

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 23, 2024

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, Bob Gates, Kathy Kopp, Todd Kasper, Lynne Parrott, and Jason Artz.

Excused: none

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kilian, second by Kopp to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 12/12/23 Regular and 12/21/23 Special; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$4,465,440.89; Financial Report – December (preliminary); Appointments to Boards and Commissions, none; One-Year Operator License – Emma J Carlson; Two-Year Operator License – Roger E Henry, Angela M Neuhaus, Tyler Winklers; Taxi Driver License – Paul G Roggenbeck; Change of Agent for “Class A” Combination Beer and Alcohol License – Wal-Mart Stores East LP, Bentonville, AR (Adam Webster, Agent), for premises at 1800 Progressive Pkwy (Walmart #958); Temporary Class “B” to serve Fermented Malt Beverages – Nick’s Public House community Fund at 75 N Bonson Street (City Hall Auditorium) from 4:00 P.M. to Midnight on Friday, February 2 for Midwest Country Music Festival; Banner Permit – March 4 to March 25 for the Platteville Fire Department Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any. Kevin Reed spoke about his First Amendment Rights and concerns about the City of Platteville Fire Department Honor Roll displayed in City Park. Alderperson Kopp congratulated Hap and Barbara Daus on receiving the Citizen of the Year Award, Council President Daus extended thanks and praise to the City Streets and Parks crews for the maintenance of the city streets during recent inclement weather.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Commission on Aging, Housing Authority Board, Police and Fire Commission, Library Board, Water and Sewer Commission, Community Safe Routes Committee
- B. Other Reports – Water and Sewer Financial Report – December (Preliminary), Airport Financial Report – December (Preliminary), CIP Quarterly Status Update, and Department Progress Reports.

ACTION

- A. *Local Historic Designation of Rountree Stone Cottage – 460 W. Madison Street* – Motion by Kilian, second by Parrott to approve the designation of the property at 460 W. Madison Street as a local historic site. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Budget Amendment #1: Addressing Police Sergeant Compensation Compression Issues* – Motion by Kopp, second by Parrott to approve the Budget Amendment with a transfer of \$13,341 from 100-5141-999 (City Manager Contingency) to 100-52100-114 (Police Wages) for the purpose of an increase allocation of the Police Sergeant wages to address compensation compression issues. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Ordinances to Amend the Official Traffic Map Regarding Parking on East Mineral Street and on Mitchell Avenue*
- a. *Amending Parking Restrictions on Both Sides of East Mineral Street between Water Street and Oak Street near Jenor Tower Park* – A crosswalk located between Jenor Towers and Jenor Park was requested, however, due to the cost of full compliance with ADA standards the City has decided not to install a crosswalk at this time. Director of Public Works Crofoot recommended improving visibility and pedestrian safety by eliminating two parking stalls on both sides of E Mineral Street. Discussion was had about how this could hinder visitors' parking and the suggestion was made to only eliminate one parking stall on both sides.
 - b. *Amending Parking Ordinance on the South Side of Mitchell Avenue from Court Street to Rountree Avenue* – Public Works Director Crofoot explained that due to a misinterpretation of a City posted parking sign, permit holders on Mitchell Street received parking tickets. Staff recommended adding wording to the signs for clarification or eliminating the 2-hour parking restrictions. Tom Caywood, 185 S Court Street spoke in favor of either option. Council discussed that the most cost-effective option would be to update signage.
- B. *Request for Proposal Selection – 60 Ellen Street* – Community Development Director Carroll presented proposals for the purchase and development of the City-owned property at 60 Ellen Street. There were two proposals submitted from the RFP. Staff recommends the Catan Platteville Properties proposal that would generate more income from the sale and potential tax revenue. Council asked if a developer agreement would be included. Director Carroll assured them that a developer agreement would be included and need Council's approval.
- C. *FEMA AFG Grant Breathing Air Compressor Bid Award* – Fire Chief Simmons presented that our current SCBAs and Breathing Air Compressor are approximately 20 years old with a 15-year life expectancy. The FEMA grant is a 95%/5% matching program that we apply for annually, to receive funding assistance to keep our mission-critical equipment updated and in compliance. The Fire Department was notified that the City was awarded the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant for the purchase of 39 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) and a Breathing Air Compressor with Cascading Fill Station. They were awarded \$42,823 towards a Breathing Air Compressor with a Cascading Fill Station with the City's portion of the allocation being \$2,141. The Fire Department has a 2023 CIP project for this item with a budget amount that includes \$37,125.00 of City funds. This portion of the CIP project will use \$17,229.02. Staff recommends awarding the bid to MacQueen Emergency in the amount of \$53,189.11 with the upgrade to the enclosed housing at an additional cost of \$2,877.00 for a total amount of \$56,066.11.
- D. *FEMA AFG Grant SCBA Bid Award* – The City was awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant for the purchase of 39 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs). The Department was awarded \$365,379.00 towards (39) SCBA units to include a facepiece and (2) air cylinders with the City's portion of the allocation being \$18,268.95. The Fire Department has a 2023 CIP project for this item. This portion of the CIP project will use \$18,197.03 of the \$37,125.00 of the CIP funds to cover the City's 5% grant match requirement and the overage costs above the grant award. Staff recommends awarding the bid to MacQueen Emergency in the amount of \$363,940.57 as they are the only vendor who met the bid specifications 100% and are within the FEMA AFG grant awarded funds total.

- E. *Ordinance – Rezoning – 110 Market Street* – The property at 110 Market Street is owned by the First Congregational United Church of Christ, which is located on the adjacent property. The current Institutional zoning district includes allowable uses that are primarily limited to church, school, government, and a few similar uses. Due to this zoning, the property owner is anticipating that they will have a hard time selling the property. The applicant has submitted a request to rezone the property at 110 Market Street to CBT - Central Business Transition District. As the name implies, this district is intended for properties that are located between the downtown business area and the surrounding residential areas. This district allows most of the uses that the B-2 Central Business District and the Institutional District allow but also allows some residential uses. The CBT district would provide more flexibility with the use of the property and would also make it easier to sell the property. Scott White, 365 Kase Street, treasurer of the 1st Congressional United Church spoke in favor of rezoning. The Plan Commission and Staff recommend approval of the proposed rezoning.
- F. *Ordinance – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Section 22.16* – Community Development Director Carroll stated that Wisconsin Act 16 was approved on June 22, 2023, and signed into law. The act amended Wisconsin Stats. 66.10015(3)(a) to state that a zoning amendment only requires approval by a simple majority of a quorum of the members elect. Essentially, the law eliminates the ability for a protest petition to alter the voting requirements for rezoning requests. As a result of this law change, Staff and the Plan Commission recommend approval of the amendment to Section 22.16 of the Zoning Ordinance that would bring this ordinance into compliance.
- G. *Award of Contract 7-24 Street Maintenance* – Public Works Director Crofoot spoke on the annual project to do overlays of selected streets using the estimated \$110,000 in Wheel Tax funding. On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Staff opened one bid for Contract 7-24, Street Maintenance. The sole bid is from Iverson Construction. There is a Base Bid that is within the budget of \$110,000. Staff recommends awarding Contract 7-24, Street Maintenance Base Bid to Iverson Construction for the proposed streets for thin overlay in the amount of \$104,491.45.

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

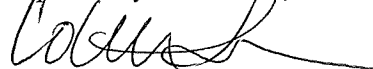
CLOSED SESSION per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) – for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

- A. Walmart Assessment
- B. Runde Auto Driveway

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Artz, second by Kopp to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Steffen, Interim City Clerk