# PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS November 10, 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, and Bob Gates

Excused: Steven Badger

## CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Gates, second by Kopp to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 10/28/25 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$758416.54; Financial Report – October; Appointments to Boards and Commissions: George Krueger to the Airport Commission; Two-Year Operator Licenses - Alexandra N Lind; Taxi Driver License - Robert C Doench, Jeffrey C Kopp, Janice M Lindeman, David W McVay, and Robert F Wedige. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

Common Council President Daus announced that City Hall and the Senior Center would be closed on Tuesday, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

## REPORTS

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

#### ACTION

- A. Contract 9-25 Snow and Ice Removal—Motion by Gates, second by Parrott, to 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 carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. Resolution 25-17 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,585,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025B, of the City of Platteville, Grant County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds- Ehlers Senior Municipal Advisor Brian Roemer explained the reason for authorizing the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of the Water and Sewer System Revenue bonds. Motion by Kopp, second by Parrott, to adopt Resolution 25-17 Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,585,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025B, of the City of Platteville, Grant County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

#### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Resolution Annual Fee Schedule – City Clerk Colette Steffen explained that annually Staff review the fees charged by the City of Platteville for various licenses, permits, inspections,

programming, and so on, and have suggested the following changes to the current Fee Schedule: Building Inspection – several changes to the minimums and fees, Library – change to Community Room qualification for fee, Museum – admission fee increases, add "Museum After Dark", and a couple of program increases, Parks & Recreation – addition non-resident rental fees for the Broske Center, pool season pass and pool admission daily fee, Planning and Development – transfer of fees from Building Inspection, no fee change, and Public Works and Cemetery – increase to cemetery fees. Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution amending the City of Platteville Fee Schedule for 2026. Council President Daus asked Staff to issue a press release notifying residents of the increases.

- B. Modification to the Maximum Value Limit for the Affordable Housing Program Community Development Director Joe Carroll presented that in March of 2020, the Council authorized the creation of the Affordable Home Improvement Assistance Programs. The programs provide financial incentives in the form of loans to home buyers who purchase pre-1950s affordable houses that are in need of rehabilitation, and grants for the conversion of pre-1950s singlefamily rentals back to affordable owner-occupied homes. The funds are provided as reimbursement payments based on the cost of qualifying projects to renovate the properties. The source of funding for these programs came from an extension of the life of TID 4 for one year with the intent of supporting affordable housing projects. This extension resulted in approximately \$236,000 for these housing programs. The TID extension as a source of funds for the programs meant that the program needed to be targeted toward "affordable" housing. To ensure the City complied with the intent of the TID law, the programs included a maximum assessed value of \$150,000 for properties that could qualify. This value was obtained by looking at other housing programs at the State and Federal levels and also looking at the average housing value in the city. Housing costs have increased significantly since 2020, so it makes sense that an increase to the maximum property value for the programs is warranted. To determine an acceptable increase in value that would still meet the "affordable" housing intent, Staff again looked at other housing programs and housing values. Based on these sources, Staff feels confident that the maximum value of properties eligible for these programs could increase to \$185,000 and still comply with the affordable housing restriction of the TIF law. Staff recommends increasing the maximum value of properties that are eligible for these programs from \$150,000 to \$185,000.
- C. 2026 Budget Update— Administration Director Nicola Maurer updated the Common Council on the 2026 Budget. On Tuesday, September 23, City Manager Langreck presented the City Manager 2026 CIP Budget to the Council. On Tuesday, October 14, the City Manager's 2026 Operating Budget was presented to the Council. The budgets were discussed by the Council at those meetings, at the Council budget review session on Wednesday, October 15, and at the October 28 Council meeting, to provide the Council with the opportunity to vote on any proposed adjustments to the draft budget. The review and discussions culminated in the Council making adjustments to the City Manager's budget. In the Operating Budget, the Senior Center membership fee was removed and the corresponding \$4,000 of revenue, and an increase in tax levy support for the Senior Center from \$55,598 to \$59,598, with the understanding that there will be a proposal during 2026 that will address Senior Center expenses. In the Capital Improvement Budget, the Museum Hanmer Robbins Attic Insulation will be funded with an

additional CIP tax levy of \$65,000, from \$805,330 to \$870,330, giving the Administration Director the flexibility to assure the City qualifies for expenditure restraint. After incorporating the above adjustments, the Ambulance Service and Museum are being moved to special revenue funds in order to meet the threshold required to qualify for the expenditure restraint incentive. The draft 2026 Budget has also been adjusted to reflect the 2025A Promissory Notes sale, allocation of debt premium, and updates to the debt service fund budget. With the changes, the total updated levy is \$5,874,753, yielding an estimated assessed mill rate of \$6.64.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Daus noted that a Special Common Council Work Session would take place at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 25, to interview District 4 candidates. The candidates would be asked questions in a forum format. Each alderperson was asked to submit their questions in advance. Motion by Kopp, second by Parrott to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, City Clerk