

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 26, 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. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was conducted by digital means via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Ken Kilian, Isaac Shanley, Jason Artz, Robin Cline, Eileen Nickels, and Kathy Kopp. Excused: None

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Kopp to approve the consent calendar as follows: Special Council Minutes for 5/5/20 and Regular Council Minutes for 5/12/20 ; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$334,996.51; Appointment to Boards and Commissions, None; Two-Year Operator License, Esmeralda M Cortez, Jennifer L Kerske, and Melissa D Miles; Ratification of City of Platteville State of Emergency Enacted May 18, 2020. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

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

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Freudenreich Animal Care Trust Fund Committee, Public Transportation Committee, Water & Sewer Commission, Airport Commission, Community Safe Routes Committee, and Library Board.

ACTION

- A. *Contract 7-20 Street Maintenance* – Motion by Shanley, second by Kilian to award Contract 7-20, Street Maintenance to Iverson Construction for the proposed streets for thin overlay and mill and overlay in the amount of \$138,624.07. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Pioneering Past COVID-19: A Guide to Recovery/City Hall Re-Opening Plans* – Motion by Nickels, second by Kilian to approve the dissemination of the recovery guide and municipal building re-opening plans. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Fire Department Comprehensive Analysis RFP* – City Manager Adam Ruechel presented that in working with Platteville Fire Chief Ryan Simmons, the City of Platteville created a Fire Department Comprehensive Analysis RFP which was authorized by the Common Council to disseminate to consultants. The RFP drafted has the consultant reviewing 8 key scope of service items: future service delivery, operational alternatives, right size, operating costs, location, fire station conversion, garage space, and shared facility. The City received a total of six submissions from the following firms: McGrath Consulting Group; Wonder Lake, IL; Public Administration Associates/Five Bugles Design, Wisconsin; Public Consulting Group, Boston, MA; Berry Dunn, Portland, ME; Management Partners, Cincinnati, OH; and FEH Design, Dubuque, IA. City Staff is considering creating a Fire Department Comprehensive Analysis RFP Subcommittee to review all six submissions.
- B. *Transit Mural on Hickory Street by Ullsvik Hall* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that the University of Wisconsin – Platteville art class has developed a mural depicting a transit theme to be painted in the crosswalk on Hickory Street at Ullsvik Hall. The art class has worked with the Platteville Transportation Committee and the Committee has selected a mural that highlights the many modes of transportation in Platteville.

- C. *Sidewalks on Business Hwy 151* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained there is a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funded project to improve safety on Business Highway 151 from Staley Avenue to Insight Drive. This is a 90/10 funded project where the Federal contribution is capped at 90% of the \$1.8 million overall project. The 10% is funded locally and anything above the \$1.8 million is to be funded locally. The project currently includes highway improvements to make this section of Business 151 into a three-lane road with a center left turn lane except at major intersections. It improves pedestrian accommodations with a crosswalk at Staley Avenue. It improves bicycle accommodations from Staley to Water with a wide shoulder lane. It improves the Water Street intersection with pedestrian signals, handicapped accessibility, and connections to the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail.
- D. 1. It includes installation of new sidewalk on the north side of Business 151 from Water to Ellen in front of Walgreen’s. It improves the intersection at Eastside Road with pedestrian signals. Community members who spoke in favor include David Ralph, Amy Seeboth-Wilson, Wayne Wodarz, Kristina Fields, Maureen Vorwald, Gary Lindahl, Tim Bolt, and Tim Ingram.
- E. *Municipal Pool/Recreational Programming* – Parks and Recreation Director Luke Peters explained that based on discussions with the Council, staff have been working on tentative plans to resume in-person recreation programming after July 1st. Staff will also be following CDC guidelines as well as DHS recommendations as much as possible. Staff would recommend keeping costs to a minimum, while tentatively preparing for a July opening of the Platteville Family Aquatic Center and Recreation Programming. Staff would also recommend not closing playgrounds, sports facilities, and first-come, first-serve shelters. Guidelines from the Grant County Health Department will be posted at each site. Community members Jeremy Johnson and Maureen Vorwald spoke in favor.

WORK SESSION – Revenue Impacts on Departments – City Manager Adam Ruechel gave a presentation on the revenue impacts to departments as a result of COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nickels, second by Artz to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk