

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 11, 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: Brian Whisenant, Steven Badger, Kathy Kopp, Tony McFall, Barbara Daus

Excused: Lynne Parrott, Bob Gates

PUBLIC HEARING- *Ordinance 26-13 Amending Chapter 23 – Building Code-* Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained proposed amendments to the Municipal Code, Chapter 23 – Building Code. 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. Director Carroll answered questions. Alderperson Whisenant requested a marked-up version of the Municipal Code to see where changes were made. Motion by Badger, second by Kopp to close the public hearing. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote. Motion by Whisenant, second by Badger to table the vote for a future meeting, so more information can be provided. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kopp, second by Badger to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 7/28/26 Regular; Payment of Bills totaling \$842,219.73; Two-Year Operator Licenses: Clinton L Kettler, Justin D Pauli; Taxi Driver Licenses: Gary J Cullen; Parade Permit: Platteville Dairy Days Parade, September 12th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM; Grant County Highway Construction Aids-2027. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Dan Faherty, 705 Lutheran Street, spoke for informational purposes about his concerns regarding snow removal in front of his property, concerns about mowing fines at some of his properties, concerns about City employees not wearing seatbelts and concerns about the heat-related closure of the Aquatic Center. Shawn (Ivy) Mckernan, 520 7th Ave, spoke for informational purposes about Flock traffic cameras. Alderperson Kathy Kopp requested photographs for the City of Platteville Bicentennial book. Platteville Fire Department Chief, Ryan Simmons, gave an update on the progress of moving into the new Fire Department building. Parks and Recreation Director, Robert Lowe, explained that on August 30th there will be a Doggy Dip at the pool, and that this will be the last day of the 2026 pool season.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes (Council Representative)- Commission on Aging, Housing Authority, Police and Fire Commission
- B. Other Reports- Water and Sewer Financial Report, Airport Financial Report, Department Progress Reports

ACTION

- A. *Resolution 26-10 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,785,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A-* Brian Roemer, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers, presented on the sale of the Series 2026A General Obligation Promissory Notes. Roemer explained the bids received, how the winning bid enabled downsizing of the issue and the impact on the debt service tax rate

and General Obligation debt capacity. Roemer recommends approval of the resolutions. Motion by Badger, second by Whisenant to adopt Resolution 26-10 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,785,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

- B. Resolution 26-11 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,725,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026B. Roemer explained the bids received, how the winning bid enabled downsizing of the issue and a review of the revenue debt coverage. Roemer recommends approval of the resolution. - Motion by Badger, second by Kopp to adopt Resolution 26-11 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,725,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026B. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
- C. Resolution No. 26-12 Supporting Grant County's FY2027 Wisconsin Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant Program (Emergency Communications Consolidation)- City Manager Caz Muske explained that the resolution supports Grant County's FY2027 Wisconsin Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant Program application for the potential consolidation of emergency communications services. Approval of the resolution supports Grant County's grant application and affirms the City's commitment to continue evaluating and planning for the potential consolidation of emergency communications services. If awarded, grant funding would assist with eligible technology and implementation costs associated with consolidation. City Manager Muske, Grant County Sheriff Craig Reukauf, and Grant County Administrator Nate Dreckman answered questions. Approval of this resolution does not authorize any expenditure of City funds. If the grant is awarded and a local match or other financial commitment is required, a separate agreement and any necessary budget authorization will be presented to the Common Council for future consideration. If emergency communications services are ultimately transferred to Grant County, discussions with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue indicate that any operational savings not carried forward into the City's operating budget would reduce the City's future levy limit in accordance with Wisconsin levy limit law. The transfer of services may also reduce future personnel and capital expenditures associated with maintaining an independent emergency communications center. Any resulting financial impacts would be incorporated into future Common Council actions, including the FY2027 budget process, as applicable. Motion by Kopp, second by Badger to adopt Resolution 26-12, supporting Grant County's FY2027 Wisconsin Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant Program application for the potential consolidation of emergency communications services. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. Contract 5-26 Mound View Park Trail Phase 1- Public Works Assistant Director, Ryan Kowalski, explained that this is the combined DOT/DNR funded construction project to extend a paved and lighted trail from the Rountree Branch Trail by the first bridge east of Mineral Street north to Mitchell Hollow Road through the new Trail View Subdivision area. The bids will not be opened until August 19. Staff will have the formal Bid Tab and recommendation at that time. The bids will be compared to the CIP budget of \$515,841.00. This cost is split between DOT at \$406,816.80 and DNR at \$109,024.20 for construction. Kowalski answered questions.
- B. Ordinance 26-XX Amending Chapter 10 (Urban Forestry) – Unauthorized Plantings in the Public Right-of-Way- Parks and Recreation Director, Robert Lowe, explains that this staff note presents a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 10 (Urban Forestry) of the Platteville Municipal Code to expressly prohibit the unauthorized planting of trees and shrubs in the public right-of-way and to authorize their removal, following notice, at no cost or liability to the City. The amendment also corrects several stale references to the former Tree Advisory Board, which was repealed by Ordinance 11-27 but never fully removed from Chapter 10. On July 16, 2026, Parks & Recreation Director Lowe and Streets Foreman Seng conducted a citywide tour to identify dead, dying, or

