

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 28, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Pro Tem Barbara Daus at 7:03 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Mike Denn, Ken Kilian, Tom Nall, and Amy Seeboth-Wilson. Excused: Council President Eileen Nickels and Barbara Stockhausen.

President Pro Tem Daus welcomed Alderman Tom Nall to the Common Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning Request for 1205 Union Street – President Pro Tem Daus opened the public hearing. Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll explained that the original request was to rezone from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 One and Two Family Residential and remove the R-LO overlay zoning designation. Staff had determined that the zoning change did not comply with the Comprehensive Plan and recommended denial of the request to rezone from R-1 to R-2, but had no concerns with the request to remove the R-LO designation. The Plan Commission considered this at their April 6 meeting and recommended denial of both. In the meantime, the applicant stated that the rezone portion was a mistake on the application and only intended to remove the R-LO overlay zoning designation. This overlay designation allows the property to be used as an owner-occupied residence and as a rental property, limits the number of individuals that can rent the house (maximum of 2 individuals that are unrelated). No public statements in favor or in general. Public statements against included John Duesbury of 40 Preston Dr, Rachel Culbertson of 1165 Westhill Ave, and Tonia Wagner of 1155 Union St. Registered against were Evelyn Duesbury of 40 Preston Dr, Ken Culbertson and family of 1165 Westhill Ave, Carole A Ruttman of 1140 Union St, Brian Wagner of 1155 Union St, Mark Gottschall of 1210 Union St, Terry Vaassen of 1170 Westhill Ave, Joyce Wisnewski of 1200 Westhill Ave, Wendy Brooke of 1220 Westhill Ave, Thomas Lindahl of 295 Flower Ct, Charles and Joyce Clark of 875 W Main St, Gene and Jan Weber of 1285 Union St, Goldie Mellville of 1150 Perry Dr, Melody Koppen of 1255 Perry Dr, Richard Rundell of 1270 Perry St, Pam Pundsack of 1110 Perry Dr, Larry and Sylvia Kurowski of 1230 Perry Dr, Tom and Deb Osting of 150 Moonlight Dr, and Tim and Barb Dies of 115 Moonlight Dr. Motion by Denn, second by Nall to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Denn, second by Kilian to deny the request to rezone the property to R-2 One and Two Family Residential and to keep the R-LO overlay zoning designation in place at 1205 Union Street. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A. *UW-Platteville Student Design Group – Traffic Study* – In response to Council concerns regarding speeds and pedestrian safety along the Business 151 corridor, UW-Platteville engineering students Jacob Hoagland, Korey Schroder, Brittany Thompson, and Colten Tuescher conducted a study that included a speed analysis, crash history, turning movement data collection, and pedestrian observations and presented their findings, including four alternatives to the Council in a Powerpoint presentation: 1) no change; 2) increase all speed limits 5 mph; 3) decrease all speed limits 5 mph; or 4) Segment 3A and 3B.

- B. *Unified Neighbors Improving Their Environment (UNITE) – Jamie Collins* – This presentation was cancelled at the request of the presenter.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Denn, second by Kilian to approve the consent calendar as follows: April 9 Special, April 14 Regular, and April 21 Organizational Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$316,740.24; Appointment of Dick Bonin and David Jones (partial term) to the Board of Review (5 year term)

and Tom Nelson and Mary Miller to the Plan Commission (3 year term); Two-Year Operator License to Adam C Hendryx, Roger C Henry, Brian A Johnson, Toni L Kettler, Bonnie L Kohl, and Jacqueline M Prall; and Street Closing Permit to St Augustine University Parish on April 29 for Hickory Street from Greenwood Ave to Pine Street as presented. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

President Pro Tem Daus noted that this was City Manager Larry Bierke's last Council meeting and extended him thanks on behalf of the Council and City.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Museum Board, Airport Commission, Library Board, Water & Sewer Commission, Parks Forestry & Recreation Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, and Community Safe Routes Committee.
- B. Other Reports - Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by EMS, Public Works, City Attorney, Library, Director of Administration, Community Planning & Development, EMS, Museum, and Senior Center. Daus noted that Museum Director Steve Kleefisch is retiring on May 5th after 40 years with the City.

