

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 25, 2023

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, Todd Kasper, Kathy Kopp, Jason Artz, and Ken Kilian.

Excused: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 23-03 Zoning Amendment – Remove R-LO overlay district at 1135 Perry Drive

Community Development Director Joe Carroll presented that the applicant is requesting the R-LO overlay status be removed from the 1135 Perry Drive property. Staff has no concerns with the request to remove the R-LO designation. The Plan Commission considered this request at the April 3rd meeting and recommended that the R-LO overlay district designation remain, but that the applicant be allowed up to 2 years to achieve compliance. Staff agrees with the Plan Commission recommendation. Applicant Devyn Behlke spoke and offered a compromise option to leave the overlay in place but give until June 2024 to achieve compliance. Geri Zauche and John Phelps spoke in favor, Ryan Wech, Cade Klefstad, and Parker Kluesner registered in favor; Eileen Nickels, Terry Vaassen, Tom Osting, Kathy Connett, Amy Coffey, and Gene Weber spoke against; Donita Cartmill, Joe Kratcha, John Duesbury, Evelyn Duesbury, Richard Rundell, M. Karen Rundell, Tom Nickels, Harold Daus, Mary Jo Hennessy, Steve Yunck, Jan Weber, Larry Kurowski, Debra Meis, Sylvia Kurowski, Dick Neumeister, Dwight Nelson, Bonnie Vaassen, Josephine Kischer, Melody Koppen, Brian Wagner, Tonia Wagner, Samantha Vaassen, John Connett, Deb Osting registered against. Motion by Artz, second by Kilian to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Kopp, second by Kilian to keep the R-LO district designation in place for the property at 1135 Perry Drive but allow the owner until September 1, 2023, to achieve compliance. Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Artz voting against.

- B. Resolution 23-06 Conditional Use Permit – Animal Shelter/Kennel at 500 E. Business Highway 151-* Community Development Director Joe Carroll presented that the applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the property at 500 E. Business Highway 151 to operate as an animal shelter and kennel. Applicant Hannah Haas spoke in favor, Paul Halby and Cari Schaffer spoke for informational purposes, and there was no one registered in favor or against. Motion by Artz, second by Parrott to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Kasper, second by Kilian to approve the Resolution 23-06 Conditional Use Permit for the Grant County Humane Society animal shelter and kennel on the property at 500 E. Business Highway 151. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

PRESENTATION

Annual Library Report – Platteville Public Library Director Jessie Lee-Jones gave a presentation highlighting the 5 goals the Library is focused on: Community Connections, Community Awareness, Accessibility, Inclusivity, and Diversity, Adjusting to New Building, and Staff Development.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Parrott, second by Kilian to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 4/11/23 Regular and 4/18/23 Special; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$367,030.29; Appointments to Boards and Commissions; Brenda Crossfield to Task Force For Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (TIDE),

Vicky Suhr to Library Board, and Paul Soderblom to a partial term ending May 1, 2024 on the Historic Preservation Commission; Council Representative appointments, Jason Artz: Community Safe Routes Committee, Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee, Tourism Committee, Task Force For Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (TIDE); Todd Kasper: Board of Appeals-Zoning, License Committee, Plan Commission; Ken Kilian: Historic Preservation Commission, Joint ET Committee, License Committee, Water & Sewer Committee; Kathy Kopp: Airport Commission, Commission on Aging, Grant County Economic Development, Joint ET Committee, Police & Fire Commission; Lynne Parrott: Housing Authority, Library Board, Public Transportation Committee, Task Force For Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (TIDE); Change of Agent- Kwik Trip Inc, Platteville (Edmund J Hill, Agent), for premises at 430 S Water Street (Kwik Trip 795); Two-Year Operator License to Sell/Serve Alcohol, Maya J Harvey, Kerstin R Miller, Lindsey A Walton, Andrew S Weber, Meghan C Wellnitz-Trejo; “Class A” Combination License – Lisa Haas, Platteville, WI, for Premises at 130 Market Street (B.S.R. Boutique & Novelties). Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Council President Daus spoke about the Area Ambulance Meeting that she attended with Interim City Manager Maurer.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Water and Sewer Commission.

ACTION

- A. *Authorize Release of Citations – Donisi Properties – Motion* by Kasper, second by Kilian to release municipal citations that have been issued against the properties owned by David Donisi as determined by staff to be necessary for the sale of the properties, up to and including all citations. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *DNR Resolution for DNR Trail Grants*
 - a. *Resolution 23-xx DNR Trail Grant – Phase 1*
 - b. *Resolution 23-xx DNR Trail Grant – Phase 2*
 - c. *Resolution 23-xx DNR Trail Grant – Phase 3*

Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that for this grant cycle due May 1, the City is requesting DNR grants to match DOT grants applied for earlier this year. The City is using lessons learned from the failed grant requests from last year to break the Moundview Park Trail Connector project into four phases. Phase 1 is from the paved and lit Rountree Branch Trail near the bridge behind J&N Stone and continues north on the gravel trail to Mitchell Hollow Road. Phase 2 is from Mitchell Hollow to Broadway/County B – except for the footbridge. Phase 3 is from Broadway/County B to Fairfield Drive north of the High School. Phase 4 (next year’s grant) is for the footbridge. Each of Phases 1 – 3 will convert the existing gravel trail to a paved and lit trail like the Rountree Branch Trail. Since the funding sources are different, snowmobiles can still use the trail when completed as long as there is enough snow to minimize damage. Different budget impacts were discussed depending on the receipt of all or part of the grants. The City has the option to refuse the grant money once awarded.

- B. *Fire Station Discussion* - Fire Chief Ryan Simmons presented an overview of the joint meeting held between the Common Council and the Townships on Thursday, April 20. He said they are at the 20% phase of the project's completion and will take feedback from the meeting to work with the architect and schematic manager to adjust the design for optimal cost savings and efficiency of use.
- C. *Resolution – CWF Loan 4419-11 Upgrade Emergency Generator* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot presented that the DNR has approved a Clean Water Fund (CWF) Loan with Principal Forgiveness for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Emergency Generator upgrade. This project will replace a generator that is over 40 years old that is incapable of powering the entire plant with a new generator that could. The City's utility financial advisor, Ehlers, has recommended CWF loans as a beneficial approach to funding capital expenditure due to low issuance costs, principal forgiveness (grant funding), and lower-than-market interest rates. The City will be required to adopt a Municipal Obligation Resolution. There will be a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) between the City and DNR outlining the terms of the loan. At the May 9 meeting, we will have the Municipal Obligation Resolution, the FAA, and other bond related documents.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopp, second by Kasper to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, Deputy City Clerk