

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 25, 2020

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Ken Kilian, Isaac Shanley, Jason Artz, and Barbara Stockhausen (departed at 8:55pm).

Excused: Robin Cline, and Eileen Nickels

PRESENTATION

Annual Tourism Report – Kathy Kopp introduced the new Chamber Executive Director, Wayne Wodarz. Kopp then continued with the presentation of the Chamber’s 2019 Annual Tourism Report.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Shanley, second by Kilian to approve the consent calendar as follows: February 11 Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$5,396,504.92; Appointment to Boards and Commissions, none; Temporary Class “B” to sell Fermented Malt Beverages for Platteville Main Street Program for the Ribbon Cutting/Business Mingle on Wednesday, February 26, Rountree Gallery for the Tattoo Show on Friday, February 28, St. Mary’s Catholic Church for the Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 6; One Year Operator License, Jennifer Frank; Two Year Operator License, Paige McMahon, Emma Richards; Street Closing, 5th Annual Southwest Music Festival by Platteville Chamber, on Saturday, July 18 starting at 7:00 AM. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Ben Behlke, 800 S Chestnut St, gave updates from UW-P.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Water and Sewer Financial Report, Community Safe Routes Committee

ACTION

Resolution 20-03 Providing for the Sale of \$1,270,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A. Dawn Gunderson with Ehlers gave a presentation on the proposed Refunding Bonds. Motion by Kilian, second by Artz to approve Resolution 20-03 providing for the Sale of \$1,270,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Resolution for Deregulation of the Platteville Sanitary Sewer Utility from the Public Service Commission (PSC)* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained the City of Platteville is one of three municipalities in the state of Wisconsin to be regulated by the PSC. Crofoot explained the purpose for deregulating. Administration Director Nicola Maurer also explained the City’s Long Range Financial Plan suggests deregulating as well. If deregulated, the City can approve the recommended rates & fees recommended by the Water & Sewer Commission.
- B. *Amendments to Chapter 6 – Animals* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll stated he has no additional information at this time. Ben Behlke of 800 S Chestnut St spoke about a student analysis conducted resulting in pets within the area. Dan Winch of 345 Bayley Ave spoke in general about the private kennel license, and the Plan Commission’s proposed amendments to Chapter 6. Carroll is awaiting additional information from the City’s attorney, and will bring this to the next council meeting for more discussion.

- C. *Award of Contract 10-20, Lot 4 Oak Street Parking Lot Reconstruction* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot presented the project will reconstruct the Oak Street parking lot at the corner of Oak and Main streets. The parking lot will have an asphalt with gravel base and concrete at the entrances and the dumpster site. Staff recommends award bid to Rural Excavating.
- D. *Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy* – City Manager Adam Ruechel, Public Works Director Howard Crofoot, and Police Chief Douglas McKinley had an open discussion regarding the City’s sidewalk snow removal policy and the actions & procedures taken for violations. Ben Behlke of 800 S Chestnut St spoke for informational purpose on the sidewalks near the University. Curt Timlin of 6935 Moundview Rd spoke for informational purpose on improvement ideas.
- E. *Request for Proposal – Fire Department Comprehensive Analysis* – City Manager Adam Ruechel presented an explanation of the Fire Department Comprehensive & Conceptual Plan. Ruechel provided council members with a draft RFP as a starting template for items to be considered by consultants when conducting the analysis. William Kloster of 975 Highbury Circle registered in favor of the Fire Department Comprehensive Analysis.
- F. *Resolution to Terminate Tax Incremental Financing District #4* – Administration Director Nicola Maurer explained the resolution to terminate TIF District #4. The project costs were fully recovered in 2019, however there was an extension approved to keep the district open for an additional year. Currently, there are bills being considered to extend the life of a TID further. Legislation will not pass or deny these bills until April 16, the City needs to terminate the TID by April 15.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Artz, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk