

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Nickels at 5:30 PM in the GAR Room of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

WORK SESSION

UW-Platteville Chancellor and Staff – The Council met with University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chancellor Dennis Shields and Vice-Chancellor-University Relations Rose Smyrski.

The Chancellor updated the Council on the plans for two capital projects funded by the State budget - \$55 million for a new engineering building “Sesquicentennial Hall” and a \$2.7 million renovation of Boebel Hall, their STEM facility. They are hoping to break ground on Williams Fieldhouse this fall, with completion under two years. Noted that enrollment is down 100-120 students from last year and that they plan to expand their recruiting footprint. In response to questions about parking and the aging residence halls, they will offer the same volume/level of parking as they currently have and they plan to put rehabbing residence halls on hold, most likely will only build new in the future.

City Manager Karen Kurt shared that the new Holiday Inn Express is opening October 10 and gave a brief history and update on the redevelopment status of the former Pioneer Ford site and potential relocation of the Gates Hotel building, City budget financial struggles, and Dark Store legislation.

Discussion was held regarding partnering together, and with local banks and Southwest Health, to conduct a housing study (real data driven with options for solutions), concerns with parking on both sides of the street along Southwest Road, complaints received about the loudness and lateness of the Welcome Back Concert, and community outreach activities to include members of the community on campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Westaby to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk