

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 10, 2019

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Eileen Nickels, Ken Kilian, Isaac Shanley, Barbara Daus, Robin Cline, and Barbara Stockhausen.
Excused: None.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Cline to approve the consent calendar as follows: August 27th Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,003,014.35; Appointment to Boards and Commissions; Brian Laufenberg to Water and Sewer, Jenny Ginter-Lyght to Parks, Recreation, and Forestry; One Year Operator License, Amber L Hartman, Sadie S Pethel, and Elaina R Sirois; Two Year Operator License, Sarah A Dombrowski, Klifford W Durham, Jennifer L Jacobson, Samuel C Martens, Ashley E Miles, Austin L Miura, and Isabella C Vaassen; Permit for Parade – Platteville High School Homecoming on Friday, September 27 starting at 2:00 pm, Street Closing – Hickory Street between Pine and Greenwood Streets for the Newman Olympics by St. Augustine Parish on Friday, September 20 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Main Street between Chestnut and Oak Streets for Sweet Treats by Platteville Main Street Program on Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; Resolution 19-14 Proclaiming October 2019 as United Nations Month; Halloween Trick or Treating Hours – Thursday, October 31 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND PETITIONS, if any.

Council President Daus congratulated Platteville on a successful Dairy Days.

Student Council President Benjamin Behlke of 800 S. Chestnut Street thanked the City for the lights at the busier street crossings. Mr. Behlke also talked about the Green Bandana Project, he stated this was to bring awareness to students for resources about mental health and sexual assault.

Debra Browning of 375 S. Chestnut Street spoke on behalf of the Commission on Aging announcing that there will be a brat sale at Heiser's on September 21 at 10:00 am.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Water and Sewer Commission, Commission on Aging, Police and Fire Commission, and Museum Board.
- B. Other Reports – Water and Sewer Financial Report, Airport Financial Report, and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

- A. *Nomination/Appointment of Council Alderperson* – Council President Daus thanked all applicants for their interest in the Alderperson position. Nominations for candidates were given by Isaac Shanley, no second for Mike Denn; Ken Kilian, second by Barb Stockhausen for Shanshan Thompson; Barb Stockhausen, no second for Staci Strobl; and Eileen Nickels, second by Robin Cline for Jason Artz. The nominations produced two candidates; Shanshan Thompson and Jason Artz. The Council voted via paper ballot. The votes read as Kilian, Daus, and Stockhausen voted for Shanshan Thompson, and Nickels, Shanley, and Cline voting for Jason Artz. This produced a tie. There was a second round of paper ballot voting. The second round votes read as Kilian and Stockhausen voting for Shanshan Thompson, and Nickels, Shanley, Daus, and Cline voting for Jason Artz. Jason Artz received the most votes and was named as the successful candidate for the Alderperson position.

- B. *One-way Bonson Street Update* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot presented an update on the status of conversion of Bonson Street between Furnace and Market to a one-way street. Staff has received a quote from Lawinger Bros. Construction to do the hardscape work (asphalt and concrete) for slightly over \$7,000. Staff estimates that adding signage, painting, a small ornamental tree, some plants and decorative rock can be accomplished for a total project cost of less than \$10,000. Motion by Shanley, second by Nickels to approve the staff recommendation to execute the conversion of Bonson Street to a one-way southbound street in accordance with the enclosed conversion diagram with funding to come from the CIP funds – Contract Street Repairs not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Daus voting against.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Ordinance Designating Mid-Block Crossing on Chestnut Street* – Planner/Community Development Specialist Katherine Westaby explained that students at Rountree Commons are crossing Chestnut Street from the parking lot across the street to Rountree Commons. The Safe Routes Committee recommends adding a marked crosswalk that connects with the current ramp on the Rountree Commons property and adding pedestrian crossing signage. In addition to a marked crosswalk, it is required to install Pedestrian Crossing Signs. The city will install standard Pedestrian Crossing signs. The pavement marking and sign cost is \$500. Staff recommends placing the mid-block crossing to align with the curb ramp on the Rountree Commons property. Dan Dreessens of Delta 3 spoke in favor.
- B. *Creating Additional Assigned Parking Locations within the City of Platteville* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained in June 2019 the parking stalls available to rent went from 37 to 45. As of September 3, 2019, all 45 stalls were rented and there are nine people on a waiting list. Lot 5 – Pine Street contains a number of 3-hour parking stalls that are often not used. Staff is proposing to change 8 stalls in Lot 5 to assigned parking stalls which will increase the number of stalls from 45 to 53 and decrease the number of 3-hour parking stalls in Lot 5 from 28 to 20. Crofoot presented several other options for Council consideration to increase the number of stalls to 53 by converting spaces in other lots. There would be a minimal implementation cost for signage. If rented for the full year, the 8 additional stalls would generate \$2880 in revenue. The revenue raised from the assigned parking program is held in a special account for future parking lot repairs and/or improvements.
- C. *Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement – 2020* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that the City currently has a solid waste and recycling contract with Faherty, Inc. This contract expires December 31, 2019. In years past, the contract was established with the understanding that Faherty, Inc. would keep recycling costs low by selling the recycling items as partial compensation for the cost of service. In 2017 Faherty, Inc. was able to sell recycling at an average of \$6.00 per ton. Recently, the disposal of recycling products has changed to cost Faherty, Inc. \$33.00 per ton. This has now given Faherty, Inc. an expense of \$24,750 verses a revenue of \$4,500 causing a loss of \$29,250 annually. Faherty, Inc. is proposing, due to time constraints, to continue the contract for another year increasing the fees to \$4.63 per month for recycling. The solid waste cost would remain the same at \$6.36 per month. The total cost per household would be \$10.99 per month for the 2020 year. Ed Faherty, Faherty, Inc. Vice President, spoke in favor.
- D. *Delta 3 Contract Renewal – 2020* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that the City currently has a contract for Engineering Services with Delta 3 Engineering. They are used primarily for street reconstruction and infrastructure contracts, but also for other minor engineering support for the staff. Staff is recommending approving a one-year contract extension with Delta 3 Engineering through December 31, 2020 with the understanding that Staff will conduct a formal

RFP process in spring 2020 for engineering services for 2021. This recommendation will allow Delta 3 to do the surveying needed to have early spring bidding for the 2020 projects which generally yields more bidders and better prices.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nickels, second by Stockhausen to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk