

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 10, 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, Kathy Kopp, Todd Kasper, Jason Artz, Lynne Parrott, and Ken Kilian. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION – Council President Barbara Daus read a Proclamation Recognizing City Manager Adam Ruechel.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. *Resolution 23-01 Street Discontinuance – Jones Street* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that a request has been submitted regarding the discontinuance of Jones Street located behind the property at 45 S. Chestnut Street. The applicant is remodeling the property to create the Updraft Brewery and would like the land for parking and the location for future brewery equipment. The Plan Commission considered this item at their December 5 meeting and recommended the discontinuance of only a portion of the street. The recommendation is to discontinue a 12' x 34' portion of the street adjacent to the property at 45 S. Chestnut Street. Staff agreed with the street discontinuance as proposed by the Plan Commission. Dan Dreessens of Delta 3 spoke on behalf of the applicant, John Patakos. Jayne Stark, owner of Jayne's Family Haircare at 30 S Court Street. Charles Hartig of Hartig Drug Company and Ela Kakde of 170 Ridge Avenue spoke for informational purposes. Motion by Kasper, second by Parrott to close the public hearing. Motion carried, 6-0 on a roll call vote with Nickels abstaining. Motion by Kilian to table. Motion did not receive a second, motion failed. Motion by Kasper, second by Artz to approve the discontinuance of the western 12' x 34' portion of Jones Street located adjacent to the property at 45 S. Chestnut Street. With the understanding that if the remaining portion of Jones Street is discontinued in the future, the Eastern 18 feet of the street will be annexed to the adjoining properties to the East, and the remaining 6 feet of the street will be annexed to the adjoining properties to the West. Motion carried, 6-0 on a roll call vote with Nickels abstaining.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Nickels, second by Artz to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 12/13/22 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$365,453.59; Financial Report – December (preliminary); Appointments to Boards and Commissions, Marvin Packer appointed to Commission on Aging partial term ending 7/1/24. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any. None. Council Member Nickels made an announcement of the upcoming Miner's Ball that is taking place on February 4, 2023, as an annual fundraising event hosted by The Mining & Rollo James Museums.

REPORTS

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

- B. Other Reports – Water and Sewer Financial Report – December (preliminary), Airport Financial Report – December (preliminary), Taskforce for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Update, and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

- A. *Armory RFP* – Motion by Kasper, second by Nickels to award the Armory RFP to Chris Richards' group of investors and to authorize the City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director to work with the Department of Military Affairs on entering into an official agreement for sale, transfer, and City utilization of the property Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Adding Street Parking – Chestnut Street* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that John Patakos is working on converting the vacant building at 45 S. Chestnut Street into the Updraft Brewery. As part of that effort, he will be applying to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for a grant to assist with the costs of the project. City Staff and the Main Street program have been working with him on that application and looking for ways to strengthen the application to improve the chance of getting the funds. The grant application is structured to provide the application with more points if the local community is involved with the project, either financially or otherwise. One idea that has been suggested is for the City to provide additional parking in the vicinity of the building by adding parking on Chestnut Street – between Main Street and Pine Street. The proposal is to add 3 parking spaces on the east side of the street and 2 more spaces on the west side of the street.
- B. *Street Parking Regulations – Bayley Avenue, Court Street, and Rountree Avenue* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that a few residents that live in the area just south of downtown have raised some concerns regarding the street parking regulations on Rountree Avenue and Bayley Avenue, in the block just south of Pine Street. The concern raised by residents in the area is that vehicles owned by non-residents of the neighborhood park in these blocks for extended periods of time and limit the available parking for visitors. The residents would like to see some changes in the parking regulations in this area. In response to the concerns, Staff is proposing some potential changes for consideration: Rountree Avenue – The unsigned section on the east side will be designated as “No Parking 3-6 am”. The unsigned section on the west side will be designated “No Parking 3–6 am” in front of the bank and “No Parking 3-6 am and 3 Hour Parking” on the remainder of that block. Bayley Avenue – The portion on the east side in front of the bank will remain “No Parking 3-6 am” and the remaining part of the first block on both sides will be changed to “No Parking 3-6 am and 3 Hour Parking”. Court Street - The unsigned section on the west side will be designated as “No Parking 3-6 am”. The Plan Commission considered this item at their January 3rd meeting and recommended approval. Staff also recommend approval. Ruth Jones of 185 Bayley Avenue and Monica and David Miller of 150 Rountree Avenue spoke in favor.
- C. *City Goals* – City Manager Adam Ruechel gave a short presentation of the 2023 City Goals.
- D. *Enterprise Fleet Management Aftermarket Cost Payment Update* – City Manager Adam Ruechel gave an update on the total aftermarket costs which are \$93,487.00. The City's portion of the cost after applying the equity gains of selling vehicles (\$34,699.29) would be

\$58,787.71. City Staff will be authorizing payment of the entire balance of \$58,787.71, which will need to be recorded as a 2022 financial transaction. City Staff estimate we currently have \$26,344 from the sale of two Street Department vehicles. City Staff verified the Parks Department sold a vehicle for \$3,826 and they have a vehicle pending which we are estimating will bring in around \$7,500. The Water and Sewer Department has \$27,450 from the sale of two vehicles. This will cover the balance payment required above, although some of these funds will be received in 2023. The City will work with Enterprise to ensure we have the forecasted costs for any lease vehicles being purchased or cycled in 2024 to be added to either the CIP budget or various accounts in the General Operating budget or the Water and Sewer budget.

Motion by Artz, second by Nickels to go into closed session with no action taken during 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 Agreement

Motion by Kopp, second by Nickels to come out of closed session. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopp, second by Nickels to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk