

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 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. Excused: Barbara Daus.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Nall, second by Stockhausen to approve the consent calendar as follows: September 10, 2015 Special and September 22, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,910,004.61; September Financial Report; Appointment of Tom Young and Mary Rosemeyer to the Board of Appeals (3 year term) and Mike Dalecki to the Police & Fire Commission (remainder of term expiring 5/1/17); One-Year Operator License to Casey J Boris, Katherine C Johns, Danielle E Rodenkirch, and Caitlyn S Stickel; Two-Year Operator License to Calieb J Cory, Alexandra J Hock, Becca L Jones, Kari L Kobbervig, John C Lau, Callie R Lemberger, Crystal P Pinkston, Anthony C Schlough, and Isaac C Smith; Walk Permit to Family Advocates for October 20; and Run Permit to Tricor Insurance/Thursday's Child Inc for December 5 as presented. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Kendell Welch of 87 E Main St gave the Council an update on the community gardens that were approved this summer at 160 E Mineral Street and requested to be put on the agenda to use the plots again (and possibly expand the amount of plots) next year.

REPORTS

- A. Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by Freudenreich Animal Care Trust Fund Committee, Commission on Aging, Plan Commission, Parks Forestry & Recreation Committee, Community Safe Routes Committee, Museum Board, Library Board, and Police & Fire Commission.
- B. Other Reports – September Water & Sewer Financial Report, September Airport Financial Report, City Attorney Itemized Statement, and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

Purchase of the Former Pioneer Ford Properties – Motion by Denn, second by Nall to approve the acquisition of 75 S Oak Street, 70 S Water Street, 50 S Water Street, 45 S Oak Street, and 70 S Oak Street from Boldt Properties LLP for a total of \$982,426 and allow Staff to proceed with finalizing the documents necessary for the transaction, with the understanding that the closing date of October 28 and other details of the acquisition may need to be modified. If the closing date is extended beyond December 1 or there are any other substantial changes that would impact this purchase, they would be brought back to the Council for approval. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Professional Service Agreement for Job Classification Study* – City Manager Karen Kurt proposed a contract that would engage Carlson Dettmann Consulting (CDC) to complete a job classification study to help in developing a uniform classification and compensation plan for City employees. The study would cost \$10,000 and be paid for using the funds in the 2015 merit pay account. There is also an option of adding a market analysis as part of the study for an additional \$11,000 in 2016 if the Council is interested. Action at next meeting.

- B. *Renaming the Rountree Branch Trail the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail* – On behalf of the Platteville Community Arboretum (PCA), members Gene Weber and Kris Wright presented a request to rename the Rountree Branch Trail (the stretch of trail to be paved and lit between the Chestnut Street bridge to the trail intersection behind Menards) the “David Canny Rountree Branch Trail” after community member David Canny who was instrumental in developing the Rountree Branch corridor. The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Committee plans to vote on this issue at their October 19 meeting and provide a recommendation to the Council. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Request for Platteville Housing Authority Jurisdiction Change* – Platteville Housing Authority Executive Director Jennifer Weber presented a proposal to expand the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program beyond City limits to encompass the entire 53818 zip code within Grant County. Action at next meeting.
- D. *City Manager’s Proposed 2016 Budget* – City Manager Karen Kurt presented the 2016 City Manager Proposed Budget in the amount of \$16,776,366 (General Fund \$8,206,706) for the City of Platteville. Budget work sessions will be held October 20 and October 26 to review the proposed budget in greater detail.
- E. *Contract 14-15 Snow and Ice Removal* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot presented the results of the bids for the removal of snow and ice on sidewalks in front of properties that do not shovel their walks. Two bids were received with one contractor changing the bid specifications. Crofoot provided three options for the Council to consider moving forward. It was the consensus of the Council to not direct Staff to prepare a new bid with changes proposed by one of the contractors. Action at next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Kilian 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 6-0 on a roll call vote. The Council went into closed session at 8:10 PM and reconvened to open session to adjourn at 8:45 PM. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Denn to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk