

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 9, 2016**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Nall, Eileen Nickels, Barbara Daus, Amy Seebboth-Wilson, Ken Kilian, and Don Francis.
Excused: Katherine Burk.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A. Villas at Pool Park Apartment Building Project Update – Brian Fritz. Brian Fritz, 600 Pyrite Rd and Developer/Owner of the Villas at the Pool Park Apartment Building project gave an updated time line on this project. The project should be ready for tenants within the next 60 days if not sooner. All units will have granite counter tops and that is what is holding the project up. There are 34 units in all and they will consist of a mix of 1 to 4 bedroom units. They will allow for mixed income with a range from low income to market rate units. They started taking applications 2-3 weeks ago, and the applications have come from all over, but most of the applications have come from the Platteville area. They will consider all the applications, and all prospective tenants will undergo a complete record check for the safety of all tenants. No leases have been written yet. The leases will start at one year in length and then go month by month thereafter. There will be a one-month security deposit. They will also hold more than one Open House and there will be a ribbon cutting event.
- B. UW-Platteville Welcome Weekend – David Nevins. David Nevins, Director of Campus Activities explained this event will take place Saturday, September 3, 2016, on Campus. The University is expecting approximately 1,600 new freshman students. Move in for the students will be between approximately 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Mr. Nevins suggests citizens avoid this area during this time as traffic will be heavy. The University is planning a scavenger hunt, ball drop of 1,700 lighted super balls, Lip Sync contest, the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile will be present, and there will be music by Mike Posner and Grace. The festival will be loud, but should be all over and done by 10:30pm. A complete schedule of activities is available on the UW web site.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Daus, second by Seebboth-Wilson to approve the consent calendar as follows: Council Minutes for the 07/26/16 Special and Regular meeting; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$776,343.04; July, 2016 Financial Report; Appointments to Boards & Commissions of which there were none at this time; One-year Operator License to Thalia P Leair, Corrine E Stower, and Addison K Williams; Two-Year Operator License to Ian B Duff, Benjamin M Pollock, Carrie A Simmons, Adam J Teal, Christopher L Tipton, Tyler J Tollefson, and Sylvia L Ware; One-Year Taxi Driver License to Dennis Lee Jones; Temporary Class “B” License to Sell Fermented Malt Beverages to the Platteville Jaycees at Legion Field for Dairy Days from 3 PM on September 9, 2016 to Midnight on September 11, 2016; Parade Permit for Homecoming Parade on October 15, 2016 and for the Platteville Dairy Days Committee on September 10, 2016; and Petition for Grant County Highway Construction aids to help defray the street construction costs. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS

Kyle McWilliams, 440 W Pine Street, spoke on a future event the University would like to hold called Car Owners against Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault show. This event would be held on May 16, 2017. It would involve approximately 250 to 500 car enthusiasts, local vendors, concession stand, close section of Hickory St, admission of \$10 to \$20 for participants, no charge for spectators, and proceeds would benefit Blue Safety Lights on campus and Family Advocates. He is still in negotiations with the University and other interested parties for this event.

