

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Barbara Daus at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Lynne Parrott, Kathy Kopp, Isaac Shanley, Eileen Nickels, Jason Artz, and Ken Kilian. Excused: None.

Council President Barbara Daus requested everyone take a moment of silence to honor the two fallen Fire Fighters of Mineral Point.

PRESENTATION – Council President Barbara Daus recognized Jennifer Schmid upon her retirement for 37 years of service to the City of Platteville.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Kopp, second by Kilian to approve the consent calendar as follows: Council Minutes – 12/14/21 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$479,680.70; Appointments to Boards and Commissions, Cindy Tang, Demetri Andrews, Sheri Engelke, and Beth Kaiser to the Broske Center Care Committee; Change of Agent for “Class B” Combination Beer and Alcohol License for Down at the Boondocks LLC, Platteville (Brandon Weigel, Agent), for premises at 70 N Second Street (Down at the Boondocks); Two Year Operator License, Claire B Faulkner; Taxi Driver License, Danyel M Hargrove; Banner Permit – Platteville Fire Department, Inc. for Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on March 21 to April 11. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Resolution 22-01 Authorizing the Participation in Opioid Litigation was removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion. **Motion** by Kilian, second by Nickels to approve Resolution 22-21 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any. None.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Board of Appeals – Zoning, Freudenreich Animal Care Trust Board, Housing Authority Board, Water & Sewer Commission, Police and Fire Commission, Airport Commission, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee, Museum Board, and Historic Preservation Commission.
- B. Other Reports – Water and Sewer Financial Report – December, Airport Financial Report – December, and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 22-02 Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement* – **Motion** by Kilian, second by Kopp to approve Resolution 22-02 Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement. Motion carried 7-0, on a roll call vote.
- B. *City Goals* – **Motion** by Kopp, second by Kilian to adopt the 2022 City of Platteville City Goals. Motion carried 7-0, on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Runde Chevrolet Driveway* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that the City of Platteville received a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant to improve safety on Business Highway 151. Due to a recorded fatal crash involving a bicyclist, the mitigation was to install a shared use bike/pedestrian pathway from the NOVUS driveway (connection to the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail) to the trail at Eastside Road. During the project, it was determined that the portion of the trail that needed to go in front of Runde Chevrolet would result in a hindrance to the dealership being able to use their east entrance to accommodate car carrier trailers. The dilemma is that per ADA compliance the trail cannot have more than a 2% cross slope. In order to reach compliance with this, and make the east entrance drive accessible for car carrier trailers the drive would need to be lowered. At the December 14, 2021 meeting, Dan Dreessens from Delta 3 Engineering showed a preliminary design that would meet those conditions. The cost estimate is \$160,000 including changes to the water and sanitary sewer. Options: 1. The City could decline any funding to assist with the lowering of the driveway. Runde Chevrolet could either fund the driveway adjustments they need for their business, or they can return to having car carriers drop off cars at the west driveway by Honeywell. 2. The City could decide to pay for a portion of the cost to lower the driveway with the remainder paid by Runde Chevrolet. 3. The City could decide to pay 100% of the cost to lower the driveway. Representatives from Runde Chevrolet, General Manager Eric Schmidt, 1560 Cornerstone Circle spoke to the situation of the driveway project. Council asked that Runde communicate with their prior engineers for the designs to the original driveway project and return to the Council with this information.
- B. *Kennel Relocation Proposal Request – 345 Bayley Ave* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained that at the December 14, 2021, Council meeting, the Council made the determination to deny the Conditional Use Permit for a Business Kennel at the property located at 345 Bayley Avenue. After that meeting, Mr. Daniel Winch contacted staff stating that he would not be able to comply starting on January 1, 2022 and asked for suggestions. After meeting with City Attorney Bill Cole, City Manager Ruechel sent an email reply to Mr. Winch indicating the following: 1. Due to the Common Council's decision to deny his kennel license his ability to operate a private kennel will expire on December 31, 2021, at 11:59 pm. 2. If he wishes to operate a business kennel in the City of Platteville the suggestion was given to talk with an architectural or engineering firm to determine if a location within the Platteville Industrial Park would be suitable to meet the requirements within the City of Platteville's municipal code and his business plans. Any plans would need to be reviewed and discussed further by City Staff and the City of Platteville Plan Commission. 3. Per the City of Platteville's Municipal Code Chapter 6, Animals, a property owner within the City of Platteville who does not have a private or business kennel license is not allowed to keep, harbor, or maintain more than four (4) dogs over the age of five (5) months in on location. 4. After conferring with City Staff and legal counsel City Manager Ruechel authorized an extension for him to gain compliance with Chapter 6 by January 31, 2022. Mr. Winch responded and indicated that the extension would not be helpful in gaining compliance as he has a litter of puppies due January 26, and they would need to remain at his location for a least 8 weeks. Mr. Winch explained that he had reviewed locations within the industrial park and outside the city, but nothing would be helpful in him gaining compliance by January 31. Mr. Winch asked if he could request a further extension and he was advised to do so by submitting a request to the Council by January 4 to be heard at the Jan 11 meeting. That request was received. Mr. Winch appeared before the Council with two proposed solutions. Proposed

solution 1 was that Mr. Winch moves out to the land that he owns in the Township of Smelser. To accomplish this, Mr. Winch has indicated that the City would need to financially support the project with an estimated cost of \$2 to \$3.2 million as the property is currently undeveloped. Proposed solution 2 was that the City and Mr. Winch work together to find a suitable property to relocate to. The City of Platteville would purchase the property and then sell it to Mr. Winch for \$1.00. Mr. Winch provided four options of currently available properties that fit his criteria. This item will be up for action at the next regular Council meeting.

- C. *Peak Program and Senior Center Van, Budget Amendment #1* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that the Senior Center is looking to purchase a replacement vehicle and ensure it is handicapped accessible to provide services to additional members of the community. The Senior Center has been doing fundraising for this vehicle among other projects. The van purchase will be fully funded via donations and designated proceeds from the former Senior Center building sale. The intent is to use up to \$30,000 from donations and \$30,000 from the building sale. Currently, the Senior Center has a donation fund balance of \$63,756. The balance from the proceeds of the sale of the former Senior Center building is \$48,979. Commission on Aging members support the purchase of the van. Staff planning to have a bid opening on February 1, 2022, with Council approval. The City of Platteville would be the owner of the van. Per Council request, staff will follow up with information on leasing options through the City's contract with Enterprise.
- D. *Ordinance – Chapter 5 – Health and Property Maintenance* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll gave a brief summary of the proposed changes to Chapter 5 as it relates to weeds and lawn maintenances, garbage and junk vehicles of property, and swimming pool fences. Staff and the Plan Commission recommend approval. Property owner Charlie Chamberlain, 410 W. Dewey, spoke for informational purposes only.
- E. *Ordinance – Chapter 22 – Sidewalk Policy Amendment* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll gave a brief summary of the proposed changes to Chapter 22.061 and 22.062 of the zoning ordinances related to sidewalk requirements for commercial and multi-family development projects. Staff, The Plan Commission, and Community Safe Routes Committee reviewed the text changes and the sidewalk plan map and recommended approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nickels, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk