

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 12, 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: Mike Denn, Ken Kilian, Tom Nall, President Eileen Nickels, Amy Seeboth-Wilson, and Barbara Stockhausen. Barbara Daus arrived at 7:35 PM. Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Nall, second by Seeboth-Wilson to approve the consent calendar as follows: April 25 Special, April 27 Special, April 28 Regular, April 30 Special, and May 4 Special Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$636,681.07; April Financial Report; Appointment of Jeff Rowles to the Freudenreich Animal Care Trust Fund (3 year term), Bob Weier to the Police & Fire Commission, and Marilyn Gottschalk to the Housing Authority (replacing Crystal Klinefelter); One-Year Council Appointments of Daus to Airport Commission, Nickels to Area Ambulance Committee, Denn to Board of Appeals-Zoning & ET Zoning, Stockhausen as Chamber Liaison, Kilian to Commission on Aging, Stockhausen to Community Development Board, Seeboth-Wilson to Community Safe Routes Committee and Freudenreich Animal Care Trust Fund, Nall to Grant County Economic Development, Nickels to Historic Preservation Commission, Kilian to Housing Authority, Daus/Kilian/Nall to the Joint ET Committee, Nickels to Library Board, Daus/Denn/Nall to Licensing Committee, Stockhausen to Museum Board, Seeboth-Wilson to Parks, Forestry & Recreation Committee, Daus to PAIDC, Denn to Police & Fire Commission, Daus to Redevelopment Authority (RDA), Seeboth-Wilson to Rountree Gallery Board, Nickels to Tourism Committee, and Stockhausen/Kilian/Nall to Water & Sewer Commission; One-Year Operator License to Ann M Udelhofen and Zachary J Winkler; Two-Year Operator License to Gavin M Dailey and Debra A Keeran; and Acting City Manager Compensation of \$1,700 per month as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Public Works Director Howard Crofoot announced a May 19 public meeting (5 PM – 7 PM) for the Moving Platteville Outdoors Trail and noted this will be the last chance for public comment and suggestions before going out for bid.

Recreation Director Luke Peters announced that the City received approximately \$280,000 from the Orlo J Clayton Trust to be used for parks and recreation programming and maintenance improvements to the Smith and Legion parks. Mr. Clayton was a former City employee employed in the cemetery maintenance department.

William Money Penny of Mineral Point questioned the white marks on the sidewalk of his Rountree Avenue property, removing of sidewalk, and why his sidewalk ends in the middle of the block. Public Works Director Howard Crofoot responded that the white marks outline where sidewalk is to be replaced and the orange-red is where grinding occurs this summer. If a property owner removes sidewalk, they are responsible for replacing the sidewalk. As to the sidewalk ending in the middle of the block, it was before his time and he had no idea.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Plan Commission, Commission on Aging, RDA, and Historic Preservation Commission.
- B. Other Reports
 - 1. April City Attorney Itemized Statement
 - 2. April Water & Sewer Financial Report
 - 3. April Airport Commission Financial Report

4. Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by Senior Center, EMS, City Attorney, Public Works, and Director of Administration/Acting City Manager.

