

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
September 22, 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, Jason Artz, Robin Cline, Eileen Nickels, Isaac Shanley, and Kathy Kopp.
Excused: Ken Kilian arrived at 7:27 PM

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Nickels, second by Kopp to approve the consent calendar as follows: Regular Council Minutes for 9/8/20; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$548,913.66; Appointment to Boards and Commissions, Cindy Tang and Kristina Fields to Community Safe Routes Committee, Fred Domann to Historic Preservation Commission – Alternate, Barbara Stockhausen to Redevelopment Authority Board; One-Year Operator License, Zachary P Hoppenjan, David J Poh, Brandon L Williams; Two-Year Operator License, Carley R Rider; “Class B” Combination Beer & Liquor License, contingent upon passing all inspections, to Becker & Zmina Holdings LLC, Platteville (Michael L Osterholz, Agent), for premises at 280 W Main Street; Resolution 20-24 Proclaiming October 2020 as United Nations Month. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Jack Luedtke, Main Street Executive Director 20 S 4th Street, spoke about the Main Street Board decision to cancel Sweet Treats on Main Street due to COVID-19 and the potential events being proposed to replace this event. Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Candidate for the State Assembly, 20548 Cave Road, Yuba, WI spoke about his candidacy for the State Assembly on the November 3 Election.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Plan Commission/Community Safe Routes Committee, Library Board, Airport Commission, Water & Sewer Commission, Housing Authority Board, and License Committee.

ACTION

- A. *Halloween Trick or Treating Hours* – Motion by Shanley, second by Cline to establish Trick or Treating hours on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM according to the Platteville Police Department guidelines. Motion carried 6-1 with Artz voting against on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *City of Platteville Mask Ordinance* – City Manager Adam Ruechel provided an update to the Council on the new Governor mandate requiring the wearing of masks until November 21, 2020 which was announced on September 22, 2020. Ruechel explained that this mandate supersedes any ordinance that a municipality has in effect but that a municipality could enact an ordinance that would require more stringent guidelines. An ordinance has been drafted by the City to adopt if needed. Council reviewed the proposed ordinance. After Council discussion, members of the public were provided with an opportunity to speak on the ordinance. . Those who spoke in favor of the ordinance were: Austin McCord, Badger Brothers Owner; Paige Smith, UW-Platteville Vice Chancellor for Administrative Service, on behalf of the University; Royal Palmer, 127 E Main; Emma Cleveland, 923 Reddy Drive; Matt Larson, 1898 Short Lane; Erik and Chelsea Rohner, 1245 N 4th Street; Vikki Peterson, 655 N 4th Street; Robert Snyder, 25 Maple Drive; Tristen Hirsch, 245 N Bonson Street; Kelsey Klar, 245 N Bonson Street; Ben Behlke, 385 Division Street. Those that

spoke against were: Mike North, 10 Keystone Parkway and Silas Langlois, 670 Jefferson Street. City Manager Ruechel received a petition with 578 signatures in favor of the ordinance and several correspondences against. Public notice would need to be given before this ordinance could be moved to Action.

- B. *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. A potential multi-media presentation by Jamie Collins with the Southwest Rainbow Alliance for Staff and Council was proposed for future scheduling. The City is reviewing the potential to become a core member of the Local and Regional Government Alliance on Race & Equity. City Manager Ruechel will meet with other municipal administrators and managers about a potential resources for Diversity training.

WORK SESSION

Long Range Financial Plan – Administration Director Nicola Maurer introduced Municipal Advisor David Ferris from Ehlers to present the updated Long-Range Financial Plan including general fund operations, debt service, capitol project funding, and the TIF districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cline, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, Acting City Clerk