otherwise hazardous trees for removal this fall and winter season. During that tour, staff also identified several newer trees that had clearly been planted within the public right-of-way — in the terrace area between the curb and sidewalk — by adjacent property owners. Beyond the permitting violation itself, unauthorized plantings in the right-of-way create real, long-term problems for both the City and residents. Root systems in the terrace commonly heave and crack sidewalks and curbs, and can intrude into water, sewer, and other underground utility lines. Because the right-of-way is reserved for exactly this kind of infrastructure, unauthorized plantings also complicate and increase the cost of future utility work, sidewalk repair, and street reconstruction, since crews may need to work around — or ultimately remove — an established tree to access what is beneath or beside it. These costs do not stay with the person who planted the tree: when a property changes hands, the new owner inherits a right-of-way planting they never chose, along with the eventual responsibility, cost, and disruption of dealing with the infrastructure damage or removal it causes. The July 16 tour made this a practical, not just theoretical, problem: staff observed multiple examples of unauthorized right-of-way plantings. Under the current code, addressing even a single unauthorized planting would require staff to route it through the §10.07 nuisance process — a procedure designed for hazardous trees, not new plantings — or to rely on the unstated inference that §10.09(1) already covers the conduct. Neither is a workable or defensible enforcement path at scale. The attached draft closes this gap by adding a specific prohibited act for unauthorized right-of-way planting, a dedicated removal procedure with its own notice period, express cost-recovery and no-compensation provisions, and a modernized appeal process that reflects the Tree Advisory Board's repeal. For the plantings identified as before this amendment, staff does not intend to move directly to notice and removal. Staff will instead reach out to the affected property owners, and work with them on a reasonable timeframe and options for resolving it — which may include relocating the planting outside the right-of-way, coordinating removal timing with the owner's preference, or other mutually workable solutions. The formal notice-and-removal process in the draft ordinance is intended as a backstop for situations where a property owner does not engage or does not act within a reasonable period, not as the default first step. Staff recommends the Council approve the amended ordinance of Chapter 10 of the Platteville Municipal Code. Council President Daus requested a communication plan be made to share this information with the general public. Director Lowe answered questions.

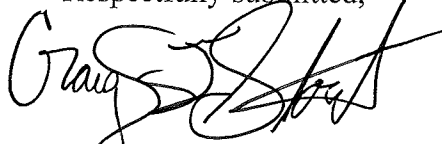
- C. Ordinance 26-XX Amending Chapter 39 – Permit Parking- Platteville Chief of Police Joshua Grabandt explained that the proposed amendments to Chapter 39 of the City of Platteville Municipal Code make changes to the current permit parking area. These changes are based on parking data collected by the police department over a 3-week period (one week with college in session and two weeks after students vacated the dormitories). The data supports that there is ample street parking in the newly proposed area to support permanent residents, visitors, and college students. The proposed amendment preserves the core structure of the city's current permit parking framework. However, the permit parking area would shrink from the current ½ mile radius centered on Rountree Hall to a ¼ mile radius. The proposed amendment also focuses on streets in that ¼ mile radius rather than simply any street within. These changes would simplify the parking permit enforcement process, provide clearer directions to where visitors and students can park, when, and for how long, and maintain parking precedence for permit holders. The proposed amendment removes permit requirements from portions of Southwest Road, Pioneer Road, and Gridley Avenue. This allows parking during the day on those streets (allowing ample parking for visitors and college students attending classes/sporting events, etc.) but restricts overnight parking to prevent vehicles from being parked long-term on those streets. This also changes restrictions on Pioneer Road to better coincide with current parking regulations on the other streets in that neighborhood. The change also provides ample 2-hour parking spaces for visitors to Valley View Park. Staff recommends Common Council consideration and approval of

the proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 39 of the Municipal Code. Council President Daus requested a communication be sent to impacted residents ahead of the next Council meeting, to change to Staley Ave, from Richard Street, to be no parking from 3:00 AM-6:00 AM and enforcement of parking within yellow curbs. Chief Grabandt answered questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kopp, second by Badger to adjourn. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Craig Stout, City Clerk