

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**March 12, 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, Lynne Parrott, and Jason Artz.

Excused: Todd Kasper

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Aldersperson Kathy Kopp requested the Banner Permit for the Platteville Farmer’s Market be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Motion by Kopp, second by Kilian to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 2/27/24 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,549,518.34; Appointments to Boards and Commissions, Ela Kakde – Public Transportation Committee; One-Year Operator License – Lauren N Furrer and Anikka N Johnson; Two-Year Operator License – Lillian G Dockerty, Claire B Faulkner, and Debra S Marty Kramer; Taxi Vehicle License – Platteville Transit Taxi, 2023 Chrysler Voyager LX, temporary plate #W4842W; Temporary Class “B” to serve Fermented Malt Beverages – for St. Mary’s Parish at 130 W Cedar Street from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Friday, March 15 for St. Mary’s Fish Fry; Street Closing Permits - N Bonson Street along City Park and E Mineral Street from N Bonson Street to N Fourth Street for Farmer’s Market on Saturdays 6:30 AM – 1:00 PM, May 4 through October 26; Irving Place from Park Place to N. Bonson Street, N. Court Street and N. Bonson Street between Main Street and Irving Place for Alternate Farmer’s Market Site for Dairy Days and UW-P Homecoming Parades and Sweet Treats on Main from 6:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M, Irving Street from Park Place to N. Bonson Street, N. Bonson Street and N. Court Street from Irving Place to Main Street for Platteville Night Market in conjunction with Cruise In on Main and Music Fest on Saturday, July 20 from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.; Run/Walk Permit – High Vibe for St. Paddy’s 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, March 16 from 10:30 A.M. to Noon; and National Library Week 2024 Proclamation. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

*Banner Permit* – April 29 to October 26 for the Platteville Farmer’s Market, Jenna Phillips, Director of the Platteville Farmer’s Market spoke in favor and explained that this was with the understanding that other groups may hang short-term banners during this time. Motion by Artz, second by Parrott to approve the banner permit for the Platteville Farmer’s Market. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

**CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.**

Council President Barbara Daus spoke about several community events. Aldersperson Parrott announced that the Platteville Public Library would be closed on Sundays from March to September.

**REPORTS**

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Historic Preservation Commission, Museum Board, and Police and Fire Commission

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

- A. *Award Contract 2-24 West Adams Street Reconstruction* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that this contract is for water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street reconstruction of West Adams Street from Chestnut to Court Street. It is to support the new Fire Facility once built. All of the bids were over the budgeted amount for the project. Director

Crofoot offered 3 budget adjustments: Amend the budget to increase CIP borrowing by \$47,519.10., wait to see how the Sowden and Grace project comes in to see if that project is under budget, or the overage could be allocated to TID 7. The Staff recommendation is to award Contract 2-24, West Adams Street Reconstruction to Bill Lepke at the Bid Price of \$327,600.92. Staff also recommend waiting until after the Sowden and Grace bid opening to determine the full extent of overage – if any. Alderperson Kilian asked several questions: what material would be used, the thickness, what the base would be, if rebar would be used, and the life expectancy. Council President Daus requested that these questions and answers be included on the staff note for the next meeting.

- B. *Award Contract 6-24 Sidewalk Repair* - Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot said that this is our annual sidewalk repair contract. There is a Base Bid for repairing the sidewalk crossings of Pine Street, including the southwest corner of Pine and Water by Ruxton Apartments, plus replacing the ADA curb ramp in the southwest corner of Bonson and Main (Morrissey's). The low bidder is R&T Voegeli Excavating of Monroe. Staff recommends the award of Contract 6-24 Base Bid only to R&T Voegeli Excavating at the bid price of \$27,320.20.
- C. *Award Contract 10-24 Weed and Grass Mowing* - Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot presented that This contract is for those properties that require mowing due to non-compliance with the Ordinance requiring lawns to be no more than 8 inches high. The only bidder is Holman Lawn Care at \$90 per hour and \$90 minimum per location, which is \$10 higher than last year. Alderperson Kilian asked if the City enforces by inspecting properties of when receiving a complaint. Director Crofoot stated that the Code Enforcement Inspector would do both.
- D. *Award Contract 12-24 Alleys* - Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that this is for Alley paving and repairs. Staff intended to conduct two small projects within the budget: Pave the alley from Rountree Avenue to Alden Avenue – without replacing the sidewalk or working on the steep driveway approach at Alden Avenue., Repair the culvert headwall in an alley that extends from Water Street to the property at 339 Water Street. Staff recommend rejecting all bids. Staff will rebid for paving only the first item, plus a different alley that could use paving only – the Alley between Furnace and Mineral Street east of Water Street.
- E. *Annual Storm Water Report* - Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot presented the 2023 Annual Report under Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit regarding storm water management. It is similar to the 2022 report with revised data for budgets, amount of salt applied during the winter, the number of storm water management permits and erosion control permits granted. Alderperson Kilian asked when the City was first required to submit this report. Director Crofoot said that after the 2010 Census determined the city had over 10,000 residents it was required to submit annual reports. The first report was submitted in 2012.
- F. *Award Limited Salvaging Rights to the O.E. Gray Building* – City Manager Langreck spoke about the result of the request for proposal (RFP) for the purpose of selling the salvage rights of limited materials of the O.E. Gray Building resulted in one bidder. Staff recommends awarding

a bid for the salvage rights of limited materials of the O.E. Gray Building, with Platteville Real Estate Investment, LLC of Platteville WI, and to enter a contract for the payment of \$1,501.00.

- G. *Conditional Use Permit and Sidewalk Café Permit: 130 Market Street – Community*  
Development Director Carroll explained that the owners of the Fifty50 Speakeasy Tavern at 130 Market Street would like to expand the business to include an outdoor eating/drinking area on the front porch at the south side of the building and a Sidewalk Café on the public sidewalk along Market Street. The drinking area on the porch requires approval as a Conditional Use, and the use of a portion of the public sidewalk requires approval of a Sidewalk Café Permit. The sidewalk café would include two tables and four chairs. Staff agrees with the Plan Commission and recommends approval with the following conditions: the Conditional Use Permit to allow an outdoor drinking/eating area on the front porch is subject to the conditions of Section 22.06(J) and the Sidewalk Café Permit to allow an outdoor eating and drinking area on the public sidewalk in front of 130 Market Street is subject to the conditions of Section 4.07. Council President Daus asked if the Sidewalk Café permit could be rescinded if it obstructed the sidewalk. Director Carroll stated that the City would have the authority to rescind since it is in the form of a permit.
- H. *Resolution - TIDE Presents Recommendations to Council – City Manager Langreck along with Alderpersons Parrott and Gates* presented the proposed resolution containing the recommendations provided by the Taskforce for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (TIDE) in efforts to fulfill the charter goals of the Taskforce as established by Resolution 23-28. TIDE met on March 4, 2024, where they took action to propose the Common Council adopt the DEI initiatives as outlined in Appendix A of the Resolution, create a permanent DEI Committee, and amend the City’s Inclusivity Statement. Council President Daus asked the Council to read the proposal and send any questions to City Manager Langreck or Alderpersons Parrott and Gates. Depending on the amount of questions the resolution may return as an information item at the next Council meeting.
- I. *Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Loan Program*
- a. *Adopt Alternative Revenue Pledge*
  - b. *Ordinance 24-xx Amending Section 7.04 of the Platteville Municipal Code*
  - c. *Ordinance 24-xx Creating Section 7.05 of the Platteville Municipal Code*
  - d. *Establish Interest Rate, Administration Fee, and Repayment Period for LSL Loans*

Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that the City has conducted LSL programs since 2016. Until now, the program was funded with one “loan” program that if we abided by all the rules, the DNR would “forgive” 100% of the loan – called Principal Forgiveness. The program was limited to schools, licensed daycare facilities, and properties used for residential purposes. In that time we provided up to \$1,140 per LSL with 515 locations awarded over \$580,000. There are still 110 properties with known private side LSL. Of these, 3 are commercial properties. The City has passed an Ordinance to remove all LSL by December 31, 2024. This year, funding is through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) program. It has expanded funding to all properties, but it has limited the program Statewide to 51% loan and 49% Principal Forgiveness. The State must balance the forgiveness portion of the loans

statewide to this percentage. Based on our Low-Moderate Income community, our split is 25% loan and 75% Principal Forgiveness. In order to implement the new LSL program without use of General Fund reserves or pledging against general obligation debt capacity, staff are recommending the Council enact Ordinances to establish an LSL Utility which would authorize the property owner loan repayments to be placed as a Special Charge on their property tax bill thus allowing the City to pledge the Special Charge revenues as required to receive the DNR loan. Loan repayment responsibility will then be placed on the benefiting property owner, not all tax payers or all rate payers.

Motion by Artz, seconded by Kopp to go into a Closed Session. Motion carried 6-0 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. – Inga Graul Claim

Motion by Gates, seconded by Parrott to come out of Closed Session. Motion carried 6-0 on a voice vote.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Gates, second by Parrott to deny the claim by Inga Graul as advised by Attorney Cole. Motion carried 5-1 on a roll call vote with Kilian voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Artz, second by Kopp to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, City Clerk