

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 12, 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, Eileen Nickels, Barbara Stockhausen, and Katherine Westaby. Excused: Tom Nall. Absent: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. *Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Complementary Paratransit Plan* – Council President Nickels called the public hearing to order. Director of Public Works, Howard Crofoot presented an ADA Complementary Paratransit Plan with regard to the fixed route bus service the City currently provides. When adopted, this plan ensures compliance with WisDOT directives. The Plan is a boilerplate from WisDOT that has just local contact information included. No public statements in favor, against, or in general. Motion by Kilian, second by Daus to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Daus, second by Westaby to adopt the ADA Complementary Paratransit Plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Former Pioneer Ford Redevelopment Project* – Council President Nickels called the public hearing to order. Community Planning Director Joe Carroll explained as part of the grant requirements the City is required to hold a public hearing towards the end of the project to provide information on the CDBG program and to allow an opportunity for comments regarding the program performance. The objectives of the CDBG program are to develop viable communities by helping to provide decent housing, provide suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities principally for persons of low- and moderate-income (LMI). CDBG regulations define the eligible activities and the National Objectives that each project must meet. The three National Objectives are to provide benefits to LMI persons, to aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blighted areas, and to provide funding for projects that have a particular urgency due to existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. No public statement for or against. Public statements in general included Garry Prohaska of 280 Division St who stated the community block grant is a good tool but believed in this case the City was over-extending and only benefiting a few instead of the community as a whole. Mr. Prohaska was concerned that the Gates Hotel would be demolished before the developer purchased the land in March. Council discussion included clarification on the definition of slums or blighted areas as the majority of downtown meets the federal definition. Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. No action was needed.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Stockhausen to approve the consent calendar as follows: November 28 Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$412,459.22; November Financial Report; Change of Agent to Parking Space LLC, Platteville (Christopher L Meyer, Agent) for premises at 1621 Progressive Pkwy (Parkway Grill); One-year Operator License to McKenzie B Burdick, Anthony J Keichinger, Jacob M Slater, and Levi L Wetter; Two-year Operator License to Brady L Gallagher, Amanda L Obershaw, Sara L Schmidt, Laini J Taylor, and Heather L Youmara; 2018 Taxi Driver License to William R Beinborn; 2018 Taxi Vehicle License to Platteville Transit for 2007 Dodge Caravan, Plate #223-NSJ, 2011 Dodge Caravan, Municipal Plate #82781, 2014 Dodge Caravan, Municipal Plate #89064, 2017 Dodge Caravan, Municipal Plate #96470; Resolution 17-25 Appointing Poll Workers for the 2018-2019 Election Cycle; Resolution 17-26 Appointment of City Assessor for 2018; and Amended OE Gray Lease for Senior Center. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Lori Erschen-Bahr, owner of Erschen's Florist, presented a donation to the City of a Kindling Kindness Ball-People Inspiring People which was made in Platteville and consisted of Wisconsin greenery, local pine cones, a penny, an inspirational note, an American flag, and the Kindling Kindness logo.

City Manager Karen Kurt recognized retiring City Attorney Brian McGraw and City Clerk Jan Martin's years of service to the City of Platteville.

REPORTS

November Reports – City Attorney Itemized Statement, Water and Sewer Financial Report, Airport Financial Report and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