ACTION

- A. *Election of Plan Commission Member* – Motion by Kilian to nominate Mike Denn to serve on the Plan Commission. Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Nall to close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Mike Denn. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Appointment of Duane Borgen as Acting City Manager Effective May 1, 2015* – Due to the resignation of City Manager Larry Bierke, it was moved by Denn, second by Nall to appoint Duane Borgen as Acting City Manager effective May 2, 2015. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Update – EMS* – Motion by Denn, second by Kilian to approve the HIPAA policies for the City of Platteville and Platteville Emergency Medical Service as presented. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. *Contract 4-15 Weed & Grass Mowing* – Approval of contract to allow the City to enforce its tall grass ordinance. Discussion was held about the contractor mowing to no more than 6” height of grass, cleaning up grass clippings after mowing, and delivery of notices. Motion by Nall, second by Seeboth-Wilson to award Contract 4-15 Weed & Grass Mowing to Grasspro Lawn Care LLC at the bid prices of \$100/hr or \$100 minimum for Base Bid #1 and \$100/hr or \$100 minimum for Base Bid #2 as presented. Motion by Kilian, second by Denn to amend the motion to include the cleanup of grass clippings. Motion to amend failed 2-3 on a roll call vote with Daus, Nall, and Seeboth-Wilson voting against. Original motion carried 4-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against.
- E. *Contract 5-15 Sidewalk Repair* – Approval of contract to repair sidewalks throughout the City and grind trip hazards that aren't replaced. Four bids were received. Motion by Denn, second by Nall to award Contract 5-15 Sidewalk Repair to Lawinger Brothers at the bid price of \$32,030.98 and award the grinding of sidewalk of trip hazards to Sidewalk Savers LLC for a maximum of \$7,056.00. Motion failed 2-3 on a roll call vote with Daus, Nall, and Seeboth-Wilson voting against. Motion by Nall to award Contract 5-15 Sidewalk Repair to J and T Concrete Construction at a bid price of \$28,289.58. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Nall to award Contract 5-15 Sidewalk Repair to J and T Concrete Construction at a bid price of \$28,289.58 and award the grinding of sidewalk of trip hazards to Sidewalk Savers LLC for a maximum of \$7,056.00. Motion carried 4-1 on a roll call vote with Denn voting against.

- F. *Resolution 15-04 Platteville Housing Authority Board Terms* – Motion by Nall, second by Kilian to adopt Resolution 14-04 Eliminating the One Year Lapse of Service between Re-appointments Restriction for the Platteville Housing Authority as presented. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- G. *Sidewalk Waiver – Proposed Sherwin Williams Store on Progressive Parkway* – Request is to approve a sidewalk waiver that would allow for the installation of sidewalk along Progressive Parkway for the proposed Sherwin Williams Store at 1741 Progressive Parkway, but not require it along Business Hwy 151. Plan Commission recommended approval of the waiver since there are no sidewalks planned or pedestrian crossings along Business Hwy 151. Speaking against the sidewalk waiver was Kristina Fields, Chair of the Community Safe Routes Committee which review site plans for new businesses for pedestrian connectivity. The Committee asked the Council to consider requiring developers/property owners to provide pedestrian connectivity (sidewalks) as their businesses are being built along the Business Hwy 151 corridor. Motion by Denn, second by Nall to approve the waiver for 1741 Progressive Parkway (Sherwin Williams Store) to install sidewalk along Business Hwy 151 as requested with the understanding that the City may require the installation of the sidewalk in the future at the expense of the property owner. Motion failed 3-2 with Daus, Kilian, and Seeboth-Wilson voting against.
- H. *Reconsideration of Loan Terms – 25 E Main Street* – Due to the unexpected amount of time that it took to obtain Historic Preservation Tax Credits to help with the renovation of this property, the owner purchased the building much later than anticipated. The property owner has requested some additional time to meet their development agreement timelines. Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Kilian to approve the modified (and amended) completion dates in Section II Developer Obligations of the Loan and Development Agreement for 25 E Main Street as presented. Motion carried 3-2 on a roll call vote with Denn and Nall voting against.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Platteville Welcomes You Sign – Alliant Energy Property* – Request is for approval of a proposed Hwy 80/81 sign location lease agreement (between the Hwy 151 exit ramp and Enterprise Dr), sign cost, and installation expenses for a total estimated cost of \$12,854.56. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Removal of Parking for Bus Stops* – Request is for approval of the installation of six new bus stops (equivalent of 2 stalls per location). Seeboth-Wilson recused herself from discussion due to a conflict of interest. Kristina Fields of 945 7th Ave spoke in favor. Michael Knautz of 825 N 2nd St spoke against since one of the bus stops was directly in front of his residence. This bus stop will be revisited and possibly changed prior to the next meeting. Main Street Program Director Jack Luedtke spoke in general regarding the bus stop location on Main Street during the evening hours. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Community Garden – 160 E Mineral Street* – Request is for approval of a 4-plot trial community garden at 160 E Mineral Street. Kendall Welch of 87 E Main St spoke in favor. Action at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Denn, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk