

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 28, 2023

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: Ken Kilian, Barbara Daus, Lynne Parrott, Bob Gates, Kathy Kopp, Todd Kasper, and Jason Artz. Excused: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 Budget Hearing

1. Resolution 23-34 Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2024 – Administration Director Nicola Maurer presented the 2024 City of Platteville budget, as proposed by the Common Council, that has a Revenue and Expense Budget for the General Fund of \$10,026,256. The Revenue and Expense Budget for all funds, excluding the Airport and Utilities, is \$36,410,656. Staff recommends the Common Council make a motion to approve the 2024 Budget Resolution in the amount of \$36,410,656. Motion by Artz, second by Kilian to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Kasper, second by Parrott to adopt Resolution 23-34 Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2024 in the amount of \$36,410,656 as presented. Motion by Kilian to amend the motion by Kasper to include \$12,000 in additional tax dollars to be allocated to improvements to East Mineral Street near the intersection of Mineral Street and Oak Street for the benefit of residents of Jenor Towers. This motion did not receive a second therefore the motion died. The vote on the original motion made by Kasper, second by Parrott carried 6-1 with Kilian voting against.

2. Resolution 23-35 Authorizing the Salaries and Rates of Pay of the Permanent Employees, Excluding Union and Library Personnel, and City Manager, for the Year 2024 – Administration Director Nicola Maurer presented the 2024 Salary Resolution which reflected 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. Motion by Artz, second by Kopp to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Gates, second by Artz to adopt Resolution 23-35 Authorizing the Wage Rates of Permanent Employees, excluding union and library personnel and the City Manager, for the Year 2024. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Parrott, second by Kopp to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 11/14/23 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$610,391.99; Appointments to Boards and Commissions, Carla Wages to the Commission on Aging; Two-Year Operator License – Mary C Huck; Taxi Driver License – Janice M Lindeman, Devion D Vaassen, and Robert F Wedige; Temporary Class “B”/”Class B” to serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Wine – Platteville Library Foundation at 225 W. Main from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Friday, December 15 for Pop-up Book Shop; Resolution 23-36 Sewer Rate Increase. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any. City Clerk Candace Klaas announced that there will be three seats open on the Council for election in 2024. Those seats are District 3, District 4, and an At-large. December 1, 2023 is the first day to start circulating papers. More information can be found on the City’s Website or the Clerk’s Department can be contacted directly.

Council President Daus and City Manager Clint Langreck spoke about the Holiday on Main event happening on December 15 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Community Safe Routes Committee.

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 23-37 to Approve Collective Bargain Agreement with Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) – Motion* by Kopp, second by Gates to adopt Resolution 23-37 approving a 2024-2026 City of Platteville and Wisconsin Professional Police Association, Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Contract 25-23 Fuel Supply 2024-2026 – Motion* by Kasper, second by Kopp to award Contract 25-23 to Allegiant Oil at the bid price of \$0.12 per gallon over wholesale price. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *PFAS Supplemental Information* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that Council members asked about the discussions between the City Manager and City Attorney regarding the best legal strategy regarding PFAS. PFAS stands for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances. There are currently 18 compounds in this family of chemicals that are under investigation by the EPA and DNR. The EPA and DNR are finding these chemicals by testing drinking water samples. Staff provided screenshots of maps where the testing has taken place and more complete information. These can be viewed on the City’s Website.
- B. *Resolution 23-XX Providing for Borrowing of \$275,000 with General Obligation Promissory Note for TID #6* – Administration Director Maurer explained that Tax Incremental Financing District #6 is projected to close in 2032 having met all its obligations. However, from 2023 to 2028 it is projected to incur annual deficits due to debt repayment. The annual cash deficits can be covered through borrowing. The alternative is for the City to advance funds to the TIF from General Fund reserves. The Staff recommendation is to fund the deficits through borrowing, which can be repaid by the TIF before it closes. It is not advisable to tie up General Fund unassigned fund balance through advances to the TIF as this would leave the City low on reserves and would be viewed unfavorably by the City’s rating agency and its lenders. Staff are planning to bring a longer-term refinance for TIF #6 to the Council in 2024, which will provide funds for 2024-2030. The exact borrowing method and structure of this refinance will be determined next year; however, the intent is that this debt would be repaid by the TIF in either 2031 or 2032. For 2023 the TIF will need \$275,000 for one year to cover this year’s deficit until next year’s refinance. The \$275,000 borrow is in the form of a tax-exempt general obligation promissory note.
- C. *Extend the City Engineering Services Contract for 2024* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that Delta 3 Engineering has served as the City’s primary Engineering Services consultant since January 2011. There have been other RFPs since then. The latest RFP was in 2020 for services for calendar years 2021 – 2023. The current contract expires on December 31, 2023. The City also hires other engineering consultants for specialized work at the water plant and wastewater plant. Under DOT rules, Delta 3 is ineligible for consideration for DOT funded design projects, such as the Camp Street and E. Main Street projects. Delta 3 is

doing the water and sanitary sewer designs for these projects. The Moundview Trail project specifically excluded design work from the DOT grant to allow Delta 3 to be the design engineer. The cost of the design engineering is split 50/50 with the DNR grant and City funding only. The optimal time for sending out RFPs would be late spring to early summer. The contract selection would be in summer so that the incoming consultant can work with staff to develop the CIP. Once the CIP Budget is identified, the consultant can perform detailed surveys prior to winter. The consultant can do design work in winter with Public Involvement meeting(s) for feedback prior to releasing the plans for bidding in late winter. This allows the City to be early with bid packages to hopefully get contractors on board before they have their schedules booked and will provide competitive pricing and scheduling. Dan Dreessens provided a presentation on their services, a list of projects in 2023, challenges with current projects, a list of projects anticipated for 2024 and challenges with those projects. Dreessens provided a description of the legal process for bidding projects, alternatives and opened it up for discussion with the Common Council on alternatives for better project delivery. Due to grant writing, current projects, and staff turnover, the RFP did not go out as planned. Staff recommends that the current contract with Delta 3 Engineering be extended for the 2024 calendar year and that staff conduct an RFP process in late spring 2024 for services in 2025 – 2028.

Motion by Artz, second by Kilian to go into closed session.

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 – Library Transition Project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasper, second by Artz to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Klaas, City Clerk