ACTION

- A. *Platteville Welcomes You Sign – Alliant Energy Property* – Communications Specialist Jodie Richards, on behalf of a community member sign committee, answered questions regarding the proposed lease agreement, sign cost, and installation expenses for one of the *Platteville Welcomes You* signs which will be located on Hwy 80/81 between the Hwy 151 exit ramp and Enterprise Dr. The committee is also interested in another sign location site by Walmart off of Hwy 151, but Richards was having difficulties in contacting the owner of the property. Motion by Kilian, second by Denn to approve the proposed Hwy 80/81 sign location lease agreement with Wisconsin Power & Light Company, sign cost, and installation expenses for a total estimated cost of \$12,854.56. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Ordinance 15-06 Amending Official Traffic Map – No Parking-Bus Stop* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot noted that as a result of the last meeting, they reviewed the 2nd St bus stop and rerouted it to take advantage of the existing loading zone at the Middle School. The revised ordinance has five locations instead of six locations. Stockhausen expressed concern with the two routes on Siemers St during the summer citing the busyness of the short street with the park and pool. Seeboth-Wilson responded that she discussed this with Russ Stratton today and instead of going up and down Siemers St, they will only go up Siemers once, using 2nd Street instead – due to the construction on 4th Street. Motion by Stockhausen, second by Nall, based on the Siemers St route change, to adopt Ordinance 15-06 Amending Official Traffic Map – Bus Stop. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Seeboth-Wilson abstaining.
- C. *Community Garden – 160 E Mineral Street* – Recreation Director Luke Peters reviewed the request from the Main Street Sustainability Committee for a 4-plot trial community garden at 160 E Mineral Street. Peters noted that there also was a change to the guidelines which extends the lease period from November 1 to November 30 to be more in line with other community garden guidelines. Robin Timm of 9474 Greenwood Rd and Kendall Welch of 87 E Main St spoke in favor of the proposed community garden. Marilyn Gottschalk of 235 Virgin Ave, Matthew Cody of 87 E Main St, Laura Grotjen of 87 E Main St, and Heidi Dyas McBeth of 1723 Rex Rd registered in favor. Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Stockhausen to approve a 4-plot trial community garden at 160 E Mineral Street with the following stipulations: a) start, maintenance and reclamation accomplished without taxpayer funding; b) 8'x4' garden plots spaced >8' apart or the space between beds will be maintained by the lessee; c) before any work is started the City will collect \$50 per plot, per season (\$45 deposit/\$5 water usage) with the deposit refunded at the end of the lease if the plot is left in good condition; d) a “self-closing” faucet be installed by the lessee to prevent water from being left on; e) policies adopted by the lessee to assure the gardens are well kept, dead plants and weeds removed regularly, plantings restricted to the individual beds plus herbicides, pesticides, and chemical fertilizers are not used; and f) the first lease will terminate Nov 30, 2015 – if both parties are agreeable, subsequent leases will be for the period of May 1 to November 30. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. *Former Pioneer Ford Property Downtown* – Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll explained that as part of the pending purchase of the former Pioneer Ford Property downtown, the City will be applying for grants to assist with the project, one of them being a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to assist with the purchase price of the property and cost of building demolition and site clearance of the property – 50% match of the cost up to \$500,000. The property is part of TID #7, so there is the possibility of a TID #7 revenue bond. Carroll noted that the City’s existing Citizen Participation Plan needs to be updated due to new requirements and stated that

the first public hearing, as part of the Citizen Participation Plan, is scheduled for May 20 at 5 PM in the Council Chambers.

- 1) *Resolution 15-08 Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan – Motion* by Denn, second by Stockhausen to approve Resolution 15-08 Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 2) *Resolution 15-09 Authorizing Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application – Motion* by Denn, second by Nall to adopt Resolution 15-09 Authorizing Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Former Pioneer Ford Site Acquisition and Redevelopment as presented and borrow the funds needed to meet the match requirement. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Conditional Use Permit – 1100 East Mineral Street* – Annual request for a CUP to operate an asphalt plant at a rock quarry located at 1100 E Mineral Street. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Conditional Use Permit – 715/785 South Chestnut Street* – Request for a CUP to lease parking at 715/785 S Chestnut Street. Discussion was held regarding the approval conditions recommended by the Plan Commission and adding a firm deadline of September 1st to complete the conditions. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Satisfaction of Mortgage – Emmi Roth USA* – Request to forgive the balance due on the Fixed Rate Note per the terms of the Note agreement with Emmi Roth USA (based on the 2014 property tax bill improvements totaling \$15,228,200 and 33 employees on the payroll). Action at next meeting.
- D. *EMS – Area Ambulance Committee Report* – Request to approve a negotiated agreement with Southwest Health Center (SWHC) for EMS services. Joel Graham of 1045 Hathaway St questioned pushing forward to a paramedic level service rather than the current intermediate technician service offered, transparency of the agreement, and expressed concern with a cost to taxpayers in the future. Action at next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Council did not go into closed session as was noticed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Denn to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk