

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 8, 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, Isaac Shanley, and Kathy Kopp.

Excused: None

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kilian, second by Nickels to approve the consent calendar with the exclusion of the Street Closing – Hickory Street between Pine and Greenwood Streets for the St. Augustine’s University Parish Annual Pioneer Catholic Block Party on September 9 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM as follows: Regular Council Minutes for 8/25/20; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$877,114.37; Financial Report for August; Appointment to Boards and Commissions, Cindy Tang to Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee; One-Year Operator License, Jonathon E Peterson, Joseph A Smith, Logan R Weaver; Two-Year Operator License, Michelle L Cummings, Raven C Keele, Samantha L Marty, Morgan N Misner, Benjamin M Pollock, Emily H Richter; Street Closing Permit - Hickory Street between Pine and Greenwood Streets for the St. Augustine’s University Parish Newman Olympics on September 18 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Concerns were discussed about social distancing and mask wearing at the St. Augustine’s University Parish Annual Pioneer Catholic Block Party which requested the street closing permit. Motion by Shanley, second by Nickels to approve the Street Closing Permit– Hickory Street between Pine and Greenwood Streets for the St. Augustine’s University Parish Annual Pioneer Catholic Block Party on September 9 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Motion carried 4-3 on a roll call vote with Artz, Kilian, Cline, voting against.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Michael Mair, 1525 Deborah Court, spoke about water damage and possible hazards created by the drainage ditch at the back of his property.

Austin McCourt, 780 Country Club Court urged all of Platteville to wear masks in an effort to lower the COVID-19 numbers to protect the small businesses in Platteville from possible closures due to elevated number of cases and spoke in favor of a city mask mandate.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Redevelopment Authority Board, Library Board, Police & Fire Commission, Solid Waste and Recycle Task Force, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historic Preservation Commission, Housing Authority Board.

ACTION

- A. *Inclusivity Statement*– Motion by Nickels, second by Kilian to remove the item off the table from the August 25, 2020 Common Council Meeting. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Nickels, second by Kopp to adopt the Inclusivity Statement with the knowledge that it can be amended or changed at a later date. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Inclusivity Update* – City Manager Adam Ruechel shared what the City has been working on to move the Inclusivity Plan forward. The creation and mission of the Inclusivity/Diversity Task Force was discussed. Council President Daus asked the Council to send any suggestions about the

structure or membership of this task force to City Manager Ruechel to be discussed at a later meeting. The City met with Jamie Collins with the Southwest Rainbow Alliance regarding a potential multi-media presentation for Staff and Council. The City is planning future dialogue sessions to start in 2021 and researching a variety of diversity training options.

- B. *Proposed Code Amendment: Chapter 22 - Zoning* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll gave an overview of the changes made starting with 22.06(B) Home Occupations. Carroll explained that the Type 3 Home Occupation was created to cover home occupations that may exhibit visible signs of business activity, including some exterior activities. Creating this distinction would allow the Council to revisit approved CUPs every two years for further approval. Other changes were reviewed that would bring the ordinance in conformance with State law. This item will appear as a Public Hearing item at the October 13 Council meeting.

WORK SESSION

Three Year Strategic Plan Feedback and Survey Results – 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 for another week. City Manager Ruechel presented the proposed three year action steps 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 presented to Council at the October 6 Special Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopp, second by Cline to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, Acting City Clerk