

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 11, 2018

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, Ken Kilian, Eileen Nickels, Don Francis, Cena Sharp, Robin Cline, and Barbara Stockhausen. Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 18-19 Conditional Use Permit – 1425 E Business Highway 151 – The applicant, Adam Sonnleitner, is interested in purchasing the former K-Mart property at 1425 E. Business Highway 151 for use as a U-Haul moving and storage facility. Applicant presented photos showing the layout of the exterior of the property and the appearance of the store. Public statements in favor, none. Public statements against included statements from: Brad Davis, manager of Ashley’s Furniture; Troy Eichmann, owner of Ashely’s Furniture; Duane DeYoung of 1018 Woodland Rd, owner of Taco Johns; and Myron Tranel of 331 College Farm Rd. Public statements in general included a statement from Darrel Browning of 785 S Chestnut St., owner of a U-Haul rental location. Staff recommends approval of the request to allow the self-storage/warehouse uses on the property, with a condition that the construction of additional storage building, and/or the exterior storage of boats/RV’s/campers and similar vehicles or items would require a future review and approval. Motion by Kilian, second by Stockhausen to table the approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow self-storage/warehouse uses inside the existing building on the property at 1425 E. Business Highway 151, with a condition that the construction of additional storage buildings, and/or the exterior storage of boast/RV’s/campers and similar vehicles or items would require a future review and approval. Motion carries 5-2 on a roll call vote with Daus and Nickels voting against.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Daus, second by Stockhausen to approve the consent calendar as follows: August 21 Special and August 28 Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$858,937.71; Financial Report for August; Appointment to Boards and Commissions, None; Extend Licensed Premises of Nick’s on Saturday, September 15 from 10 AM to 12 AM; One Year Operator License, Robert A Bailey, Charlene R Marweg, and Kristen S Schumacher; Two Year Operator License, Brandon P Baker, Madeline M Egger, Jenna K Faber, Allison A Faehling, Roger E Morse, Kailin M Panka, and Brandon R Shenanski; Banner Permit for Relay for Life on March 17, 2019 – March 30, 2019; Street Closing – S Hickory Street between Greenwood Ave. and Pine St. for St. Augustine University parish Newman Olympics on Saturday, September 22 form 12 PM – 8 PM. Resolution 18-20 Proclaiming October 2018 as United Nations Month; Halloween Trick or Treating Hours, Wednesday, October 31 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any. None

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Housing Authority Board, Police & Fire Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Community Safe Routes Committee, Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee, and Museum Board
- B. Other Reports – Water and Sewer Financial Report for August, Airport Financial Report for August, and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

- A. *City Hall Boiler Replacement* – Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to approve the replacement of the City Hall boiler. Motion carries 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Planned Unit Development for 545 W Adams Street* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll presented a Planned Unit Development to construct a three-unit residential building on the property of 545 W. Adams Street. Each unit would be 1,261 sq. ft. in area, with one floor and no basement. The units will each include two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a covered patio, front porch, and an attached two-car garage. The units will be accessed via a shared driveway that will connect to Adams Street. The applicant is willing to allow the property to have the R-LO Limited Occupancy Residential Overlay District designation placed on the property, which would allow a maximum of two unrelated individuals to live in each unit. Staff recommends approval of the request.
- B. *Establishment of Consistent Outdoor Warning Siren Activation Guidelines and Elimination of the Noon Siren* – Fire Chief Ryan Simmons presented discontinuing the use of the outdoor warning siren as a “noon whistle.” The “noon whistle” is the exact same tone as the storm warning siren and activates for a sufficient time to potentially cause confusion. It is the recommendation of Fire Chief Ryan Simmons and Police Chief Doug McKinley to discontinue the use of the Outdoor Warning sirens as a “noon whistle.”
- C. *Sunshine Fund Policy* – City Manager Karen Kurt presented the updated policy and purpose of the Sunshine Fund to provide support to City employees, Fire Department volunteer personnel, and alderpersons during various life events. It is used to celebrate special occasions such as retirement and births or to offer comfort during difficult times such as illness and death. It is also used to fund team building events throughout the year. The updated policy creates a more concise and uniform set of guidelines, which better reflect current practice. Staff recommends that the updated Sunshine Fund policy replace the previous policy.
- D. *Contract 12-18 Hillside Cemetery Paving* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot presented to award the contract for repaving the streets north and south of the main entry road to Iverson Construction for the bid price of \$39,677.20 and to delay the paving of the main entry road. Staff recommends approving the base bid only and transferring the additional funds from the Hillside Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund to compete the project. The action would create Budget Amendment 10.
- E. *DNR Forestry Grant* – City Forester Luke Peters presented a resolution allowing staff to apply for the 2019 DNR Urban Forestry Grant to assist with ash tree removal and replacements in the public sector due to the invasive threat of the Emerald Ash Borer, which has been confirmed in Platteville. The staff would recommend Council to approve a resolution allowing staff to apply for this grant.

WORK SESSION

Financial Overview – Administration Director Nicola Mauer gave a presentation on the financial overview as background for the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Sharp to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Koch, City Clerk