

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 9, 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 P.M. 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

PRESENTATION

- A. *2023 Platteville Incubator Annual Report and Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC)*– PBII Executive Director Kate Koziol presented the 2023 Platteville Incubator Annual Report and Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC).
- B. *Platteville Public Library Update* - Library Director Jessie Lee-Jones presented an update on the Platteville Public Library and handed out the 2023 Platteville Public Library Annual Report.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Gates, second by Parrott to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 3/26/24 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,129,382.72; Financial Report – March; Appointments to Boards and Commissions: Lynette Dornak – partial term ending November 1, 2024, Airport commission; Two-Year Operator License – Joyce R Brakie, Noah E Gordon, Benjamin E Kuhls, and Ava M Wendhausen; Run/Walk Permit – UW Platteville Out of the Darkness Committee – Out of the Darkness Campus Walk on Wednesday, April 13 starting at 11:00 A.M; Council Organizational Meeting – Tuesday, April 16 at 5:00 P.M.; Write-off of Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes; Ordinance 24-06 Amending Section 7.04 of the Municipal Code. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Aldersperson Bob Gates introduced the new Museum Director Cody Grabhorn.

Field Representative Molly Bohn 320 Monroe Street presented a legislative update on behalf of Congressman Van Orden. She spoke about his visits, achievements, and upcoming events.

REPORTS

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

ACTION

- A. *Resolution – 2024-2026 Rountree Branch Streambank Repairs Grant* – Motion by Kasper, second by Kilian to approve Resolution 24-02 committing to a local match of up to \$100,000 for streambank repairs at Sites 1, 2 and 3 as listed in the grant application. Bill and Dena Grutz, 4367 Jewell Lane, Tim Deis, 115 Moonlight Drive, and Dave Carnahan, 4951 US Hwy 151 registered in favor; Bob Hundhausen, 1043 Woodland Road spoke in favor and read statements from Gene Weber, 1285 Union Street and Chamber Director Wayne Wodarz, 1380 N 4th Street. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 roll call vote.

- B. *Contract 1-24 Sowden & Grace Street Reconstruction* - Motion by Kopp, second by Kasper to award Contract 1-24, Sowden and Grace Street Reconstruction to H James and Sons at the Bid Price of \$914,617.75. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 roll call vote.
- C. *Budget Considerations for Savings on Sowden & Grace* - Motion by Gates, second by Kopp to direct Staff to design and bid the reconstruction of North Court Street from Adams to Lewis Street and install concrete on Lewis Street where the fire trucks will return to the Fire Facility. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 roll call vote.
- D. *2023 Budget Carryovers to 2024, Budget Amendment #1* - Motion by Kopp, second by Kasper to approve the carryover of \$1,148,796 in the CIP Fund and \$74,207 in the General Fund per the attached schedules. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Resolution DNR Land Acquisition Grant Application - Eastside Trail Extension* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that The Platteville Community Arboretum (PCA) is working on a plan for an expansion of the existing Rountree Branch Trail that would connect Business Highway 151 to Eastside Road. They are also looking at acquiring a parcel of land along Valley Road that would be used for parking and a trail access point. This parking area would be intended to replace the access and parking area adjacent to the quarry driveway north of Mineral Street. There have been a few near misses with vehicles using this area and trucks entering and exiting the quarry, so relocating the trail parking and access point would eliminate this problem. The project would include an application for a DNR land acquisition grant, which would provide up to 50% of the project costs. The city would be the applicant for the grant on behalf of the PCA, and all lands acquired with the grant would be turned over to the City. The Council must approve a resolution authorizing submittal of the grant application. Joe Jacquinet, President of the PCA asked the Council to consider three questions: Should the City apply for the grant to acquire the land that would connect Business Highway 151 and Eastside Road, should Valley Road be added, and how much funding would the City be willing to provide?

WORK SESSION

TIDE - Inclusion, Diversity, And Equity Initiatives – City Manager Langreck asked that the work session focus on the three specific elements: DEI initiatives as outlined in Appendix A of the Resolution, creation of a permanent DEI Committee, and amending the City’s DEI Statement (replacement of “Taskforce” with “DEI Committee”). He also explained the progression of the work session to be: Establish rules of discussion and public comment (delivered by the Council President), define the scope of discussion (focus on three elements above), allow community comments and observations related to the specific topics (limited allotment of time), City Manager vision for implementing the proposed initiatives, and Council member discussion. During the public comment time Vicky Suhr, 200 N Elm Street and Nathan Robinson, 87 E Main Street registered in favor; Rosalyn Broussard, 65 Mitchell Avenue and Bev Johansen, 170 Preston Drive spoke for informational purposes; Emily Zachary, 60 Ann Street and Royal Palmer, 127 E Main Street spoke in favor; Bob Brodbeck, 55 Preston Drive spoke against.

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

CLOSED SESSION per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) – Conferring with legal counsel 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. – Grant County Humane Society Unlawful Tax Claim

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kilian, seconded by Artz to come out of Closed Session and adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Steffen, City Clerk