

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A. Recognition of EMS Service – EMS Administrator Brian Allen informed the Council that Southwest Health will officially take over the Platteville EMS at 6 AM on September 27 and will have a new name - Southwest Health EMS. The Council thanked the past EMTs and present EMTs for their exemplary service.
- B. Museum Update – Museum Director Diana Bolander provided an update on the Mining and Rollo Jamison Museums initiatives – change of museum hours, branding project (logo and website), suggested change to membership levels and benefits, Collections management, and strategic planning. Hap Daus of 135 Preston Drive and Barb Stockhausen of 935 Siemers Street spoke in favor of the museums and the train. Tracey Roberts of 135 E Furnace Street registered in favor.
- C. Fourth Street Update – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot provided a detailed update on Fourth Street Reconstruction and expects the project to be completed on time on or before November 6. Crofoot also noted that as part of a Middle School project, round discs were placed in the sidewalk to mark off the distance from 0’ to 1,000’ by the Middle School.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Stockhausen to approve the consent calendar as follows: September 8, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,685,973.60; Request from Tina Marie Lynch (VFW Club Bar & Grill) to extend the licensed premises to include fenced in parking lot at 110 East Mineral Street on October 10-11 from 8 AM – 2 AM for Vets Club Alumni; One-Year Operator License to Carl J Spangler and Brianna M Wagner; Two-Year Operator License to Deanna D Bingham, Amber N Hines, Zachary J Murphy, and Jonathan R Yogerst; and Run Permit to UWP Campus Programming and Relations for the Homecoming Torch Relay on October 10 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Arlene Siss of 130 North Hickory spoke of the importance of history in Platteville and looked forward to a possible collaboration with the University, Museums, and the Stone Cottage next year.

Marilyn Gottschalk of 235 Virgin Avenue notified the Council that a local nonpartisan civic organization, Platteville Move to Amend, will be going door to door during the month of October to circulate a petition to get a referendum question placed on the ballot for the April 5, 2016 election. Their objective is to get a constitutional amendment to overturn the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court.

REPORTS

Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by Plan Commission, Water & Sewer Commission, and Airport Commission.

President Nickels extended condolences to the family and friends of Platteville Firefighter Brian Hubbard who passed away recently.

ACTION

- A. *Shared Ride Taxi Hours and Service Level* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that over the past 5 years there have been two taxi services in the City. Since Platteville Cab Service has gone out of business, ridership and wait times have increased significantly. Crofoot provided ridership numbers and recommended authorizing up to an additional 250 hours with the funding coming initially from the General Fund Balance until the final accounting of taxi revenues. Rich Christensen of 10 S 3rd Street spoke against the increase in taxi hours, believes that the taxi service is not efficiently run, and that the Director of Public Works presented bad data. After Council discussion regarding the shared ride taxi service and the need for more detailed ridership data in the next contract, it was moved by Kilian, second by Stockhausen to increase the shared ride taxi budget by \$5,000 with the funding coming from the general fund balance. Motion carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Denn voting against.
- B. *EMS – Trust Accounts Disposition* – EMS Administrator Brian Allen provided an overview of the recommendations for disposition of EMS trust accounts within the City with the impending transition of the department from a city-based ambulance service to a hospital-based ambulance department. Seeboth-Wilson and Kilian disagreed with the recommendation that the funds in the Ambulance Beining Trust be transferred to Southwest Health in keeping with the benefactor's wishes. They instead proposed that the funds be used to help offset the first payment to Southwest Health for EMS services. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to close the following \$0 balance accounts: 100-23379 AutoPulse Donations, 100-23380 EMS Donations/Supply Fund, 100-23381 EMS Members Fund, 100-23531 Ambulance Gribble Trust, 100-23533 Ambulance Loveland Trust, and 100-23533 Ambulance Hartshorn Trust. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to rename and transfer account 100-23378 EMS Township Pmts for Bldg (\$2,205.73) to the Fire Department. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to rename and transfer account 100-23382 EMS AED Fund (\$1,426.51) to Public Works. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to transfer account 100-23530 Act 102 Funds to Southwest Health (balance >\$6,543.36) in accordance with WI Statutes. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Daus, second by Denn to transfer account 100-23534 Ambulance Beining Trust (\$28,749.37) to Southwest Health Foundation with the stipulation that funds could only be used for ambulance and emergencies in Platteville (in keeping with the benefactor's wishes). Motion carried 5-2 on a roll call vote with Kilian and Seeboth-Wilson voting against. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Municipal Aid Legislation* – City Manager Karen Kurt updated the Council on proposed legislation that would require that the Payment for Municipal Services Program be funded at a level sufficient to fully reimburse all municipal costs of providing services to state facilities (such as UW-Platteville). She noted that Platteville's payment under the program has decreased from 82% of the adjusted gross entitlement in 2000 to 42% in 2015. Kurt, along with Council President Nickels and President Pro-Tem Daus, intends to advocate for this type of legislation with local legislators on behalf of the City.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Stockhausen, second by Daus to adjourn to closed session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of the public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – *Library Block Project*. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The Council started closed session at 8:25 PM and reconvened to open session to adjourn at 9:45 PM. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk