

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 10, 2018

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Eileen Nickels at 5:30 PM in the Community Room of the Platteville Police Department.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Nall, Don Francis, Ken Kilian, Council President Eileen Nickels, Barbara Stockhausen, and Barbara Daus
Absent: None

WORK SESSION

- A. *Tree Replacement Program* – Park and Recreation Director Luke Peters presented the Tree Replacement Program. The program is designed to replace trees that were destroyed in the area around Harrison Park and Valley View Park during the tornado. The residents in those areas would be given the opportunity to select trees from a pre-approved list and only pay for the cost of the tree. The City would then pay for the cost to plant the tree. Southwest Landscaping and 4 Seasons have agreed to plant the trees for a quoted price of \$20-\$30 a tree. There would be a maximum of two trees per property that the City would pay to be planted and planted before June 2018. The Council is interested in moving forward with the Tree Replacement Program.
- B. *Rental Licensing Program* – Community Development and Planning Director Joe Carroll presented recent new State Legislation. On March 20th, the State Senate approved Assembly Bill 771, which will have some significant impacts on the City’s rental inspection and licensing program. The Bill is anticipated to be signed by the Governor and become effective in mid-April. The bill authorizes a city to establish a rental property inspection program in designated districts in which there is evidence of blight, high rates of building code complaints or violations, deteriorating property values or increases in single-family home conversions to rental units. No inspection of a unit may be conducted under the program if the occupant of that unit does not consent to allow access, unless the inspection is under a special inspection warrant. The Council would like to consider the option of discontinuing the licensing portion of the program and the scheduled inspections. The City could still maintain most for the rental code requirements, but only conduct inspections of the units on a complaint basis.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stockhausen, second by Nall to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Koch, City Clerk