

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Nickels at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Coalition for Recreational Trails Award in the Category of Engaging Public-Sector Partners – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot, along with Gene Weber (Moving Platteville Outdoors) and Angie Wright (Project Grant Writer), announced that the City of Platteville received the Coalition for Recreational Trails Tom Petrie Annual Achievement Award for outstanding use of recreational trail program funds in the category of Engaging Public-Sector Partners for the year 2017. Congressman Ron Kind accepted the award on the City's behalf at the awards ceremony in Washington DC.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to approve the consent calendar as follows: September 26 Special & Regular and October 3 Special Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$2,246,308.60; September Financial Report; One-year Operator License to Kaela L Warner; Two-year Operator License to Jenna A Droessler, Rebecca J Nicholson, Tara L Reichling, and Tyler A Wheeler; Taxi Driver License to Bruce C Clark; and Walk Permit to Family Advocates for Domestic Violence Awareness Walk on October 17 as presented. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

None.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Tourism Committee, Plan Commission, Housing Authority Board, Water & Sewer Commission, Museum Board, Parks Forestry & Recreation Committee, and Community Safe Routes Committee.
- B. Other Reports included September City Attorney Itemized Report, September Water & Sewer Financial Report, September Airport Financial Report, and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

- A. *Donation of Property – West of Dog Park on Valley Road* – Community Planning Director Joe Carroll explained the request of Ansgar (Nick) and Beverly Johansen to donate an outlot (.77 acres) located on the north side of 860 E Business Hwy 151 to the City. The outlot is located in a floodplain and is not buildable. It has frontage on Valley Road, connects to the City-owned parcel that contains the dog park, a storm water detention area, the Rountree Branch Trail, and other recreational facilities. Staff and Plan Commission recommend approval. Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to accept the Johansen donation of the outlot located on the north side of 860 E Business Hwy 151. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *City Manager Proposed 2018 Budget* – City Manager Karen Kurt provided a presentation of the City Manager proposed 2018 budget which includes a 2.5% tax levy increase. The proposed budget considers the Council's draft 2018 themes and goals, direction by the Council during the budget and CIP sessions, and meetings with individual department heads. Line item detail will be provided to the Council by the end of week and discussed at the next budget work session on October 17.

- B. *Proposed Alliant Energy Easement in Knollwood Park* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that Alliant Energy is proposing an upgrade to the substation at STH 80/81 and Pleasant Valley Road to supply 3 phase power to the City. They are proposing to use directional bore techniques to place wires underground with minimal disturbance to Knollwood Park. Recommendation is to approve a 10-foot wide easement to Alliant Energy along the easterly boundary of Knollwood Park and STH 80/81 for the offering price of \$7,500, with the \$7,500 to be placed in the Parks Endowment Fund, along with a \$7,500 match from the Beining Trust Fund. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Former Gates Hotel Building – Demolition or Demolish* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll stated that he applied for an extension to the two grant contracts for site cleanup/demolition of the former Pioneer Ford site and, from conversations with the State, is confident that the extensions will be granted. Staff has not yet received a proposal from the developer who has expressed interest in relocating the former Gates Hotel building, but expects it soon. The developer was waiting for cost estimates from the mover. Garry Prohaska of 280 Division St updated the Council on the moving process of the building (\$180,000 to move both structures), historic tax credits, and was excited that the building could be saved. City Manager Karen Kurt added that given the potential moving of the Gates Hotel building, General Capital may be asking for a delay or modification to their Developer Agreement.
- D. *2017 City Goals Quarterly Update* – City Manager Karen Kurt provided a written report quarterly update of the 2017 City Goals to the Council.

WORK SESSION

Lead Service Line Replacement Update – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot updated the Council regarding the status of the lead service line (LSL) replacement in the City of Platteville. The City has received a total of \$510,000 (initial \$310,000, plus additional 2nd round of \$200,000) in grant funding. There has been a tremendous response. As of October 5th, 284 requests for funding have been received totaling \$312,635 (55% of the known homes with LSL), approximately 53% of requests for funding are rental properties, and 111 locations (including 2 daycares) have been completed to date and reimbursed. With additional outreach, Staff believes they can reach at least 85% voluntary compliance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk