

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 26, 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, Todd Kasper, and Jason Artz.

Excused: none

PUBLIC HEARING

Conditional Use Permit and Sidewalk Café Permit: 130 Market Street – 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. Michael Walsh, 435 West Madison Street, Executive Director of the Platteville Main Street Program spoke in favor of both permits. Motion by Kilian, second by Kopp to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Gates, second by Kilian to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow an outdoor drinking area on the front porch and the private sidewalk at 130 Market Street as proposed in the application materials and subject to the conditions of Section 22.06(J) of the Municipal Code. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Gates, second by Kilian to approve a Sidewalk Café Permit on the public sidewalk in front of 130 Market Street as proposed in the application materials and subject to the conditions of Section 4.07 of the Municipal Code. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kopp, second by Kilian to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 3/12/24 Regular with the correction of the recorded vote on the Action from Closed Session from 6-0 to 5-1; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$497,947.70; Two-Year Operator License –Lindsay M Neefe, Robert J Ruth, and Emilie C Slichenmyer; Extension of Premise - Request to Extend Licensed Premises of Nick’s Bar at 74 N. Second Street to include Parking Lots on 3rd Street and N 3rd Street from Main Street to Mineral Street from 11:00 A.M. Saturday, May 4 to 2:30 A.M. Sunday, May 5 for Derby Days; ; Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” to serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Wine - Grant County Family Literacy Services at 225 W Main Street (Platteville Library) from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 6 for Loud @ the Library; Run/Walk Permits for Southwest Health - Nurse’s 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 4 starting at 9:00 A.M., Kiwanis Badger Crawl 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, May 11 starting at 9:00 A.M., Grant County Humane Society Run, Walk, Wag on Saturday, June 15 starting at 9:00 A.M.; Street Closing Permits - N 3rd Street from Main Street to Mineral Street for Derby Days on Saturday, May 4 from 11:00 A.M. to Sunday, May 5, 2:30 A.M., Main Street from Chestnut Street to Water Street for 4th Annual Platteville Cruise In On Main by the Southwest Wisconsin Auto Club on Saturday, July 20 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Council President Barbara Daus welcomed guests including students in attendance who are members of classes at UW-Platteville and congratulated the Fire Department on a successful Pancake Breakfast. Alderperson Parrott made comments acknowledging the loss of life from the Baltimore Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Board of Appeal – Zoning, Museum Board
Alderperson Gates announced the starting of new Museum Director Cody Grabhorn on Monday April 1st and commended and thanked Angie Wright for her service as Interim Museum Director during the transition period (Gates delivered these remarks between Action Items F and G).

ACTION

- A. *Award Contract 2-24 West Adams Street Reconstruction* – Motion by Kasper, second by Kopp to award Contract 2-24, West Adams Street Reconstruction to Bill Lepke at the Bid Price of \$327,600.92 with the savings from the Sowden and Grace Street project to cover the over budget amount in this project. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Award Contract 6-24 Sidewalk Repair* - Motion by Gates, second by Kilian to award Contract 6-24 Base Bid only to R&T Voegeli Excavating at the bid price of \$27,320.20. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *Award Contract 10-24 Weed and Grass Mowing* - Motion by Kopp, second by Kilian to award Contract 10-24, Weed & Grass mowing to Holman Lawn Care at the bid price of \$90 per hour and \$90 minimum per location. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. *Award Contract 12-24 Alleys* - Motion by Kilian, second by Kasper to reject all bids for Contract 12-24. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. *Award Limited Salvaging Rights to the O.E. Gray Building* – Motion by Gates, second by Kilian to award a contract for the salvage rights of limited materials of the O.E. Gray Building, to Platteville Real Estate Investment, LLC of Platteville WI, for the payment of \$1,501.00. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. *Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Loan Program*
 - a. *Adopt Alternative Revenue Pledge*
 - b. *Ordinance 24-04 Amending Section 7.04 of the Platteville Municipal Code*
 - c. *Ordinance 24-05 Creating Section 7.05 of the Platteville Municipal Code*
 - d. *Establish Interest Rate, Administration Fee, and Repayment Period for LSL Loans*

Motion by Kopp, second by Kasper to adopt Alternative Revenue Pledge (Option 3) for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion by Gates, second by Kopp to adopt Ordinance 24-04 amending Section 7.04 of the Platteville Municipal Code. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion by Kasper, second by Parrott to adopt Ordinance 24-05 creating Section 7.05 of the Platteville Municipal Code authorizing any LSL replacement loan as a Special Charge and lien on the subject property. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion by Kopp, second by Kasper that the interest rate be 1%, an administration fee of \$50 and a repayment period not to exceed three (3) years. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

G. *25 E. Main Street Loan Extension to Fidelity Bank & Trust Loan Extension - Motion* by Kasper, second by Gates to approve a two-year loan extension with Fidelity Bank & Trust in the amount of \$107,475.54, at a rate of 7.75%, with a payment of \$1,116.63 and continuing the current 12.4-year amortization. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Resolution - TIDE Presents Recommendations to Council* - City Manager Langreck presented and gave recommendations on several initiatives coming out of the work completed by the Taskforce for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (TIDE). TIDE met on March 4, 2024, where it 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. Royal Palmer, 127 East Main Street, spoke in favor of TIDE initiatives. The Council will convene a work session in April to review the recommendations.
- B. *Resolution – 2024-2026 Rountree Branch Streambank Repairs Grant* – Public Works Director Crofoot explained that every even year, the Wisconsin DNR accepts grant applications for certain environmental projects. These projects must be completed by the end of the second year after award. The goal of this type of project is to reduce streambank erosion through the use of vegetation, rip-rap or other methods. The maximum award for this type of project is \$150,000 matching grant toward a \$300,000 project. In 2018 the City received a \$75,000 matching grant toward a \$150,000 project to make streambank repairs in three locations. This project was completed in 2020 at two sites on University property and one at the Chamber of Commerce. This grant request is due April 15. One requirement is that the governing body of the local government requesting the grant submit a Resolution acknowledging the submission and pledging the local match funding. Applying for the grant would mean committing \$100,000 of the approximately \$750,000 of 2025 CIP discretionary budget to this project if the grant was awarded. With staff input and due to funding challenges, Council consensus was not to bring this item back for action.
- C. *Contract 1-24 Sowden & Grace Street Reconstruction* – Public Works Director Crofoot spoke about this contract for water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street reconstruction of Sowden Street from Water Street to Grace Street and for Grace Street from Madison Street to the cul-de-sac. There were 7 bidders. The low bidder is H James and Sons. They have done successful projects for the City and for local developers in the past. The project will start in June and be completed in October. Staff recommends awarding Contract 1-24, Sowden and Grace Street Reconstruction to H James and Sons at the Bid Price of \$914,617.75.
- D. *Budget Considerations for Savings on Sowden & Grace* – Public Works Director Crofoot explained that the Sowden and Grace Street Reconstruction project came in well under budget. After covering the overbudget amounts for the West Adams Street project, there is still \$517,781.33 remaining. The Public Service Commission recognizes that when a community does a combined project to replace water and sanitary sewer utility-funded items with storm

sewer and street reconstruction, the utility should be responsible for up to 20% of the cost to reconstruct the street. The intent is that if the water utility on its own decided to replace water lines not in conjunction with a street project, it would spend the equivalent of 20% of the full street replacement cost to patch the street, curb, sidewalk, etc. Permission is required from the Water and Sewer Commission to use this allocation. Crofoot presented two options in light of the below budget bids. Option 1 is for two additional projects to be undertaken in 2024; installing concrete on Lewis Street where fire trucks return to the fire facility at an estimated cost of \$50,000 and reconstruction of North Court Street between Lewis and Adams at an estimated cost of \$402,700. Assume the 20% allocation to the Water & Sewer utility, no additional borrowing would be required above what was included in the 2024 budget. Option 2 is to borrow only what is needed to complete the Sowden/Grace and West Adams reconstruction. This option would reduce the debt service portion of the 2025 city tax rate by an estimated \$0.03. Currently the estimated city tax rate for 2025 debt service is \$0.33.

- E. 2023 Budget Carryovers to 2024, Budget Amendment #1* - Administration Director Maurer presented that departments have requested the following 2023 unspent funds to be carried over to 2024: CIP Fund Amount - \$1,148,796 and General Fund Amount - \$74,207. Maurer gave detailed information on these carryovers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasper, second by Gates to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicola Maurer, Administration Director