

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 28, 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 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bob Gates, Brian Whisenant, Steven Badger, Kathy Kopp, Tony McFall, Barbara Daus

Excused: Lynne Parrott

SPECIAL PRESENTATION- Abigail Gnewikow-Ledbury, UW-Platteville Involvement Coordinator, gave an update on the Welcome Weekend schedule for campus. August 29th is move-in day, there will be four days of activities before classes start on September 2nd.

PUBLIC HEARING- Resolution 26-09 - Conditional Use Permit – Home Occupation at 1070 Princess Court- Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained a recently submitted Conditional Use Permit. The applicant recently purchased the property at 1070 Princess Court, which is a single-family home. The applicant would continue to use the property as a residence but would also like approval to use the property for a dog grooming home occupation. This use would be classified as a Type 2 Home Occupation, which requires approval as a Conditional Use. The primary use of the property would remain a single-family residence. In addition to that use, the applicant would like to use the property to operate a pet grooming business out of the basement of the residence. All grooming business would be conducted on a by-appointment basis, and there would be no other employees besides the resident. A Type 2 Home Occupation is classified as a business operated out of a residence that would involve customers and clients routinely coming to the property. The ordinance states that home occupations shall occupy no more than 25 percent of the residence. Business activities shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm, unless altered by the Council. Violation of any of the standards or conditions of approval could result in revocation of the home occupation approval. The Plan Commission considered this request at the July 6th meeting and recommended approval. Staff agrees with the Plan Commission and recommend approval. Director Carroll answered questions. The applicant was not present for a statement; there were no public statements in favor, against, or in general. Motion by Badger, second by Whisenant to close the public hearing. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote. Motion by Gates, second by Badger to approve a Conditional Use Permit for a Type 2 Home Occupation at 1070 Princess Court to allow a dog grooming business. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Gates, second by Whisenant to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 7/14/26 Regular; Payment of Bills totaling \$1,733,293.86; One-Year Operator Licenses: Meghan E Conley; Two-Year Operator Licenses: Joshua D Karsetter; Parade Permit: Platteville High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 2, from 2:00 PM to 3 PM. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Aldersperson Brian Whisenant noted that the pancake breakfast at the Platteville Airport on July 26th was a success. Aldersperson Kathy Kopp noted that the Grant County Fair is August 19th-23rd. Michael Lambert, 340 North 3rd Street, spoke for informational purposes on Flock Safety cameras. It was noted that there are no Flock cameras within the City limits and that Flock cameras are owned by the Richland, Iowa, and Grant County Drug Task Force outside city limits. Council President Barbara Daus requested an update in 2-3 months from the Police Department and County with information of what cameras are used within the City and how they are used.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes (Council Representative)- Library Board, Community Safe Routes Committee, Plan Commission, Airport Commission, Water & Sewer Commission, Parks, Forestry & Recreation Committee

ACTION

- A. Contract 23-26 – Various Building Roof Replacements- Director of Public Works Howard Crofoot explained that Contract 23-26 is for roof replacements due to the April 2025 hailstorm. Bids opened the morning of July 14, 2026. Bel-Aire and Heins Contracting have submitted bids, with Bel-Aire being the apparent low bidder. The Bel-Aire bid is below the insurance settlement amount. Staff recommends that we pay the upcharge for converting the asphalt shingle roof to a metal roof in three locations: Legion Field Concession Stand, Smith Park Stone Shelter, and Mound View Park Shower/restroom facility, due to the bid being below the insurance settlement amount. Insurance paid \$271,155.38 in actual cash value for the roof on the Street Department Garage. This roof was installed in 2023. The installer inspected the roof and said the roof is fine, plus it has a 20-year warranty to cover damages. Staff recommends this funding be put to better use elsewhere. The only risk is that if there is catastrophic damage to the Street Department garage in the near future, we will get the actual cash value of the building – less the roof insurance payment. The total cost is \$726,441.72, and the insurance payment is \$956,957.69. Director Crofoot and Facilities Operations Manager Shannon Butson answered questions. Motion by Badger, second by Kopp to award Contract 23-26, Various Buildings Roof Replacement 2026, to Bel-Aire Home Restoration, LLC for the Base Bid and three designated alternative metal roof installations for \$581,548.50. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.
- B. Sidewalk Café Permit – 35 North Second Street- Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that an application for an outdoor eating/drinking area on the sidewalk in front of the 1906 Tavern at 35 North Second Street was submitted. The use of a portion of the public sidewalk requires approval of a Sidewalk Café Permit. The applicant would like to place 5 metal tables and 10 metal chairs in front of the building along the Second Street façade, adjacent to the curb. There would also be some sections of plastic, free-standing fence panels that would help delineate the café area. There are specific standards in the municipal code that regulate the operation of sidewalk cafés. The Plan Commission considered this request at the July 6th meeting and recommended approval of the request subject to the conditions of Section 4.07 of the Municipal Code. Staff agrees with the Plan Commission and recommends approval of the Sidewalk Café Permit subject to the conditions of Section 4.07. Director Carroll explained that if the neighboring premises ever applied for a Sidewalk Café Permit, this applicant would be asked to move their café back against their building. Director Carroll answered questions. Motion by Gates, second by Whisenant to approve a Sidewalk Café Permit on the public sidewalk in front of 35 North Second Street as proposed in the application materials and subject to the conditions of Section 4.07 of the Municipal Code. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.
- C. Ordinance 26-10 – Amending Chapter 4 of Municipal Code – Granting Authority for Enforcement to Code Compliance Coordinator Regarding Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks- Police Lieutenant Andrea Droessler explained the proposed amendments to Chapter 4 of the City of Platteville Municipal Code would add enforcement authority to a designee in Sections 4.02 (Building Materials on Streets), 4.03 (Placing Snow and Waste on Streets), and 4.09(b) (Shoveling Sidewalks). These sections currently grant enforcement authority only to the Director of Public Works. Sections 4.02 and 4.03 would be amended by adding the sentence: "This section may be enforced by the Director of Public Works or their designee." Section 4.09(b) would be amended by adding the words "or designee" after "Director of Public Works." This change is being made because the Code Compliance Coordinator position is being supervised by the Police Department.

Staff recommends Common Council consideration and approval of the proposed ordinance amendment. Lieutenant Droessler and Code Compliance Coordinator Rowan White answered questions. Motion by Whisenant, second by Gates to approve Ordinance 26-10 amending Chapter 4.02, 4.03, and 4.09 (b) of the City of Platteville Municipal Code to add a designee for the enforcement of these ordinances. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

- D. Ordinance 26-11 – Amending Chapter 5 of Municipal Code – Health- Police Lieutenant Andrea Droessler explained proposed amendments to Chapter 5 of the City of Platteville Municipal Code would authorize a designee to carry out enforcement duties currently assigned solely to the Director of Public Works or the Weed Commissioner. Section 5.01(3) would be amended to allow the Weed Commissioner or their designee to enforce the weed ordinance and carry out abatement procedures. Section 5.03(c) would be amended to allow the Director of Public Works or their designee to enforce garbage and refuse accumulations and junk vehicles. This change is being made because the Code Compliance Coordinator position is being supervised by the Police Department. This person will be the primary point of contact and enforcement for code violations in the City. Staff recommends Common Council consideration and approval of the proposed ordinance amendment. Motion by Gates, second by Whisenant to approve Ordinance 26-11 amending Sections 5.01(3), 5.03(c), and 5.03(d) of Chapter 5 of the City of Platteville Municipal Code to authorize enforcement by the Weed Commissioner, Director of Public Works, or their designee, as applicable. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.
- E. Ordinance 26-12 – Amending Chapter 24 of Municipal Code – Fire Prevention and Protection Enforcement Authority- Police Lieutenant Andrea Droessler explained proposed amendments to Chapter 24 of the City of Platteville Municipal Code clarify the enforcement responsibilities between the Platteville Fire Department and the Platteville Police Department while preserving the Fire Department's operational authority and technical expertise. Under the proposed ordinance, the Fire Department will continue to administer Chapter 24 by conducting inspections, interpreting fire codes, approving permits, identifying violations, and exercising all operational authority related to fire suppression, incident command, emergency response, and fire prevention. The ordinance does not modify the Fire Department's authority at emergency incidents or its responsibility for administering fire protection requirements. The proposed changes transfer citation and enforcement authority for violations of Chapter 24 to the Police Department unless otherwise specifically authorized by ordinance. Fire Department personnel will continue to document violations, issue notices of corrections where appropriate, and refer violations to the Police Department for enforcement action. Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 24 of the Municipal Code. Motion by Badger, second by Gates to approve Ordinance 26-12 amending Chapter 24 of the City of Platteville Municipal Code regarding enforcement authority. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.
- F. Land Use Restriction Agreement (Non-State Grant for Local Projects – Museum)- Dee Woolf, Secretary for the Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums Board of Directors, gave an overview of the agreement. This grant would go towards making the Museum more welcoming to guests. This agreement is a requirement of the grant and would keep the Museum a museum for 20 years. Motion by Badger, second by Kopp to approve the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) with the Wisconsin Department of Administration for the Non-State Grant for Local Projects and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. TID 10 Feasibility Presentation- Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that Ehlers and Delta 3 will be working with the City of Platteville through this process. Brian Roemer, Senior Municipal Advisor from Ehlers, gave a presentation. Roemer gave a brief overview of how TIF works, the implementation of how a TID is created, and eligible projects within a TID.

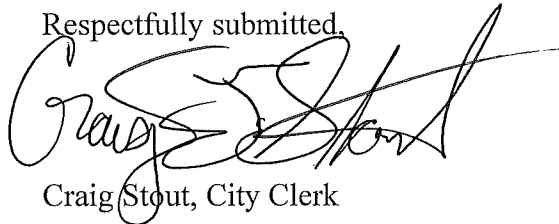
Roemer gave a financial overview of TID 10 creation. Roemer answered questions. Ehlers will start planning appropriate meetings to create TID 10. Staff recommends proceeding with completion of the feasibility analysis and preparation of the Project Plan.

- B. Amendments to Chapter 23 – Building Code- Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that the changes were prompted by the change last year in the City’s Building Inspector. Changing from a long-time employee inspector to contracting the duties to General Engineering resulted in a review by the State. This review included an examination of our building code and suggestions for changes. Most of the proposed amendments are to include language from the State’s model building code. Other changes are suggestions from General Engineering based on ordinances that they use in other communities. Staff recommends approval. Director Carroll answered questions. Council President Barbara Daus requested an overview of changes recommended by the State vs what was recommended by General Engineering.
- C. Emergency Communications Consolidation Update- City Manager Caz Muske and Police Lieutenant Andrea Droessler provided an update regarding ongoing discussions with Grant County related to the consolidation of emergency communications services. The purpose of the discussion is to update the Common Council, receive Council feedback, and provide policy direction regarding continued discussions with Grant County. The timing of the discussion also allows the Common Council to consider any future action related to Grant County's Wisconsin PSAP Grant Program application prior to the mid-August application deadline. Representatives from the City recently met with Grant County representatives to discuss operational responsibilities, governance, staffing, technology, funding opportunities, transition planning, and potential financial impacts associated with the consolidation of emergency communications services. While discussions have been productive, several operational and financial questions remain unresolved, including the fiscal impacts for each organization. Lieutenant Droessler and City Manager Muske explained possible staffing, services, and operations ramifications based on a number of variables. City Manager Muske and Lieutenant Droessler answered questions. City Manager Muske and Chief of Police Joshua Grabandt will continue conversations with Grant County and will report back.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Badger, second by Whisenant to adjourn. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Stout", written over a horizontal line.

Craig Stout, City Clerk