

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 10, 2026

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, Steven Badger, Bob Gates, Tony McFall, and Brian Whisenant

Excused: none

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Parrott, second by Badger to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 1/27/26 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$2,321,537.15; Financial Report – January; Appointments to Boards and Commissions: none; Two Year Operator License - Mackenzie A Aurit, Mikaayla M English, John R Gruber, Delaney L Johnson, Mercedes L Mara, Angela D Mitchell, Marie R Reuter, Mercedes A Roe, Kaelyn D Sasse, Kennedy M Wenger, Rory M Zakrzewski; Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” License to serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Wine to Platteville Library Foundation on Saturday, April 11 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM for LOUD at the Library at 225 W. Main Street (Platteville Public Library); Run/Walk Permit – High Vibe Fitness for St. Paddy’s 5K on Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; Run/Walk Permit – Southwest Health for Nurses’ 5K on Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Southwest Health Center. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Administration Director Nicola Maurer introduced Renee Weaver as the new Accounting and Finance Manager and mentioned that tonight is the last council meeting for City Clerk Colette Steffen. Maurer noted the accomplishments that Steffen achieved and announced that Craig Stout will start on March 2 as the new City Clerk. Department Heads Grabhorn, Simmons, and Lowe updated the Council on project progress and upcoming events. Interim City Manager Mark Rohloff commended Maurer on completing the tasks needed to receive the first installment from the USDA for the Fire Facility project.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Museum Board, Housing Authority Board, and Plan Commission
- B. Other Reports - Water and Sewer Financial Report – January, Airport Financial Report – January, and Department Progress Reports

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 26-03 Adopting the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)* – Motion by Gates, second by Badger, to approve Resolution 26-03 adopting the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as presented by Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *East Main Street Project Update* – Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires the offer of relocation payments to the

commercial and residential tenants of the building located at 250 East Main Street to receive funding for the East Main Street Project. Based on estimates from TerraVenture, a relocation specialist, the additional costs for relocation and relocation services could be \$554,000. Crofoot notified the Council that the preliminary soil testing results on East Main Street show an elevated level of lead. Which means that soil excavated would need to be handled as hazardous waste. The DOT has confirmed that the cost for disposal of hazardous waste is the City's responsibility. Staff estimates that the fair market value of 250 E. Main Street may have increased by \$50,000 since the last report. There are additional design services costs related to the change in scope that could increase the budget by almost \$75,000. This would increase the cost to approximately \$1.279 million, an increase of \$679,000. Crofoot reviewed the history of the project and provided the Council with four options for consideration. Council President Daus asked that the final soil test, building inspection for 230 E Main, and the potential for an EPA Brownfield grant to fund soil clean-up be given to council members before further decisions are made. Daus asked that the previous information about the project be provided to Alderpersons Badger, McFall, and Whisenant. Alderman Gates asked that a representative from TerraVenture, the firm that determined the relocation estimate, be present at the next discussion to answer questions.

- B. *Resolution for DNR Trail Grants – Mound View Park Trail Maintenance*– Parks and Recreation Director Bob Lowe said that the DNR requires a resolution of support for grant requests. The resolution would be for an 80/20 grant to maintain the circular trail in Mound View Park. These grants are capped at \$100,000. Awards would be announced in the fall of 2026 for construction in 2027. Staff have identified up to seven locations requiring repair, or approximately 25% of the length of the trail. If awarded, the City would conduct repairs at up to seven identified locations. The 20% match (up to \$20,000) would need to be budgeted in 2027. Staff recommends the Common Council pass a motion to approve the resolution for the DNR Trail Grant – Maintenance.
- C. *Revised 2026 Comprehensive Plan* – Community Development Director Joe Carroll presented that the City is working with the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission on an update to the comprehensive plan. The plan is being updated to achieve compliance with the requirements of Wisconsin Statutes Sec 66.1001. A particular focus of the plan is to provide guidance related to future land uses and development, which is then achieved through the administration of the zoning and subdivision ordinances. The draft document is now available for public review and comment, and the Plan Commission has started the review and revision process. The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on March 2 and will make a recommendation to the Council. The Council is tentatively scheduled to act on the plan at the March 24 meeting. The cost of updating the plan has already been included in the budget. Council members reviewed the land use maps and asked that SWRPC update the Comprehensive Plan with the revised maps showing the waterways, and asked that the colors mirror those from the previous map. Director Carroll explained that the Plan Commission will determine the definition of low, medium, and high-density housing at the next Plan Commission meeting.

D. *Schedule Workshop with Council and Department Heads to Review Draft Strategic Plan – Proposed for February 18 at 3:30 PM* – Council President Daus asked the Common Council if a meeting to discuss the draft Strategic Plan could be scheduled for February 18 at 3:30 P.M. The consensus among the members is that they would be available.

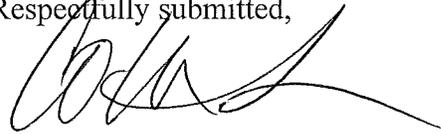
Motion by Gates, second by Kopp, to go into a Closed Session. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Parrott abstaining.

CLOSED SESSION - per 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 - Approve City Manager applicants for interview by McMahan team

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent, with Parrott excused at 9:02 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