

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**November 24, 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, Eileen Nickels, Kathy Kopp, Jason Artz and Robin Cline (arrived at 7:10pm).

Absent: None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Resolution 20-28 Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2021. City Manager Adam Ruechel presented the 2021 City Operating Budget. Public statement in favor was received from Kristina Fields, 945 Seventh Avenue, no statements against or in general. Motion by Shanley, second by Kilian to close the public hearing. Motion by Nickels, second by Shanley to adopt Resolution 20-28 Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2021 in the amount of \$17,715,907 as presented. Motion carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Kopp voting against.
- B. Resolution 20-29 Authorizing the Salaries and Rates of Pay of the Officers and Permanent Employees, Excluding Union Personnel, and City Manager, for the Year 2021. City Manager Adam Ruechel presented the 2021 Salary Resolution which reflects a 1% base increase, the addition of an HR Specialist position, and expanding the Communications Specialist position from 30 hours/week to full-time. The following changes occurred during 2020 and are included, the position of Fire Chief became full-time and the position of Community Resource Officer was established, with cost reimbursement revenue from the Platteville School District. No statements in favor, against or in general were presented. Motion by Artz, second by Nickels to close the public hearing. Motion by Nickels, second by Shanley to adopt Resolution 20-28 Authorizing the Salaries and Rates of Pay of the Officers and Permanent Employees, Excluding Union Personnel, and City Manager, for the Year 2021. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Kilian, second by Kopp to approve the consent calendar as follows: Council Minutes – 10/27/20 and 11/10/20 Regular. Payment of Bills in the amount of \$396,742.83; Appointment to Boards and Commissions, Brian Whisenant to Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee for a partial term ending 6/1/23; “Class A” Combination Beer and Liquor for Kwik Trip, LLC, Platteville (Brandy L Stetz, agent), for premises at 795 N Water Street: One Year Operator License, Stacy J Forbes, Francesca S Frederick; Two Year Operator License, Trevor J Nichols, Haley M Roberts; Taxi Driver License, William R Beinborn, Debra A Carl, Lloy L Clough, Carl H Coates, Justin Harris-Davis, Gordon L Hellwig, Jerome D Ihm, Jeffrey C Kopp, Jeffery J Lenth, Jon S Mominee, Paul M Rehlinger, Drew J Stoutenborough, Glen L Temperly, Anthony R Timmerman; Taxi Vehicle License to Russ Stratton Buses, Inc, 320 E Jean Street, Cuba City for 2012 Ford Starcraft, Plate # 18713B, 2016 Ford Starcraft, Plate # 22135B, 2019 Ford Starcraft, Plate # 25860B, 2019 Ford Starcraft, Plate # C13708. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

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

Speaking as residents, Kathy Kopp, 415 N Second Street and Robin Cline, 405 Lutheran Street spoke about the unstable internet service in Platteville.

**REPORTS**

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Water & Sewer Commission, Airport Commission, Library Board, Solid Waste and Recycle Task Force, Community Safe Routes Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee.

#### ACTION

- A. *Pickleball New Court Location* – Parks & Recreation Director Luke Peters explained the total cost of the project is estimated at \$250,000. Staff would recommend approval of the location and financial support. Larry Trine spoke on behalf of Platteville Area Pickleball Association (PAPA), and many members attended and registered in favor. Motion by Shanley, second by Cline to allow the Platteville Area Pickleball Association to proceed with fundraising for a pickleball complex to be located at the southwest corner of Legion Park with the condition that the project includes the relocation of lights and water for use by the ice rink and to use \$25,000 in Park Impact Fees and \$25,000 from the Orlo Clayton Trust towards the construction of pickleball courts. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Contract 9-20 Snow & Ice Removal* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that every year the City contracts out the removal of snow and ice on sidewalks in front of properties that do not shovel their walks. This charge, plus a \$30.00 administrative fee per parcel, is billed to the owner. Based on 3 of 4 conditions where Four Seasons' bid is cheaper than the Southwest Lawncare bid, staff recommends award to Four Seasons. Motion by Artz, second by Kilian to award Contract 9-20 to Four Seasons Landscaping at the bid prices as offered (\$0.25/SF and \$50.00 minimum for snow only or \$0.30/SF and \$55.00 minimum for hard packed snow & ice). Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote

#### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Enterprise Fleet Management* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained throughout 2020 Staff has been in conversations with representatives from Enterprise Fleet Management regarding opportunities for leasing portions of our vehicle fleet. The initial leasing plan shown to Staff calls for the leasing of 13 vehicles. This amount can be adjusted to account for the total dollar value represented with the City's Operating and Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Plan Budgets (CIP). The City has not established a depreciation fund or developed standing budget capacity in its CIP to ensure vehicles are rotated out after useful life is met. 70% of the current light and medium duty fleet is over 10 years old. The oldest vehicle in our fleet is approaching 23 years. The City needs to either develop standing (as in every year) budget capacity to purchase vehicles on a rational basis, or we need to have budget capacity for leasing vehicles. Matt Jaskowiak from Enterprise gave a presentation on benefits, financial and other information. City Staff is looking for further guidance from Council Members regarding entering into a master equity lease agreement and maintenance agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management.
- B. *Sidewalk Policy* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll presented a draft Sidewalk Policy that resulted from discussions with members of the Community Safe Routes Committee and Plan Commission related to the code requirements for sidewalks that are installed during development and redevelopment projects. There is a desire to have a policy that will help guide specific code requirements, future CIP and budget planning, and other potential initiatives. Council requested specific changes to the policy and asked that these be presented to the Plan Commission and Community Safe Routes for recommendations and then brought back to the Council for discussion.
- C. *Solid Waste & Recycling Task Force Report* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot presented the recommendations of the Solid Waste & Recycling Task Force, which would be to move the Spring Clean-up to April to lower total weight picked-up, work with UW-Platteville to organize a

spring swap to be held on campus, and extend the Task Force until June 2021. Based on these recommendations Faherty, Inc would offer to extend their contract for one year with no increase.

- D. *Resolution – 2021 Fee Schedule* – Administration Director Nicola Maurer explained that annually the City Fee Schedule is reviewed and updated. Changes proposed for next year are: adding a \$35 dog grooming license fee, removing Library fees for 2021, cleaning up Museums General Admissions layout and adding, group tours and various in-person and virtual programs, updating Broske Event Center fees, and adding Downtown Reserved parking fees.
- E. *CARES Funding Breakdown* – City Manager Adam Ruechel and Administration Director Nicola Maurer presented an update on the grant funding the City received from the Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants to recover from COVID-19 related expenses. This effort is funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars. The City received \$204,341 dollars because of the effort by Staff to track and claim related expenses.
- F. *Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity Update* – City Manager Adam Ruechel presented an update as the City of Platteville continues to hold inclusivity conversations with the goal of developing an inclusivity plan. The Common Council is currently accepting applications from community members for the Taskforce for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (TIDE).

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kilian, second by Kopp to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, Deputy City Clerk