

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**July 14, 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 Nickels to approve the consent calendar as follows: Regular Council Minutes for 6/23/20; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$999,053.14; Financial Report – June; Appointment to Boards and Commissions, None.; “Class A” Combination Beer and Liquor for Driftless Market & Deli LLC, (Chad Cline, Agent) for premises at 95 W Main Street; Appointment of Agent, Jeanine Demmer for Aldi Inc Wisconsin, for premises at 1530 E Business Hwy 151; One-Year Operator License, Andrew K Devroy, Lisa M Hinderman, Joseph P Peelman, and Christina M Potempa; Two-Year Operator License, Jess E Bishop, Louise M Borman, Courtney M Bowen, Mary Jo Craugh, Sarah E Droessler, Andrew W Gagnon, Benjamin J Kammes, Montana A Kastner, Daniel J Keil, Keely A Liska, Jennifer Lyne, Lynnette M McGraw, Jane Middendorf, Mikayla A Ney, Rachel L Smith, Nancy L Timmerman, Carla E Vickerman, Ryan T Virnoche, and Brandon C Weigel. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.**

Museum Director Erik Flesch spoke about the happenings at the Museum and the opportunity for virtual access to various topics.

James Wages of 250 Hermann St spoke about the Housing Program that is located within the City Hall Building. He stated that there are community members who are not happy with how it is being run and he wanted the Common Council to be aware of the issue.

**REPORTS**

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Police and Fire Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Water and Sewer Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission.
- B. Other Reports – Water and Sewer Financial Report – June, Airport Financial Report – June, and Department Progress Reports.

**ACTION**

- A. *Initial Resolution 20-14 Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,190,000 for Street Improvement Projects* – Dawn Gunderson-Schiel of Ehler’s gave a presentation for the bonds. These three resolutions were adopted by Council action on June 9, however the Notice to Electors was not published within the required 15-day period. As a result, and in order for the City to be able to issue the street improvement bonds, the Council would need to adopt the resolutions again. Motion by Shanley, second by Kilian to approve Initial Resolution 20-14 Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,190,000 for Street Improvement Projects. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- A. *Resolution 20-15 Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues* – Motion by Kilian, second by Shanley to approve Resolution 20-15 Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Resolution 20-16 Providing for the Sale of \$1,190,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2020B* – Motion by Shanley, second by Kopp to approve Resolution 20-16 Providing for the Sale of \$1,190,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2020B. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
  
- C. *Resolution 20-18 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,285,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A* – It should be noted that the amount was changed from \$1,285,000 to \$1,265,000. Motion by Nickels, second by Kilian to approve Resolution 20-18 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,265,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
  
- D. *2021 Proposed Budget Timeline* – Motion by Kopp, second by Cline to approve 2021 Proposed Budget Timeline. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
  
- E. *COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Restaurant Permit Application* – Mike Osterholz of 235 N Bonson St. Platteville spoke in favor. Motion by Nickels, second by Shanley that the City of Platteville in response to COVID-19 and with the guidance of the Temporary Outdoor Seating Review Committee, allow temporary outdoor seating for restaurants only from now until October 31, 2020. Restaurants are able to set up and carry out temporary outdoor seating Monday – Friday 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM and Saturday – Sunday 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM. Restaurants must provide an enclosed area that is both safe for customers as well as professional in appearance. Those interested in this opportunity for temporary outdoor seating can apply by filling out an application at City Hall. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Bar Permit Application* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained that City Staff have been approached by bar owners on Main Street about the potential to temporarily close either sidewalks, parking stalls or streets for outdoor seating use to assist with COVID-19 social distancing requirements. Other municipalities have created a similar process to allow for temporary outdoor seating. City Staff is looking for feedback from the Common Council if they have any concerns with implementing such a permit process and also with allowing parking stalls, roads, etc. to be closed for certain periods of time as well as any concerns regarding beer or liquor consumption outside of a designated premise.
  
- B. *Inclusivity Update* – City Manager Adam Ruechel shared a draft inclusivity statement with the Common Council and explained that the City will be reaching out to the community for feedback on the statement.
  
- C. *Resolution – 2020 Sewer Rates* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) held a telephonic Public Hearing on June 23, 2020, to determine whether to grant the City of Platteville’s request to deregulate the sanitary sewer utility. The Administrative Law officer in charge stated the final decision will be made in the next 2-3 weeks. The intent is to approve the current rates in effect for the remainder of 2020.
  
- D. *Resolution – Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) 2019* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that the CMAR for calendar year 2019 for the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant is required to be submitted annually by June 30 to the DNR. This year, due to COVID-19, the deadline was extended until August. It is a self-report on the condition of our treatment plant, the collection system, the experience of our operations personnel and our financial and managerial capacity to run the system.

- E. *Contract 8-20 Highway Painting* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that this is our annual painting of centerlines and other pavement markings on highways. This year we intend to repaint Main Street after the Mill & Overlay project is complete. Additionally, we intend to repaint Commercial Drive from Business 151 to Progressive Parkway near Wal-Mart.
  
- F. *Contract 11-20 Engineering Design and Studies Services 2021-2023* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that the City contracts with engineering firms to do design and studies as required. Since 2010, Delta 3 Engineering has been the firm that has done this work. This year Staff sent out Requests for Proposals to Delta 3 Engineering, IIW, Strand, and MSA for a three-year contract with the possibility of up to two each one-year extensions. We received letters from IIW and Strand that they will not submit proposals at this time. Staff received proposals from Delta 3 Engineering, MSA, and RA Smith. Staff recommends awarding Contract 11-20, Engineering Design, and Studies Service for 2021-2023 with the potential for up to two one-year extensions to Delta 3 Engineering.

WORK SESSION – City Manager Adam Ruechel along with City Intern Ben Behlke gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Platteville Strategic Plan 2020-2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cline, second by Artz to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk