

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Barbara Daus at 5:41 P.M. 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 Gates, second by Parrott to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes-3/24/2026, 3/31/2026; Regular Payment of Bills totaling \$2,045,576.88; Appointments to Boards and Commissions: Board of Appeals Zoning - Jace Wade; Two-Year Operator Licenses - Matthew H Cornwall, Raevynn Jackson, Margaret J Metzen, Kaylynn R O'Haver, Heidi F Wood; Taxi Driver Licenses- Richard M Parker; Run Walk Permit- Platteville Kiwanis for Kiwanis Run for Badger Camp on Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.; Street Closing- West Mineral Street from Park Place to Chestnut Street for Community First Bank Pork Sandwich event on Thursday, April 30 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Interim City Manager Mark Rohloff requested that the Strategic Plan workshop be moved up to 4:30 P.M. on April 28 and the normal Council Meeting be held at its regularly scheduled 6:00 P.M. time. Incoming City Manager Caz Muske will be attending the Strategic Plan workshop virtually, at the suggestion of Alderperson Whisenant. Fire Chief Ryan Simmons and Council President Daus gave an update from the Annual EMS Meeting. Council President Daus will be sharing ambulance data from that meeting when she receives it. Alderperson Kopp encouraged people to attend the National Travel and Tourism Week kick-off for Grant County on May 4th at 10:00 A.M. at the Potosi Brewery.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Museum Board, Police & Fire Commission, Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee, Commission on Aging, Water & Sewer Commission
- B. Other Reports - Water and Sewer Financial Report, Airport Financial Report, Department Progress Report, Draft 2025 Financial Statements- Administration Director Nicola Maurer shared a report of the preliminary 2025 draft of the City of Platteville financials. She explained the report layout and noted line items of interest. Administration Director Maurer took questions from the Council. Administration Director Maurer stated that she plans on presenting a summary of the City financial activity on a quarterly basis.

ACTION

- A. *East Main Street Project* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot shared an updated budget for the project with a more detailed breakdown of the expenses. Council discussed the four options presented to them and asked staff questions. Motion by Gates, second by Parrott, to approve Option 1, increase 2026 borrowing of up to \$529,000 for increased costs, including possible relocation payments to qualifying tenants of 250 E. Main. Motion carried 6-1 with Badger voting against, on a roll call vote.
- B. *Award of Contract 13-26 Rountree Branch Streambank Restoration* - Motion by Whisenant, second by Kopp, to award Contract 13-26 Rountree Branch Streambank Repair with Alternate A to R&T

Voegeli for \$49,260.00 and authorize staff to award as many additional locations in priority order that are approved for inclusion with the DNR grant. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Award of Contract 7-26, Street Maintenance (Thin Overlay)*- Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that this is the annual project to perform overlays of selected streets using the estimated \$110,000 in Wheel Tax funding. In recent years the City has only done thin overlays. This is a 0.75-inch overlay over an existing pavement to enhance the ride and delay deterioration for 7-10 years. On Tuesday March 31, 2026, staff opened one bid for Contract 7-26, Street Maintenance. The sole bid is from Iverson Construction. Enclosed in the packet is a spreadsheet and map with the proposed streets. The bid package included a Base Bid that staff believed would be within the budget of \$110,000. There was an Additional Street listed in case bid prices allowed for additional work within the budget. The 2026 Capital Improvement Program budgeted \$110,000 for this project. The proposed streets in the Base Bid would cost \$103,263.05. If the additional streets are selected, the total would be \$121,324.50. Big Jack Road will not get done. Staff recommend awarding Contract 7-26, Street Maintenance Base Bid only to Iverson Construction for the proposed streets for thin overlay in the amount of \$103,263.05.
- B. *2025 Budget Carryovers to 2026, Budget Amendment #1*- Administration Director Nicola Maurer presented the requests for budget carry over from 2025. The total being requested from the CIP Fund is \$503,019 and the total being requested from the General Fund is \$27,486. Staff recommend City Council approval of the requested carryovers.
- C. *Boards, Commissions, and Committees Terms of Office* – Interim City Manager Mark Rohloff presented on behalf of Parks and Recreation Director Robert Lowe. Rohloff explained that this question began with the Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee (PFRC). The committee’s concern is primarily institutional: the learning curve associated with bringing new members up to speed on ongoing projects, park planning, forestry programs, and grant initiatives means that a single three-year term can feel insufficient to realize the full benefit of a member’s experience and knowledge. Staff recommend the Council make an amendment to Platteville Code §3.44(b)(2) to change the PFRC from a one consecutive term appointment to a two consecutive term appointment, with the one-year mandatory absence applying after two consecutive three-year terms. The existing exceptions (unexpired terms, initial terms of less than three years, Alderperson appointments) would remain in effect. This recommendation is specifically important as a Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee member’s term is expiring and staff would like to allow them to serve another term. Once this immediate issue is solved, it is recommended that all Boards, Commissions and Committees be examined. It is also being recommended that staff work with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amendment to Chapter 3 of the Platteville Municipal Code establishing a general virtual attendance provision applicable to all Boards, Commissions and Committees and not just the Common Council. Council President Daus asked that Parks and Recreation Director Lowe look into Grant County’s ordinance on virtual participation.
- D. *Comprehensive Plan Update* - Community Development Director Joe Carroll gave an update on the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on March 2nd. The original schedule was to have the Plan Commission vote on the plan at this meeting and send it forward to the Council. However, a new State law has been approved (Assembly Bill 453, now Wisconsin Act 173) that requires additional information be included in Comprehensive Plans. The law is not effective until January 1, 2028, but it makes more sense to amend the draft plan now rather than approve the plan and then make an amendment within the next 2 years. The Plan

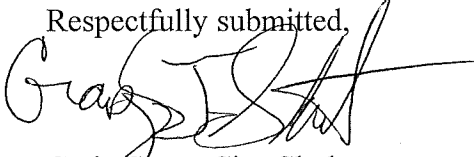
Commission reviewed the additional information at their April 6th meeting but would like to see all the information incorporated into a draft plan document prior to voting on the plan. To reduce the amount of time this process is being delayed, the tentative plan is to have the draft plan come to the Council for information and discussion at the April 28th meeting, then go back to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation at the May 4th meeting, and then to the Council for a vote at the May 12th meeting. Council President Daus requested that a "created on date" be added to the front cover of the report.

- E. *Walgreen Co. Excessive Tax Assessment Claim for 2025* - Administration Director Nicola Maurer explained that on January 30, 2026, an excessive tax assessment claim was submitted to the City by Walgreen Co. seeking a refund of \$19,268 plus interest because of an allegedly excessive assessment of the Walgreen store located at 675 S. Water Street in the City for the 2025 tax year. Staff submitted the claim to the City's insurer EMC Insurance Companies who retained attorney Jason Gehring of Kasdorf, Lewis & Swietlik, S.C. to advise the City on the claim. After performing research on a procedural issue identified in the claim, Attorney Gehring recommended disallowing the claim as it involves a valuation dispute. By formally disallowing the claim and providing proper notice of disallowance to Walgreen Co., a 90-day statute of limitations is created for Walgreen Co. to file an action in circuit court seeking the refund. Per recommendation of Attorney Gehring retained by EMC Insurance, staff recommend that the claim be disallowed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gates, second by Kopp to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Stout, City Clerk