

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**October 24, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Barbara Daus at 6:01 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Ken Kilian, Barbara Daus, Lynne Parrott, Bob Gates, Todd Kasper, and Jason Artz.

Excused: Kathy Kopp.

**PRESENTATION** – Swearing in New Police Officer Brendan Overbey.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion** by Kasper, second by Parrott to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 10/10/23 Regular and 10/17/23 Special; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$559,060.54; Appointments to Boards and Commissions, None; One-Year Operator License – Joseph F Rushlow; Two-Year Operator License – Chloe M Bestler, Alexander G Gambsky, Demetris A Johnson, and April C Molitor. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.** Council Alderperson Parrott congratulated Platteville Hillmen Football and Cross Country Teams on their success. Council President Daus spoke about attending the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Conference.

**REPORTS**

Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Tourism Committee, Water & Sewer Commission, and Community Safe Routes Committee.

**ACTION**

- A. *Resolution 23-31 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Applications to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for the 2024-2028 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)* – **Motion** by Kasper, second by Artz to approve Resolution 23-31 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Applications to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for the 2024-2028 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Option 1: Paved and lit trail sections: Phase 2 cost in 2026: \$572,659 DOT: \$410,127, DNR \$132,532 City: \$30,000. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
  
- B. *Resolution 23-32 Determination of Necessity – Property Condemnation* – **Motion** by Gates, second by Parrott to adopt Resolution 23-32 Determining the Necessity to Condemn Parcels 271-01295-0000, 271-01296-0000, and the adjacent abandoned alleyway for the purpose of building a new fire facility. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

- A. *An Ordinance Amending Parking on South Elm Street on the West end of the Platteville Public Library* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that the Holiday Inn Express has expressed concern that their customers need additional overnight parking and has suggested converting the five (5) parking stalls on the west end of the Platteville Public Library to allow overnight parking for hotel guests. The management of the Holiday Inn Express requests that the parking area be signed as “Hotel and Library Parking Only and 3-hour Parking 9 AM to 5:30 PM”.

- B. *Resolution to Approve Collective Bargain Agreement with Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA)* – City Manager Clint Langreck explained and presented a contract with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association for the years 2024-2026. Staff recommends approval of the changes to the collective bargaining agreement.
- C. *Resolution Authorizing the Salaries and Rates of Pay of Employees for the Year 2024* – City Manager Langreck explained that the 2024 Salary Resolution reflects the implementation of the updated City of Platteville Compensation Plan with an overall payroll increase of 7% and a minimum wage increase of at least 3% in 2024. The proposed budget also includes a wage increase of 7.5% for police officers as part of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association contract, which will aid in recruitment and retention initiatives.
- D. *Employee Benefit Package* – Human Resources Manager Chad Wilson presented information on the City of Platteville’s employee benefits package to be used in the discussion of the annual budget review and approval.
- E. *Contract 9-23 – Snow & Ice Removal* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that there is an Ordinance requiring property owners to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks that abut their properties. If the property owners fail to do so, the City is authorized to have the snow/ice removed and the cost is billed to the owner plus an administrative fee. In the past, staff has requested bids from local contractors to perform the snow/ice removal. This year, the request for bids went out and was mailed to contractors who have done it in the past. The City did not receive any bids. Since there is no contractor to perform snow removal, it will be done by either the Parks Division or Streets Division as resources allow. The priority of City staff will remain to clear roads, alleys, parking lots, City-owned sidewalks and remove snow from the Downtown area. This process normally takes at least 3 days to complete. With the timeline outlined in the ordinance, City staff will be delayed in responding to the sidewalk snow removal requirements.
- F. *Potential 2024 Budget Items as Requested by Alderman Kilian* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll and Public Works Director Howard Crofoot discussed potential 2024 budget modifications with the Council. Alderman Kilian suggested modifications to the budget to increase funding for two areas: an increase in the budget for the Historic Preservation Commission and an increase to install a crosswalk connecting Jenor Towers and Jenor Tower Park. Staff cannot determine the need for the requested amount of funds for the Historic Preservation Commission. Historically, this far exceeds the amount of funding necessary for this line item. Staff still recommend allowing the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to finish the plan and determine the priority project(s) for the entire system before making a decision.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasper, second by Gates to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk