

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 28, 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, Tony McFall, Steven Badger, and Bob Gates

Excused: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A. Swearing-in of New Platteville Police Officer – Ava Jorin - Lieutenant Josh Grabandt introduced Police Officer Ava Jorin, and City Clerk Colette Steffen administered the Oath of Office to swear Officer Jorin in as a police officer in the City of Platteville
- B. TIF Pay-As-You-Go – Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation (PAIDC) Executive Director Abby Haas – Director Haas provided Council with information on the Pay-As-You-Go TID incentive that will assist in efforts to recruit new businesses to the Platteville Area Industrial Park by acting as a tax rebate to developers.
- C. 2026-2030 Financial Management Plan – Ehlers – Senior Municipal Advisor Brian Roemer presented the City's Financial Management Plan.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kopp, second by Badger to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 10/14/25 Regular AND 10/15/25 Special; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,825,349.31; Appointments to Boards and Commissions: none; One-Year Operator Licenses - Scott Coulthard, Emma Egnoski, and Timothy Pitcock; Two-Year Operator Licenses - Maxwell Fisher-Yancy, Christina King, John King, Marcus Martin, and Kyron Ogden; Cancel December 23 Common Council Meeting. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Carson Loshaw, 185 S Hickory Street, Apt. 109D spoke about the Affordable Housing Improvement Program and the need for the assessment cap to be adjusted to follow the increase in housing values. He passed out information to support this. Council President Daus stated that Alderperson Ken Kilian has retired and acknowledged the value of his time spent working with City Directors and boards, commissions, and committee members. On behalf of the Council members, she wished him well and announced that a reception is planned for Sunday, November 2, from 11 am to 3 pm at the First English Lutheran Church. Council President Daus announced the process to apply for the vacant District 4 Alderperson that will be posted on the City website. Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot shared that the City and UW-Platteville will host over 200 public works professionals for their Fall Conference over the next 3 days. This will include a tour of the new Fire Facility and Truck N Treat at the Broske Center parking lot, where Public Works Staff will be passing out candy and have their trucks available for children to view.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Plan Commission, Library Board, Airport Commission, and Community Safe Routes Committee

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 25-15 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$8,125,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A* – Senior Municipal Advisor Brian Roemer explained the long-range model goals, historical trends, strengths, weaknesses, and levy information that led to the City's AA- bond rating. Motion by Gates, second by Parrott, to adopt Resolution 25-15 Authorizing the Sale of \$8,125,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025A. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *2026 Council Budget Adjustment-A* - Motion by Kopp, second by Badger, to remove the fees and corresponding \$4000 for revenue and increase tax support for the Senior Center from \$55,598 to \$59,598 for the 2026 budget, with the understanding that there will be a proposal during 2026 that will address Senior Center expenses. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *2026 Council Budget Adjustment-B* - Motion by Parrott, second by Gates, to fund the Museum – Hanmer Robbins Attic insulation project with additional CIP tax levy of \$65,000, from \$805,330 to \$870,330, and to give the Administration Director the flexibility to assure the City qualifies for expenditure restraint or to return this request to the council at the first meeting in November. Motion carried 4-2, with Badger and Daus voting against, on a roll call vote.
- D. *Auditing Services for 2025, 2026, & 2027 with Optional Additional Years* – Motion by Gates, second by Kopp, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Johnson Block and Company Inc. to conduct auditing services for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2025, 2026 and 2027 with optional years 2028 and 2029. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. *Friends of the Museum Application for Non-State Grant*– Friends of the Museum President Deb Jenny spoke in favor of this item. Motion by Badger, second by Kopp, to approve the Friends of the Museum's request to pursue the Wisconsin Non-State Grant Program for improvements to the Hanmer Robbins Building, to authorize the proposed improvements, to include the project in the City's Capital Improvement Plan as a "Shelved Item"; and to authorize the City Manager to release a letter of support on behalf of the City with the intention to sign the 20-year Land Use Restriction Agreement as required and at no cost to the City. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. *Resolution 25-16, Mound View Park Connector Trail – Phase 2 TAP Grant*– Motion by Gates, second by Kopp, to approve Resolution 25-16, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for the 2025 TAP grant cycle for Mound View Park Trail Connector Phase 2. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Contract 9-25 Snow and Ice Removal*– Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that there is an Ordinance requiring property owners to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks that abut their properties. If the property owners fail to do so, the City is authorized to have the snow/ice removed and the cost billed to the owner plus an administrative fee. In the past, staff has requested bids from local contractors to perform the snow/ice removal. This year, the request for bids went out and were mailed to contractors who have done it in the past.

The City received one bid from Holman Lawn Care & Snow Removal, LLC. The bid is for \$150.00 per sidewalk, regardless of length or width for snow removal only. There would be an additional charge of \$50.00 above the basic charge if the contractor must salt and scrape the sidewalk. The City also imposes a \$60 administrative fee in the 2025 Administrative Fee Schedule. This would mean the property owner is charged \$210 for snow only or \$260 for snow and ice with salting and scraping. It is less than the bid price last year of \$300 for snow and \$500 for snow & ice. Staff recommends award Contract 9-25 Snow and Ice Removal to Holman Lawn Care & Snow Removal, LLC for the bid price of \$150 per location for snow removal only and \$200 per location for snow and Ice removal.

Motion by Badger, second by Kopp to go into a Closed Session. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

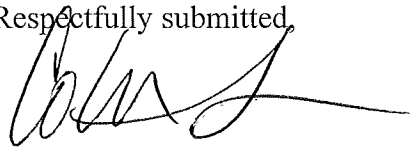
CLOSED SESSION

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 – City Manager Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopp, second by Gates to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Colette Steffen, City Clerk