

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Ken Kilian, Jason Artz, Robin Cline, Eileen Nickels, and Kathy Kopp. Excused: Isaac Shanley

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Kopp to approve the consent calendar excluding One-Year Operator License as follows: Regular Council Minutes for 8/11/20 and Special Council Minutes for 8/18/20; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$2,101,573.94; Room Tax Report – Second Quarter; Appointment to Boards and Commissions, Danica Larson, Community Safe Routes Committee; Grant County Highway Construction Aids - 2021. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Museum Director Erik Flesch presented information about the upcoming “No Show Miner’s Ball” which will be held on Saturday, September 5 at 4 pm. This will be a virtual event and raffle. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Museums.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Public Transportation Committee, Airport Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Community Safe Routes Committee.

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 20-22 – Awarding the Sale of \$1,170,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2020B*– Motion by Cline, second by Kilian to adopt Resolution 20-22 Awarding the Sale of General Obligation Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2020B in the amount of \$1,170,000. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

- A. *Resolution 20-23 – City of Platteville Face Covering Resolution* –Council discussed the appropriate age to recommend the wearing of face masks. City Manager Adam Ruechel stated that the two year old recommendation is from the Center for Disease Control. Motion by Nickels, second by Kilian to adopt Resolution 20-23 Strongly Urging the Wearing of Face Coverings in Platteville and Requiring the Use of Face Masks in Municipal Buildings with the change of the age requirement from two years to five years old. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Inclusivity Working Statement* – Council suggested possible changes to represent the City’s intentions more clearly and to add action statements. Due to the many suggestions, City Manager Ruechel recommended the item be tabled until a later meeting. Motion by Kilian, second by Kopp to table the City of Platteville Inclusivity Working Statement until a later meeting the earliest being September 8. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

- C. *Contract 6-20 Sidewalk Repair* –Motion by Nickels, second by Kilian to award Contract 6-20 A, sawing of sidewalk trip hazards to ASTI Sawing at bid price of \$4,582.50 and award Contract 6-20, replacement of sidewalk slabs to Lawinger Bros up to a maximum of \$14,000. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Ordinance – City of Platteville Face Covering* – City Manager Adam Ruechel presented an ordinance creating Chapter 5.06 requiring face coverings during COVID-19 pandemic. This ordinance was requested by Council to have available if circumstances indicated the need to adopt it.
- B. *Inclusivity Update* – City Manager Adam Ruechel shared what the City has been working on to move the Inclusivity Plan forward by considering recommendations from the black community, working with Council President Daus who is connecting with other municipalities to review their Inclusivity Task Force creation process, meeting with Southwest Rainbow Alliance, and planning more Community Dialogue sessions as time allows. The creation and mission of the Inclusivity Task Force was discussed. Council President Daus asked the Council to consider what they would recommend and send that information to City Manager Ruechel to be discussed at a later meeting.
- C. *Community Resource Officer Job Description* – Police Chief Doug McKinley presented an updated Community Resource Officer job description that was revised based on input from the July 22 School Board meeting. Chief McKinley answered multiple questions and concerns about the cost, execution, and impact this position will have on the city.
- D. *Proposed Code Amendment: Chapter 22 - Zoning* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll gave an overview of the changes made on the individual districts 22.01-22.0513. Discussion will continue at the next Council meeting starting at 22.06 Specific Standards.

WORK SESSION

Three Year Strategic Plan – City Manager Adam Ruechel introduced Dr. Will LeSuer, Assistant Professor for Criminal Justice at the University of Wisconsin - Platteville, who presented the current results from the citizen survey. It was discussed that the survey would continue until September 8 with the new results presented at the Common Council Work Session. City Manager Ruechel asked the Council to consider and identify what action steps would be recommended under the Community Value Success Factors: Safe, Welcoming, and Engaged Communities; Thoughtful Development and Prosperous Economies; and Quality Infrastructure, Amenities, and Service. These recommendations will be discussed at the September 8 Council Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Artz, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, Acting City Clerk