- A. *Ordinance 17-15 Amending the Official Traffic Map – Downtown Parking* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained the proposal to reconfigure the Mineral St parking lot, and the proposed ordinance which consolidates timed parking categories, converts parking on the west side of Bonson St to 3 hour parking (9 AM to 5:30 PM) and no overnight parking 3 AM to 6 AM, converts parking on the south side of E Mineral St to no overnight parking 3 AM to 6 AM, and converts the block of S Elm St between W Pine St and W Main St to 3 hour parking (9 AM to 5:30 PM) and no overnight parking 3 AM to 6 AM. Kilian questioned if there would be a curb in the interior of the Mineral St parking lot and the answer was there would not be. Downtown business owners Dave Spensley and Nick Pease spoke against leased/assigned parking as well as the configuration of the Mineral St parking lot, and suggested to leave the lot the same as it would not be cost efficient or beneficial for the City to change it. Rich Christensen of 10 S Third St stated a reconfiguration of Mineral St parking lot needed to be separated from action item A, questioned if action item B increases parking, talked about the number of leased spaced available verses how many are being used, and made comments regarding possible parking solutions. It was suggested to remove the reconfiguration of Mineral St parking lot from the action items and table it for another meeting. Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to table the reconfiguration of Mineral St parking lot. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Kilian, second by Daus to adopt Ordinance 17-15 amending the Official Traffic Map as presented to consolidate timed parking categories to “15 Minute” and “3 Hour Parking (9AM to 5:30PM)”. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Ordinance 17-16 Amending the Official Traffic Map – Bayley Avenue* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained the proposed ordinance which restricts parking on Bayley Ave. Kilian commented two homes on Bayley Ave want to have permit parking and he doesn't agree with overnight parking. Motion by Stockhausen, second by Westaby to adopt Ordinance 17-16 amending the Official Traffic Map to designate Bayley Ave from Pine St to Michell Ave as “No Parking 3 AM to 6 AM”. Motion carried 4-2 on a roll call vote with Stockhausen and Kilian voting against.
- C. *Ordinance 17-17 Amending the Official Traffic Map – E Madison St* – Motion by Kilian, second by Daus to adopt Ordinance 17-17 amending the Official Traffic Map to designate parking on the north side of East Madison St from Broadway to Lincoln St as “No Parking This Side of Street”. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. *Ordinance 17-18 Amending the Official Traffic Map – Pioneer Road* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained the Ordinance to make Pioneer Road between Southwest Road and Vinegar Hill Road as no overnight parking (No Parking 3 AM to 6 AM). Scotty Wertel of 605 Pioneer Rd stated overnight parking restrictions would not be enough and wouldn't address the issue. The area is home to an active subdivision and the vehicles that park on the road make it difficult for people who walk or ride bikes as there is not a sidewalk. Mr. Wertel suggested to

amend the ordinance to add permit parking. Daus suggested to have Pioneer Rd between Southwest Road and Vinegar Hill Road reflect the same permitted parking restrictions as Southwest Road between Longhorn and Pioneer Road. Motion by Kilian, second by Daus to adopt Ordinance 17-18 amending Section 39.20(2) to designate Permit Parking on Pioneer Road from Southwest Road to Vinegar Hill Rd. Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Stockhausen voting against.

- E. *Contract 18-17A ADA Paratransit (Taxi)* – The Evaluation Committee and the Platteville Public Transportation Committee recommended award of Contract 18-17A to Running Inc. for the initial cost of \$29.76 per service hour in 2018 and an increase in service hours from the current base amount of 12,750 to as many as 14,000 at the same hourly rate, if budget will allow. The City would be locked in to a 2-year contract (2018 and 2019) with three option years (2020-2022) to extend the contract. Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to approve Contract 18-17A ADA Paratransit (Taxi) 2018-2019 as presented. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. *Contract 18-17B Fixed Route (Bus)* – The Evaluation Committee and the Platteville Public Transportation Committee recommended award of Contract 18-17B to Russ Stratton Buses for the initial cost of \$37.93 per service hour in 2018 and an increase in service hours from the current base amount of 7,093 to as many as 9,000 at the same hourly rate, if budget will allow. The City would be locked in to a 2-year contract (2018 and 2019) with three option years (2020-2022) to extend the contract. Rich Christensen of 10 S Third St stated too much busing service is being offered with not enough demand and used by more University students than by Platteville residents. Howard Crofoot responded that University students living in the community are counted as Platteville residents and if not for a partnership with the University, City taxpayers would have to pay \$70,000 rather than \$40,000. Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to approve Contact 18-17B Fixed Route (Bus) for 2018-2019 as presented. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- G. *Award Alternate Bid 1 – Building Demolition for Former Pioneer Ford Redevelopment Project* – Motion by Westaby, second by Daus to approve Alternate Bid 1 to Rural Excavating in the amount of \$22,500 as presented. Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Resolution Amending the Schedule of Fees* – Proposed to approve the City of Platteville Annual Fee Schedule. Action at next meeting.
- B. *Amending and Extending the Real Estate Note with Rountree Hall Associates LP* – Proposed approval of the Second Amended and Restated Real Estate Note with Rountree Hall Associates LP. The City of Platteville will receive \$200,000 upon the execution of the note, and the note will be extended by 10 years. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Conditional Use Permit for a Daycare at 285 Richard Street* – Proposed approval of the Conditional Use Permit to allow the proposed daycare. Jackson Pellett of 275 N Water St expressed concern for the location of the building stating it creates liability with not enough adequate parking, no sidewalks, no streetlights, and a traffic study should be done. The Plan Commission will consider this request at their January meeting. Action at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Koch, City Clerk