

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 22, 2016**

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 Seebth-Wilson, and Barbara Stockhausen.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Daus to approve the consent calendar as follows: March 8 Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,277,916.38; “Class A” Combination Beer & Liquor License to Abian Designs LLC, Platteville (Jackie Baumgart, Agent) for premises at 280 W Main Street (The Local Beer & Spirits); Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License to Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity to sell fermented malt beverages on April 9 at 345 W Pine Street (Clare Bank Parking Lot) from 4 PM – 10 PM for Spring Bash Music Fest Red Cross Fundraiser; Two-Year Operator License to Nicole L Calmes and Thomas J Kirt; Parade Permit to Platteville High School on September 30 for Homecoming; Walk/Run Permits to National MS Society on April 30, Schools 4 Haiti on May 14, and Southwest Health Nightingales on May 6; and 2015 Budgeted Carryovers totaling \$677,563.45 in expense accounts and \$645,816.25 in revenue accounts to 2016 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

None.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by Airport Commission, Library Board, Community Safe Routes Committee, and Parks Forestry & Recreation Committee.

Daus noted that the airport terminal renovation is underway. Seebth-Wilson reminded residents on Ridge Avenue of a meeting on March 29 to talk about putting in bike lanes on that street.

ACTION

- A. *Contract 2-16 Furnace & Richard Street Reconstruction and Rountree Ave Sewer* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that 7 bids were submitted for the Furnace & Richard Street Reconstruction and Rountree Ave Sewer. The low bidder was Owen’s Excavating with a base bid of \$610,212.50 and alternate bid to extend a water main loop from the Furnace Street water tower over to Market Street for an additional \$19,100.00, for a total project cost of \$629,312.50. Crofoot noted that the Water & Sewer Commission already approved the Utility portion of \$299,731.50. Staff recommends approval of the City portion of \$329,581.00. **Motion** by Daus, second by Denn to award the City portion of Contract 2-16 Furnace & Richard Street Reconstruction with Alternate A Market Street water main loop to Owen’s Excavating in the amount of \$329,581.00 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Appeal of Certificate of Appropriateness Denial for 130 Market Street* – Community Planning & Development Director Joe Carroll explained that the owners of 130 Market Street submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness regarding proposed signage for their business. The Historic Preservation Commission approved the proposed signage on the Furnace Street façade (rear), but denied the proposed signage on the Market Street façade (front), not because of the sign design, but because of the proposed placement of the sign. The Commission determined that the sign didn’t fit the building because it would break the horizontal line of the porch roof edge and fascia, rather than fitting within the features of the building, therefore not appropriate. The

Commission had provided several suggestions, but the property owners wanted the sign to be more visible, so it would be better placed up higher rather than between the columns or in the year. Section 27.04 allows the applicant to appeal any denial to the Common Council. Staff agrees with the Commission that the proposed sign location doesn't meet some of the recommendations in the approved sign guidelines, and that other locations on the building or property would be more appropriate, but also believes that the proposed sign location wouldn't result in any permanent negative impacts to the historic features or characters of the building, which is the primary focus of the Historic District and the Commission, so the sign placement isn't critical. Owner Lisa Haas provided pictures of the sign to the Council. Motion by Denn, second by Nall to approve the request of the property owner to place the sign on the front porch. Motion to amend by Daus, second by Nall to clarify "as provided by the photo that the property owner provided". Amendment carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Original motion with amendment carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Contract 3-16 Cedar Street* – Recommendation is to award the contract for Cedar Street reconstruction and upgrade storm sewer from Adams to Cedar on Second Street to the low bidder Owen's Excavating for a total contract amount of \$603,572.00 (\$372,180 for the City portion and \$231,392 to be approved by Water & Sewer Commission for the Utility portion). Action at next meeting.
- B. *Chapter 42 Amendments – Airport Height Limitation and Zoning Ordinance* – Recommendation is to expand Chapter 42 which provides restrictions on the height of buildings and objects within 3 miles of the Platteville Airport, to include additional restrictions recommended by the Wisconsin Dept of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics regarding the uses that are allowed for properties surrounding the airport, in particular the use of land within the runway approaches and other areas near the airport property – protection for the airport operations. A copy of the draft ordinance and map were provided to the property owners adjacent to the airport and also to local officials from the Townships and Grant and Lafayette Counties. The Plan Commission recommended approval at the March 7 meeting. Bill Kloster of 975 Highbury Circle registered in favor of the amendment. Public hearing and action at next meeting.
- C. *Ordinance Revising Section 41.05(12) Adopting Wis. Stat. Section 118.15 Compulsory School Attendance* – Recommendation is to adopt the Wisconsin state statute 118.15 governing compulsory school attendance. A problem has been identified that City ordinances for the enforcement of truancy apply only to the students, not the parents. Section 118.15 is the statute that compels parents to have their children be in attendance. Adoption would allow the use of a municipal citation in instances of school truancy by children aged 11 or younger. Action at next meeting.
- D. *Community Garden Renewal* – Kendall Welch of 87 E Main Street requested to renew the lease of the Mineral Street Community Garden located at 160 E Mineral Street (former Kallembach property) for the 2016 growing season. They would like to expand the garden from 4 to 8 plots to make the garden more assessable to the community. Action at next meeting.
- E. *PAIDC Option to Purchase Industry Park Land* – PAIDC Executive Director Ela Kakde explained that the option to purchase industry park land was encompassed within the existing covenants that were approved at the last Council meeting. The Option Agreement formalizes the agreement with the City and would cover the 39 acre expansion. The option permits PAIDC to utilize an expedited process to sell land for development in the Park. Action at next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Denn to adjourn to closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – City Manager Performance Review. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened to open session to adjourn on a motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk