

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Barbara Daus at 6:03 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.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Nickels, second by Parrott to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 1/25/21 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$6,577,679.13; Appointments to Boards and Commissions, None.; Two-Year Operator License, Yesenia M Gonzalez, Ashlyn A King, Spencer D Reinecke, and Rachel E Smith. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Aldersperson Nickels made announcements of the programs at the Museum as well as their ongoing Pasties fundraiser.

City Manager Adam Ruechel introduced and welcomed City of Platteville's new Park and Recreation Director Robert Lowe. City Manager Ruechel also announced that Office Assistant Jennifer Taylor and Recreation & Community Events Coordinator Adam Bartels started recently in their positions.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Airport Commission, Commission on Aging, and Police and Fire Commission.
- B. Other Reports – Taskforce on Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Update and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

- A. *Inclusive Playground Financial Request* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained that members from the Platteville Inclusive Playground Committee attended the Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee January meeting as well as the Council Meeting January 25, 2022. Christina Burr gave a presentation update on the fundraising efforts done thus far by the Committee. Community Development Director Joe Carroll, along with other staff, submitted a Community Development Block Grant request to the Department of Administration on Thursday, January 13, 2022. The Grant included a total estimated project cost amount of \$2,221,970. City Manager Ruechel announced that the full amount was awarded and directly acknowledged Director Carroll's efforts and commitment to applying for this grant. If the Common Council wishes to pledge an amount, City Staff would recommend the entire pledge for the Platteville Inclusive Playground Project come out of the Orlo Clayton Endowment Fund. Jason Julius, Sam Villeneuve, Morgan Arnold, Alaina Reeves, Suraya Strobl, Sarah Imobersteg, and Erin Ihm all registered in favor. Christina Burr, 6826 Woodland Rd, Platteville, spoke in favor. Aldersperson Kilian spoke about the Stone Shelter at Smith Park. Options were discussed both for keeping the Stone Shelter and remodeling it to accommodate

accessible bathrooms or demolishing it and rebuilding a new bathroom facility with accessible bathrooms. Motion by Shanley, second by Parrott to approve that the City of Platteville pledge \$100,000 to come out of the Orlo Clayton Endowment Fund to be utilized with no restrictions towards the creation of an Inclusive Playground at Smith Park. Motion carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against.

- B. *Housing Authority Loan Program* – Joyce Bos of the Housing Authority Board, spoke in favor. Motion by Kopp, second by Kilian to adopt \$20,000 in funding to the Platteville Housing Authority. Funding is to be administered by the Housing Authority with the conditions that State Statute 704.28 is added into the program language and applicants will work with the Executive Director to exhaust all available grant and loan programs in conjunction with application submission. Furthermore, upon refunding of the security deposit from the landlord, the \$400 will be returned to the Housing Authority first. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Resolution – Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Applications to the WisDOT for the 2022-2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that the City of Platteville is competing for up to three Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants for the 2022 – 2026 award cycle with awards received 2024 through 2026. The TAP grant program is for alternatives to motorized transportation, such as bicycle/pedestrian trails. The Sidewalk Plan/Map approved at the January 25, 2022, Common Council meeting showed three potential trails for construction or upgrade. If awarded, the city pledges to include the city funding in the upcoming CIP cycles. 2023: \$ 141,706 design costs for Moundview Park Trail; 2024: \$ 343,233 City construction costs for Moundview Park Trail \$ 73,706 design costs for Main Street Connection Trail; 2025: \$ 163,800 City construction costs for Main Street Connection Trail \$ 146,076 design costs for Southeast Rail Corridor Trail; 2026: \$ 349,542 City construction costs for Southeast Rail Corridor Trail.
- B. *City Motto Submissions* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained that the city received several submissions for a city motto. The City Manager is requesting that City Staff and the Common Council review the submissions received and select five to move on to the next round. At the March 8, 2022, Common Council meeting, Staff will be requesting that the Council make a motion to proceed with conducting a voting campaign to decide on a city motto.
- C. *Fire Station Professional Design Services RFP* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained that staff is requesting the Council to review the proposed RFP for any recommended changes or alterations. The City Manager will prepare any recommended changes made by the Council into an updated document for the Council to consider acting upon. The City Manager would also be requesting for the Common Council to officially authorize the dissemination of the RFP at the Tuesday, February 22 Common Council Meeting. Deborah Rice and William Kloster of 975 Highbury Circle, registered in favor.
- D. *Community Development Board Proposal* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained that City Staff reviewed the Community Development Board at the request of the Council. After

reviewing the current function of the Community Development Board and the changes made by the Wisconsin Department of Administration minimizing the duties of the board, city staff recommends eliminating the Community Development Board and any responsibilities of the Board to be transferred to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nickels, second by Parrott to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk