establishment would be present. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Contract 15-17 Street Maintenance (Thin Overlay)* – Public Works Director Crofoot explained that bids were solicited for 0.75 inch overlay and only one bid was received for \$167,137.34. Based on the budget of \$105,000, Staff is recommending to eliminate 4 streets from the bid – Washington, E Mineral, Furnace and Pitt – to bring the amount to under \$105,000. Action at next meeting.

WORK SESSION

2018 Budget Goals – City Manager Kurt presented a proposal of 2018 City Goals based on the information gathered from City staff meetings and the Council work session held on August 15. Key areas to work at included Service Delivery, Strategic Priorities, Capitol Projects, and Regulatory Compliance. Kurt pointed out the majority of the City’s resources are dedicated to service delivery and with the coming budget cuts to the Museum, Senior Center, and Street divisions, these services will need to be monitored as they adapt by fund raising and adjusting services to meet needs. Kurt brought out the five key areas of Strategic Priorities as identified by the City’s three-year strategic plan for 2017-2019. These areas are business, marketing, connections, housing, and employee relations which City Manager Kurt then described projected 2018 goals in each area. Additional goals would be added as a result of the CIP budget project. *It was the consensus of the Council to use these goals, with the understanding that additional modifications would be made during the fall budget process.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nall, second by Stockhausen to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, Deputy City Clerk