Rich Christensen, 10 S 3rd St, commented on the City newsletter. He felt the article on the new transit system was misleading as far as the cost of the vehicles themselves; no information available on the number of riders; if the system is expanded, how much more is it going to cost the taxpayers; and his observation is that many times the shuttle buses are empty. His questions to the Common Council concerning the shuttle service have remained unanswered.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes (Council Representative)
 - 1. Plan Commission (Nickels, Nall) 06/06/16 & 07/11/16. Temporary Sign Ordinance information was discussed.
- B. Other Reports – Other reports were submitted by the City Attorney for July, Water and Sewer Financial Report for July, Airport Financial Report for July, and the Department Progress Reports. Alderperson Kilian would also like the minutes of the Downtown Task Force in their packet.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution 16-16 Application for Exemption from the Levy of any County Library Tax (07/26/16). Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to adopt Resolution 16-16 Application for Exemption from the Levy of any County Library Tax preventing the City of Platteville from double taxation for library services. Motion carried on 6-0 on roll call vote.
- B. Use of Park Impact Fees for Lighting the Keystone Connection Trail (07/26/16). Director of Public Works, Howard Crofoot, explained the MPO trail is nearing completion. The MPO Steering Committee has identified that lighting is necessary from the gazebo along the old rail bed up to Keystone Parkway behind Wal-Mart/Menards. The MPO Steering Committee is requesting the common Council approve the use of a portion of the Park Impact Fees for this project. The cost to light this trail would be approximately \$19,000 according to an estimate by Schmidt Electric. Funding would come from the balance of its remaining contingency and approximately \$11,650 from the Park Impact Fees. This would decrease the Park Impact Funds available for eligible Park Impact Fee projects. Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to approve the MPO Steering Committee request of up to \$11,650 of the Park Impact Fees to light the trail from the gazebo to Keystone using the contingency fund. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.
- C. Ordinance 16-13 Amending the Official Traffic Map – Ridge Avenue Bicycle Lanes (07/26/16). Public Works Director Crofoot explained this project is to eliminate parking on the north side of Ridge Avenue from Fourth St to Lancaster St for the purpose of installing bicycle lanes on both sides of Ridge Ave. A meeting was held with the local citizens in that area and was generally well accepted. Concern was on the amount of trucks and farm equipment that utilize Ridge Ave to go from State Hwy 80 to St Hwy 81 as a short cut. The bike lane would be approximately 4' wide from the edge of the curb to the street. Suggestions were made to continue this bike path to Sylvia St so it would end at the public pool. Robin Fatzinger registered in favor of this project. Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to approve Ordinance 16-13 Amending the Official Traffic Map from Fourth St to Lancaster and eliminating parking on the North side of Ridge Ave. to install a bike lane. Alderperson Seeboth-Wilson commented she would like the Community Safe Routes to consider eventually installing a bike lane from Fourth Street to Sylvia Street and then on to Pitt Street. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Signage. Community and Planning Director Joe Carroll explained that the proposed changes to the zoning regulations are primarily regarding temporary signage. In response to increased enforcement of the current regulations, it became apparent that

the community has issues with the way the ordinance is currently written. The regulations are too restrictive and difficult to understand. Staff has modified the ordinance to include additional definitions and also placed the regulations regarding temporary signs in a separate section. This section is organized by separating the residential signs from the non-residential signs and includes permit exempt signs and signs that require a permit. Due to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that limits the ability of sign ordinances to regulate the content of the signs, the regulations for all temporary signs will be modified appropriately. Cost of the sign permit fees in the fee schedule will also be adjusted. The Plan Commission approved the code amendments and sign permit fee changes.

- B. Resolution Approving the Platteville Main Street Inc. Wireless Project. Jack Luedtke, Executive Director of the Main Street Program explained this will allow for a downtown wireless network from the Mining Museum to the new Hotel and Library. A grant in the amount of \$4,000 was received from the Southwest Community Foundation. \$6,000 was received from United Development Solutions, the developer of the Library Block, and \$1,000 of the Main Street monies will be used to begin this project. The Main Street Program is asking the Common Council to approve the proposed Resolution and Agreement drawn up by City Attorney Brian McGraw allowing the use of City facilities for this wireless project. This will allow free outdoor wireless service in the downtown area. Other locations would be desirable as funding becomes available.
- C. Lead Water Service Line Update. Public Works Director Crofoot explained this concerns structures built prior to the 50's that utilized lead based piping and plumbing. In Wisconsin, the law states the water utility owns the water service line in the public right-of-way to the curb shut off valve. The customer owns the water service line on private property from the water shut-off valve to the house. The City has been replacing lead based piping with each water main project. The City informs the home owner/customer if their portion of the piping is lead based in case they want to replace their portion. Most of the time, this is not done. The City qualifies for a "Principal Forgiveness" loan (grant) based on need. This funding must be spent with 2 years. Priority needs would be licensed Day Care facilities and residential properties. The City would pre-qualify a local plumber to assist with this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Lowery
Deputy City Clerk