

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Sept 27, 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, Eileen Nickels, Lynne Parrott, Kathy Kopp, Todd Kasper, Jason Artz, and Ken Kilian. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION

- A. Grant County Economic Development – Executive Director Ron Brisbois gave a presentation
- B. Financial Advising Services RFP – Ehlers Public Finance Advisors

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Artz, second by Nickels to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 9/13/22 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$359,599.26; Appointments to Boards and Commissions, Kevin Wunderlin to Board of Appeals - Zoning, Michael Allbees to Historical Preservation Commission, and Kelly Sponsler to Library Board; “Class B” Combination Beer and Liquor – NATCG Jenkins II LLC, Platteville (Ashley J Jenkins, Agent), for premises at 175 W Main Street (Steve’s Pizza Palace); One-Year Operator License to Sell/Serve Alcohol, Ryken S Kaul and Ryan M Wall; Two-Year Operator License to Sell/Serve Alcohol, Taylor N Gaffney and Chloe M Klebesadel; Parade Permit – Platteville Highschool Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 7 starting at 2:00 PM; Resolution 22-21 Application for Exemption from the Levy of any County Library Tax; Resolution 22-22 Proclaiming October 2022 as United Nations Month. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

City Manager Adam Ruechel made an announcement about the upcoming Taste of Platteville and Pickleball Tournament Event on October 9 at the Broske Center.

Parks & Recreation Director Bob Lowe gave an update on the Stone Shelter.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Commission on Aging, Water and Sewer Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Airport Commission, Community Safe Routes Committee and Museum Board.

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 22-23 Authorized Representative for Environmental Improvement Fund – WWTF Emergency Generator Upgrade* – Motion by Kasper, second by Parrott to approve Resolution 22-23 appointing the City Manager as the Authorized Representative for Environmental Improvement Fund assistance for the WWTF Emergency Generator Upgrade. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Resolution 22-24 Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures* – Motion by Nickels, second by Kopp to approve Resolution 22-24 Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Ordinance Amending the Official Traffic Map – No Parking on Southwest Road* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that the area on Southwest Road between Pioneer Road and the bridge has been unintentionally used as a parking area. This causes sight distance issues for vehicles at Pioneer Road looking to pull out onto Southwest Road. Once this safety issue was identified by the Police Department, City Staff posted it as temporary “No Parking” pending an official change to the Ordinance.
- B. *DNR Stewardship Grants* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that after Resolution 22-09 was approved, Staff submitted applications for both trails for Department of Transportation (DOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants. The City received confirmation from the DOT that they will not fund the 80/20 grants for these trails. The DNR grant is a 50/50 grant. Notification received from the DNR indicates that both of these applications have tentatively been selected to receive funding. The Common Council will have to make the determination to either accept the DNR grant awards and direct Staff on the appropriate financial method to utilize to cover the cost or formally decline the grant awards. City Staff will provide the Council with a more formal recommendation after additional information has been gathered.
- C. *Platteville Armory Acquisition Opportunity* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained that over the course of 2021 and 2022 City Staff have been having discussions with various members of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs (DMA) their approval from the Adjutant General to sell/transfer the Armory located at 475 N. Water Street. Before DMA can list the property on Wisconsin Surplus for a private entity to purchase, they are required to reach out to the City of Platteville to determine if the City is interested in acquiring the building. If the City doesn’t wish to gain ownership DMA would then sell the property to a private party. Several Members of the Senior Center to include Joyce Bos, Marv Packer, Mary Larson, and Ray Banfi spoke against moving the Senior Center to the Armory as an alternative to their current location at O.E. Gray.
- D. *Financial Auditing Services RFP* – City Manager Adam Ruechel explained that within the 2022 City of Platteville, City Goals is the desire to conduct a request for proposals for a variety of our contracted services. The City of Platteville currently contracts with Johnson Block for the duties of the City’s financial auditing. The City of Platteville is requesting qualified independent accountants that are licensed to practice in the State of Wisconsin, to submit proposals to conduct an audit of our accounts and records. The proposals will be evaluated by Staff and a recommendation will be provided to the Council.

Motion by Artz, second by Nickels to go into Closed Session. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION – per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) – Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Development Agreements

CLOSED SESSION – per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) – Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility – 2023 Employee Compensation/Staffing Information

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nickels, second by Parrott to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk