

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
AUGUST 25, 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, Tom Nall, President Eileen Nickels, Amy Seeboth-Wilson, and Barbara Stockhausen. Absent: None.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Daus, second by Denn to approve the consent calendar as follows: August 11 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$398,894.56; July Financial Report, Temporary Class "B" Licenses to Platteville Horseshoe Pitching Association for 93<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament on September 4-7 in Legion Park and Platteville Jaycees for Dairy Days on September 11-13 in Legion Park; One-Year Operator License to Norman L Beckius, Nicole L Charles, Jeffrey N Mauthe, and Mark J Mauthe; and Two-Year Operator License to Benjamin G Grossman, Joseph L Udelhoven, Tammy J Wagner, and Angelica Marie R Waller as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.**

None.

**REPORTS**

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Library Board, Airport Commission, and Parks, Forestry & Recreation Committee.
- B. Other Reports
  - 1. July Water & Sewer Financial Report
  - 2. July Airport Financial Report
  - 3. Department Progress Reports – Written progress reports of department operations and activities were submitted by Administration, Attorney, Community Planning & Development, EMS, Library, Police, Public Works, and Senior Center.

**ACTION**

- A. *Disposition of Orlo J Clayton Irrevocable Trust Funds to Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin Inc. (CFSW) – Motion* by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Denn to place \$150,000 from the Orlo J Clayton Trust into a new spendable account and the remaining \$129,905.76 into a new endowment fund, both within the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin Inc., and to authorize an amount up to \$50,000, equal to any unspent contingency money of the City's portion for the MPO trail, from the spendable account into the endowed account at the conclusion of that project. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Daus abstaining.
- B. *Resolution 15-20 Authorizing the Borrowing of \$260,970.43 on Behalf of the Platteville Redevelopment Authority for 85 E Main Street – Motion* by Daus, second by Stockhausen to adopt Resolution 15-20 authorizing the borrowing of \$260,970.43 on behalf of the Platteville Redevelopment Authority for 85 E Main Street as presented. Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Denn voting against and Nall abstaining.

**WORK SESSION**

- A. *Business Hwy 151 Corridor Sidewalk* – In response to safety concerns with the growing number of pedestrian and vehicle traffic along the Business Hwy 151 corridor and inconsistent sidewalk waivers, Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll and Public Works Director

Howard Crofoot put together a comprehensive presentation “Business Hwy 151 Corridor Sidewalks” and presented it to the Council. They reviewed that in 2008 an ordinance was enacted to require (for commercial developments only) each project to include the installation of sidewalks within the public right of way along the frontage of the property, installed by and at the expense of the developer/property owner. The Council could waive the requirement and the City would maintain the right to construct sidewalks at a future date and assess the owners of the adjacent land the costs thereof. Most of the properties in the corridor were developed before the 2008 ordinance change and application of the ordinance has been inconsistent. Business 151 was originally Platteville’s first “bypass” and was constructed and operated by the DOT. No considerations or facilities were provided for pedestrians or bicyclists. It was turned over to the City in 2005 –as is. Current issues providing sidewalks along the corridor include 1) the highway was not designed for pedestrians; 2) developments encourage pedestrian activity; 3) pedestrian crossing facilities are not provided at intersections; 4) topography and drainage issues at some locations; 5) some encroachments into right-of-way; and 6) some of the properties are not in the City (cannot assess or require them to remove snow).

The Council discussed a few policy questions such as if staff should ever recommend waiving sidewalks for new development in this corridor; should the City improve the connectivity for the properties that are already developed and, if yes, sidewalk or path facilities; who maintains them; and how to prioritize and pay for the connectivity improvements. *There was a consensus of the Council that staff should never recommend waiving sidewalks for new development in this corridor.*

Funding options included use of the CIP, TID 5 funding for E Mineral to Commercial Dr (extends the life of the TID), TID 7 funding for Bus 151/Water Street intersection (extends the life of the TID), DOT funding for safety improvements at E Mineral Street intersection, borrowing for infrastructure work, and assessing the property owners.

The Council discussed potential phases for installing sidewalks. *There was a consensus to focus on two of five phases: 1) E Mineral Street to Commercial Drive (due to possible 80% DOT funding for safety improvements grants that are currently available) – to ensure connectivity with a developer sidewalk installation \$90,000, plus lights and intersection improvements, one side \$700,000 including ditches, lighting and intersections; and 2) Bus Hwy 151/Water Street Intersection - more vehicle and pedestrian traffic and ADA requirements \$450,000 - \$500,000.*

Other ideas discussed included providing push button activated lighted pedestrian crosswalks and providing more street lighting.

- B. *2016 Budget Themes* – City Manager Karen Kurt presented a handout showing the results of the goal setting exercise at the August 16 Council work session. The results of the exercise culminated into two parts – 2016 Guiding Principles and 2016 Themes and Goals.

The 2016 guiding principles were to grow prosperity within the community (creating jobs \$15 or more), foster good relationships with public and private partners, incentivize private efforts that support long range City goals, promote unique development, places, events and activities, and to use talents of staff through participative decision making.

The 2016 themes and goals were to revitalize (complete library block project, identify developer for Pioneer Ford property, develop program to support conversion of single family homes from rental to owner-occupied, and complete design and bid process to remodel City Hall), educate and enforce (develop education campaign related to code enforcement issues, identify community resources to assist low or fixed income residents with code compliance, reinstitute ongoing code

enforcement, and review parking permit program efficacy), inspire (create branding strategy and key messages, develop new website, and develop new City newsletter), and support (continue IT upgrades, create formal pay plan, and institute consistent new hire process).

It was noted that roads and infrastructure were not included in the above. President Nickels stated that they will be discussed during the CIP budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk