

## **PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **April 8, 2025**

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: Barbara Daus, Kathy Kopp, Lynne Parrott, Bob Gates, and Tom Nall

Excused: Ken Kilian, Todd Kasper

#### CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kopp, second by Gates to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 3/25/25 Regular, with the correction that Dick Davies was appointed to the Museum Board for a partial term not the Library Board; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$564,111.17; Financial Report – March; Appointments to Boards and Commissions: Library Board – Amy Seeboth Wilson and Jason Artz; Two-Year Operator Licenses - Brady R Horne, Weslee MD Mischel, Soren W Swenson, and Gary A Wiskus; Extension of Premise for 7 Hills North at 92 E Main Street to include area in front of business to Main Street including the public sidewalk as defined in the Sidewalk Permit and distinguished by stanchions, Extension of Premise for Beastro Se7en at 45 N Second Street to include area in front of business to Second Street including the public sidewalk as defined in the Sidewalk Permit and distinguished by stanchions; Bike Permit (Time Change) - Platteville Public Library for Fall Community Bike Ride on Saturday, September 20 (rain date September 27) from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. (previously 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.) at Mound View Park; Council Organizational Meeting – Tuesday, April 15 at 5:00 P.M.; National Library Week 2025 Proclamation. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Council President Daus thanked the City workers who helped with two major events that took place today: the airplane crash near the Airport and the water main break on Pine Street near 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and commended the Fire Department for handling a planned burn that turned into a real fire event. Daus congratulated Lynne Parrott and Tony McFall on their election to the Common Council. Alderperson Nall thanked everyone who serves on boards and commissions and continued to encourage involvement from residents in local government. Fire Chief Ryan Simmons reminded residents of the Fireman's breakfast on Sunday and the groundbreaking ceremony to be held at the new fire station site on Wednesday, April 16 at 12:15 P.M. Museum Director Cody Grabhorn mentioned that Pasty's need to be ordered by Thursday April 10 and spoke about the Mini Golf at the Museum fundraiser's success. City Manager Clinton Langreck announced the Loud @ the Library event scheduled for Saturday, April 12. Council President Pro-tem Kopp asked for volunteers to help clean up Katie's Garden on Saturday morning, April 12.

#### REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee, Museum Board, Water & Sewer Commission, Commission on Aging, and Police & Fire Commission
- B. Other Reports - Water and Sewer Financial Report – March, Airport Financial Report – March, Department Progress Reports

#### ACTION

- A. *Carryovers 2024 to 2025, Budget Amendment #1* – Motion by Gates, second by Parrott to approve the carryover of \$670,803 in the CIP Fund and \$18,945 in the General Fund per the provided schedules. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Resolution to Terminate Tax Incremental Financing District (TID) #5* – Motion by Gates, second by Kopp to approve Resolution 25-01 to terminate Tax Incremental Financing District #5. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Award for Comprehensive Planning Services* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained the City requested proposals from qualified planning individuals and project consultant teams to provide planning assistance for three projects. Strategic Planning services, updated Comprehensive Plan, and Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the strategic planning session is to affirm the City mission, values, and financial tenets, and to identify the common council's operational priorities, policy goals, and strategic objectives. It is intended that these items will be compiled and published into a "Council Vision" report. This report will be referenced in the annual strategic planning process to build capital improvement plans, operational budgets, and guide daily operations. The plan must include information on all the elements required by Wisconsin Statutes Sec 66.1001. The plan should include a plan for public participation, in accordance with Section 66.1001(4)(a) Wis. Stats. The plan will also include a neighborhood plan for the recently acquired former Clare property and surrounding lands on the East side of the City. The City is seeking a consultant to update and revise the Parks & Recreation Plan. The consultant will collect and analyze data to develop a clear set of goals, policies, and standards for the community's park system, green space, trails, recreation facilities, and program development for the next 5 years. Proposals were received from seven consulting firms to complete the three projects. The cost of completing the work included in the proposals ranged from a low of \$42,500 to a high of \$122,000. These proposals were reviewed by the City Manager, Parks & Recreation Director, and Community Development Director and narrowed down to two finalists. Plan Commission member Ciara Miller joined the three Staff members for interviews. The consensus was to recommend Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission complete the project for the proposed price of \$42,500. The 2025 CIP budget includes \$35,000 towards the planning projects. The work is anticipated to extend into 2026, so \$7,500 in additional funding will need to be included in the 2026 budget to complete the work, or additional funds will need to be provided from the current budget to cover the full \$42,500. Staff recommends selecting the proposal from Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Council President Daus asked that a tally sheet of all submitted proposals be included in the next packet. It was also recommended that documentation is provided to the Platteville Township about the City seeking a new Strategic Plan.
- B. *Pool Funding Options for Platteville Family Aquatic Center and Proceeding to Stage 2 of the Aquatic Engineer Agreement with JEO* – City Manager Clinton Langreck and Parks and Recreation Director Bob Lowe, presented that on April 1, 2025, a majority of participating Platteville voters gave a yes vote at approximately 76% of the total ballots cast on an advisory referendum, for the council to borrow up to \$6.9 million for a new pool at the Platteville Family Aquatic Center. Staff are now seeking the Council's feedback on entering stage two of

design and the funding options available for \$6.9 million. Director Maurer presents the current borrowing summary: The current outstanding General Obligation Debt (unaudited) is \$22,099,604, which is 43.1% of the state limit (5% of equalized value) and 61.5% of the Platteville financial policy limit (3.5% of equalized value). Planned and potential future borrowings for the next two years are as follows: 2025 CIP G.O. debt budget \$1.6M, 2026 CIP G.O. debt projection \$2.5M (\$1.5M Public Works, \$0.9M Fire Truck), 2026 Pool G.O. debt estimate \$7.0M, This yields a total of \$11.1M in new G.O. debt in 2025/26. Adjusting for principal payments of \$2.6M in 2025/26, the adjusted outstanding G.O. debt is estimated at \$30.6 M. Based on the 2024 equalized value of \$1.027B, this would put the City debt at approximately 60% of the state limit and at approximately 85% of the City of Platteville financial policy limit. With the above estimates, the debt service tax rate is projected to increase from \$1.95 in 2025 to \$2.47 in 2027. Stage 2 of the Agreement with JEO Aquatic Engineers, on or about February 11, 2025, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with JEO Aquatic Engineers. Any further development in design was contingent on the results of the referendum and the decision by the Council. If interested in pursuing the reconstruction, Staff are now requesting that the Council grant authority to the City Manager to engage JEO to Stage 2 of the Aquatic Engineer Agreement. Stage 2 includes but is not limited to: survey, both Lidar and Topographical surveys; schematic design/design development phase, including preparation of the project documents; construction document phase, finalizing the construction and technical specifications; bidding and permitting, including aquatic engineer permitting and civil engineer permitting; and the public bidding process. Staff seeks Council approval for the City Manager to engage JEO for Stage 2 as outlined in the agreement between the City of Platteville and JEO Consulting Group, LLC. Anticipating the project to require borrowing of up to \$6.9M in addition to allocated CIP funds and possible fundraising revenues. Staff seek guidance on the council directive for borrowing or other funding for the pool. Council President Pro-tem Kopp asked if this item could be brought back in two motions, budget and City Manager authorization.

Motion by Kopp, second by Nall to go into a Closed Session. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

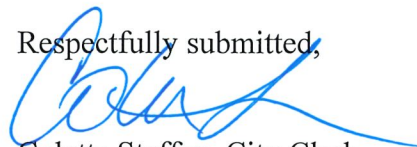
#### CLOSED SESSION

Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) – Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Performance Evaluations

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gates, second by Nall to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Steffen, City Clerk