

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Eileen Nickels at 7:05 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 Kilian, second by Denn to approve the consent calendar as follows: October 20 and October 26, 2015 Special and October 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,476,053.33; October Financial Report; Appointment of Kevin Wunderlin to the Airport Commission (3 year term); and One-Year Operator License to Briar R Trotter as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

None.

REPORTS

Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by Zoning Board of Appeals, Redevelopment Authority (RDA), and Historic Preservation Commission.

Other Reports – October Financial Reports from the Airport Commission and Water & Sewer Commission, City Attorney Itemized Statement, and Department Progress Reports (Administration, City Manager, City Attorney, Community Planning & Development, Library, Museum, Police, Public Works, Recreation, and Senior Center).

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 15-23 Expanding the Platteville Housing Authority Jurisdiction* – Marilyn Gottschalk of 235 Virgin Avenue registered in favor of the proposed resolution. **Motion** by Kilian, second by Denn to adopt Resolution 15-23 Expanding the Platteville Housing Authority Jurisdiction to encompass the entire 53818 zip code within Grant County. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *2016-2018 Assessing Proposal* – Director of Administration Duane Borgen explained that there were two bids received in response to a request for proposals to do maintenance assessing for the City for the 2016, 2017, and 2018 years. Staff recommended the low bid of Accurate Appraisal. **Motion** by Kilian, second by Stockhausen to approve the low bid of Accurate Appraisal for maintenance assessing services in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2016-2018 calendar years as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *Consideration Regarding Financing in the Amount of \$2,725,000 for Community Development Projects in Tax Increment District No 7 and Adoption of Initial Bond Resolution, Resolution Directing Notice to Electors and Resolution Providing for the Sale of Bonds or Authorization of a State Trust Fund Loan* – Senior Municipal Advisor Philip Cosson from Ehlers Inc presented the Council two options for the financing of the Library Block Project (\$2,000,000) and Pioneer Ford Acquisition and Demolition (\$650,000) – a loan from the State Trust Fund or a competitive general obligation bond sale. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with the GO bond structured option. This option, while costing more over the life of the debt issue, allows the delay of principal payments until the TID 5 revenue sharing is available, eliminating and/or minimizing projected cash flow shortfalls from 2016-2018. **Motion** by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adopt Resolution 15-24 Initial Resolution

Authorizing \$2,725,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Platteville for Projects in Tax Incremental District No. 7, Resolution 15-25 Directing Publication of Notice to Electors, and Resolution 15-26 Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$2,725,000 General Obligation Community Development Bonds as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Resolution – Conditional Use Permit for 780 N Court Street* – Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll explained the request for a conditional use permit to operate an intensive home occupation for a massage therapy business out of the residence. Primary hours of operation would be Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM and Saturday from 12 PM – 5 PM with the applicant being the only employee. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Resolution – Transportation Investment Coalition* – City Manager Karen Kurt explained the proposed resolution to support the League of Wisconsin Municipalities to advocate for a sustainable approach to transportation aids. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Resolution – Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2016* – Proposed 2016 General Fund Revenue and Expense Budget totals \$8,206,706 with a total Revenue and Expense Budget of \$16,772,366 for all funds. The tax levy proposed is \$3,957,447. The assessed tax rate is estimated to be \$7.69 per \$1,000 assessed value, a 0.99% increase from last year. Kilian proposed that the Laura and Ellen Street construction projects be included in the 2016 CIP rather than the 2017 CIP due to the poor condition of Laura St. There was no consensus of the Council to change the CIP. Budget hearing and action at next meeting.
- D. *Former Pioneer Ford Properties – Visioning Process/Timeline* – With regard to the redevelopment of the former Pioneer Ford properties, CP&D Director Carroll provided a memo that outlined a tentative timeline and process for completing a visioning session to obtain public input, which would then be used to complete a Request for Proposal process to select a developer for the project. The RDA discussed and approved this visioning process at their October 26 meeting. A public meeting (Visioning Session) will be held on December 1 at 7 pm at the Mound City Motor Branch, along with an online survey for the public to provide input on visioning questions such as: 1) types of features that would help establish the site as a gateway to downtown; 2) types of uses which should be considered; 3) what don't we want to see on this site; 4) what else should be considered; 5) types of incentives should the City be providing, etc. Jeremy Johnson of 550 Western Avenue suggested that the Council allow the buildings to be used throughout the winter months for youth recreation (i.e. batting cages in basement, karate, laser tag) before they are torn down next year. Action at next meeting.
- E. *City of Platteville Community Sign Second Location* – Communications Specialist Jodie Richard provided an overview of the community welcome sign located on Hwy 80 on the Alliant Energy property and presented information regarding the next sign to be located on Bus Hwy 151 between the exit ramp and Commercial Dr on the Walmart property. Richards requested that the Council approve the sign location lease agreement, sign cost, and installation expense estimates for a total estimated price of \$13,664.29 and to carry over the current budget balance of \$17,370.44 to the 2016 budget to complete the project when weather permits. Discussion was held to possibly use the remaining \$3,700 toward a third sign on Cty Hwy D across from Medical Associates. Action at next meeting.
- F. *Move to Amend Petition for Direct Legislation* – City Clerk Jan Martin was presented with a petition for direct legislation from members of Platteville Move to Amend on October 28, 2015. After determining the petition had sufficient numbers of signatures and was in proper form, Martin certified the petition on November 4 and forwarded it to the Council for action within 30 days. The Council must either pass the proposed resolution without alteration or submit the resolution to the electors at the next spring election – April 5, 2016. On behalf of Platteville Move to Amend, Richard Rundell spoke about the nationwide movement and explained that the group is seeking passage of a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment declaring that 1) only human beings – not corporations, unions, nonprofit organizations, or similar associations – are endowed with constitutional rights; and 2) money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting

political speech under the First Amendment. The group prefers that the Council submit the resolution to the electors at the spring election rather than adopting the resolution outright. Marilyn Gottschalk of 235 Virgin Avenue registered in favor. Action at next meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Denn, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk