

## PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 24, 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, Ken Kilian, and Tom Nall

Excused: Tony McFall

### CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Nall, second by Parrott to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 6/10/25 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$958,962.87; Appointments to Boards and Commissions: Parks, Forestry & Recreation Committee - Maureen Vorwald , Tourism Committee - Deb Rice; Two-Year Operator Licenses – Lindsey Albarran, Ariana Aranda, Joseph J Arndt, Benjamin M Cargill, Deborah A Chandler, Elle L Erato, Eva K Hollingsworth, Tracy L Klein, Samuel A Konen, Stacie L McNutt, Kylie C Merritt, Amanda S Mixdorf, Hayley J Mokros, Angela M Neuhaus, Aaron D Pluemer, Taylor L Runde, Penny S Sherwin, Cloe E Sieckman, Hannah I Silvers, Emma R Speiss, Andrew J Udelhofen, Stephanie N Webster, Meghan C Wellnitz-Trejo, Sarah C Winders, Kasey L Wisniewski; Temporary Class “B” to serve Fermented Malt Beverages to Platteville Jaycees at Legion Field on Friday, July 4, from 2:30 PM to Midnight for Platteville 4th of July Event; "Class C" Liquor (Wine only) – contingent upon passing all inspections A & M Bridal Boutique of Southwest Wisconsin Inc., Platteville, WI (Tomi Gills, Agent), for premises at 40 E. Main Street (Bridal Boutique); Banner Permit – September 1 through September 20 for Grant County Cancer Coalition Auction on Saturday, September 20 by Grant County Cancer Coalition; Run/Walk Permit – Edward Jones (Platteville Offices) for Edward Jones Firecracker 5K on Friday, July 4 from 7:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

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

Council President Daus congratulated the Grant County Historical Society and President Pro-tem Kopp, who was the MC for the event, for the historic monument marker dedication of the Mitchell-Rountree Stone Cottage that took place on Monday, June 23, in the Council Chambers due to the weather. Steve Stelpflug, 270 N Hickory Street, addressed the Council to make them aware of the struggle that his mother-in-law and three of her neighbors at 240, 300, and 330 N Hickory Street have been experiencing due to a mistake made many years ago on their property deed descriptions that do not match the lot descriptions. He said they have been working with the City, the County, and an attorney to try to correct this for the past two years.

### REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Airport Commission, Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee, Plan Commission, Library Board, Water & Sewer Commission

### ACTION

- A. *Resolution - Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) 2024* – Motion by Kilian, second by Kopp to approve Resolution 25-09 accepting the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for 2024 and authorizing staff to submit the report. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

- B. *Public Participation Plan – 2025 Comprehensive Plan – Motion* by Kopp, second by Parrott to approve the Public Participation Plan for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update with the striking of the word “students” from the paragraph titled *Public Meetings*. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *2026 Proposed Budget Schedule – Motion* by Gates, second by Kopp to approve the proposed schedule for the City of Platteville 2026 Budget. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Annual Video Reports Review* – City Manager Clinton Langreck updated the Common Council on preparations for strategic and comprehensive planning by reviewing the director videos for the Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works. Fire Chief Ryan Simmons, Police Chief Doug McKinley, and Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot responded to questions from the Common Council regarding each department’s budget needs.
- B. *City Manager Budget Guidance* – City Manager Clinton Langreck explained that, as part of overseeing the city budget, the City Manager provides the directors with an annual budget guidance document to communicate financial principles, condition assessments, parameters, and priorities. As noted in the 2025 Budget Timeline, the City Manager plans to release this document to the directors in the second week of July. This document sets the tone and direction for the budgeting process, and the City Manager requested discussions from the Common Council on key budgetary elements.
- C. *Availability for Strategic Planning* – City Manager Clinton Langreck asked the Common Council to select dates and times to engage in preliminary, strategic planning sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to review the City’s mission statement and core values, affirm a unified vision for the Common Council, and identify operational priorities, policy priorities, and strategic objectives that will guide the City’s work over the coming years. The intended audience for these sessions includes Common Council members, with facilitation support provided by staff from the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. City department directors and key staff will also participate to inform and support discussions on potential initiatives. These meetings will be in a work session format.
- D. *Review and Authorize Comprehensive Steering Committee Members* – City Manager Clinton Langreck relayed that a request was issued to elected and appointed officials to recommend candidates for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The intent was to identify individuals with knowledge, experience, and expertise in a range of focus areas, including land use and planning, education, economic development, workforce development, small business, parks and recreation, higher education, civic engagement, public safety, and public information access. Based on input and nominations, Alyssa Schaeffer, Project Manager with the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC), contacted potential appointees and has compiled a proposed membership list. Prior to the commencement of steering committee activities, SWWRPC seeks Council review and authorization of the proposed appointments. Care was taken to ensure that fewer than half of the members are current Plan Commission representatives to avoid quorum concerns.

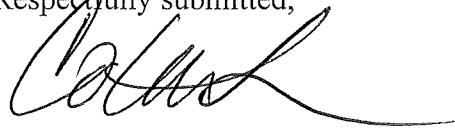
- E. *Pine Street Repairs – Project Updates 06-24-2025* –Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot stated that staff awarded Contract 16-25, Pine Street Repairs to Temperley Excavating for repairs from Oak Street to Chestnut Street. Work will begin on June 30 and is expected to be completed by August 29. There will be a Public Information meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 4:00 PM to discuss the project with affected property owners, businesses, and residents. Dan Dreessens, Delta 3 gave a verbal preview of the presentation to be given on June 25 and answered questions.
- F. *Pine Street Pedestrian Islands* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that staff awarded Contract 16-25, Pine Street Repairs to Temperley Excavating for repairs from Oak Street to Chestnut Street. There are three pedestrian islands along Pine Street between Oak Street and Chestnut Street. The islands were constructed in 2006 as part of the State Highway reconstruction project, meant to provide illusory protection for pedestrians from vehicles. There is a place for decorative plantings for beautification. Since the islands were installed, the one that gets used most is the one at Oak Street. It is used extensively by residents of Ruxton to cross to McGregor Plaza. The other two get sporadic use. Due to the water main break, the island at Third Street was damaged, with concrete sections tilted. The one at Bonson and Oak Street appears to be undamaged. The advantages of keeping and repairing the islands are the perception of safety and, when landscaped, the beautification of the sterile concrete street. The disadvantages are the constrictions to snow plowing, the cost of maintaining the plantings, and the dangers of clearing the snow from the sidewalk inside the island. Removal and replacement of the islands with flat concrete and repainting the crosswalk later are included in the bid price. Removal of the pedestrian islands would result in a savings of \$13,060 out of the project cost of \$854,129.45, or 1.5% of the project cost. Staff recommend that the Common Council approve the removal of all pedestrian islands in Pine Street and replace them with flat concrete and painted crosswalks in conjunction with the Pine Street repair project. Main Street Director Michael Walsh, 435 W Madison Street, spoke against the removal of the pedestrian islands. He stated concern for residents who cross Pine Street without the added protection of the islands. Alderman Gates requested that staff look for a compromise that would allow the pedestrian islands to remain while still providing enough width for plowing.
- G. *Aquatic Center Reconstruction Budget* – City Manager Clinton Langreck stated that during the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget process, the Common Council took action to repurpose funds in support of the Platteville Family Aquatic Center project. Council approved to remove the Southwest Road Sidewalk Project for \$225,000 from the 2025 CIP budget and to include the shelved project, pool vessel removal for \$225,000 in the 2025 CIP Budget. City staff began working with the Platteville Aquatic Recreation Subcommittee to explore reconstruction options. A recommendation was brought forward to the Common Council to pursue a full reconstruction of the Aquatic Center, conditioned on public support through an advisory referendum. The question presented was: “Should the City of Platteville borrow up to \$6.9 million for the construction of a replacement aquatic center?” The results of the referendum indicated strong public support, with over 76% of voters in favor. Since that time, staff have advanced preliminary project work using the \$225,000 CIP allocation. Contracts have been executed for architectural design, engineering, and geotechnical services totaling

\$95,103.55 to date. Schematic design has been completed, design development is underway, and a Construction Manager has recently been brought on board. To continue progress toward demolition and construction, staff is seeking clarification from Council on the total amount of borrowed funds to be applied to the project. Specifically, in addition to the full \$6.9 million in General Obligation Note borrowing intended for the project, how much of the \$225,000 in repurposed 2025 CIP funds is to be allocated towards the total project expenditures. Council came to an agreement that the amount should include the demo of the pool, initial survey and topographical study, and the phase one amount.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopp, second by Parrott to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colette', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Colette Steffen, City Clerk