PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 25, 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, Barbara Daus
Excused: Lynne Parrott, Tony McFall

SPECIAL PRESENTATION- Associated Appraisal 2026-2027 Revaluation- Associated Appraisal President Mark Brown presented an overview of the 2026-2027 revaluation process. Brown noted the error in a letter sent to homeowners in the City of Platteville regarding internal walkthroughs of properties. Letters indicated that there would not be internal walkthroughs. Given that this is a full reevaluation, walkthrough inspections will happen. Brown will work with City staff to get a new letter out to residents and information on the website. Brown answered questions.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Badger, second by Kopp to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 8/11/26 Regular; Payment of Bills totaling $1,072,373.11; Two-Year Operator Licenses-Sydney R Diver, Brielle E Rademaker; One-Year Operator Licenses-Mary C Huck; Taxi Driver Licenses: Cody T Bennett; Change of Agent for "Class B" Combination Beer and Alcohol License- Denny's Char Bar, LLC., Platteville, WI (Shelly Banfield, Agent) for premises at 60 N Second Street (Denny's Char Bar). Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.
Council President Barbara Daus explained that the Public Housing Authority is having a Landlord Appreciation event on Tuesday, September 29.

REPORTS

A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes (Council Representative)- Library Board (Gates) 6/8/26, Water & Sewer Commission (Badger, Daus, Whisenant) 7/8/26, Airport Commission (Whisenant) 7/13/26, Community Safe Routes Committee (Badger) 7/20/26, Parks, Forestry, & Recreation Committee (McFall) 7/20/26

ACTION

A. Contract 5-26 Mound View Park Trail Phase 1- Public Works Director, Howard Crofoot, 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. It will be an extension of the PCA trail with paving and lighting included. The PCA has pledged to do mowing and other light maintenance on this section of the trail. There were 4 bidders. One bidder was rejected for no bid bond. The low bidder is Rule Construction at a bid price of $382,917.00. The plan is to start in late September and have the work completed by the end of October. The construction budget is $515,841.00. This cost is split between DOT at $406,816.80 and DNR at $109,024.20. The low bid is less than budget. Staff recommends award of Contract 5-26, Mound View Park Trail, Phase 1 to Rule Construction at the bid price of $382,917.00. Director Crofoot answered questions. Motion by Badger, second by Kopp to award Contract 5-26, Mound View Park Trail, Phase 1 to Rule Construction at the bid price of $382,917.00. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

B. Ordinance 26-14 Amending Chapter 10 (Urban Forestry) – Authorized Plantings in the Public Right-of-Way- Parks and Recreation Director, Robert Lowe, explained that during a recent review of trees in the parks and city rights-of-way, staff identified recent resident plantings. Although permits are already required, the current ordinance needs clarity on how plantings that occurred without a permit should be resolved. This amendment strengthens Chapter 10 by providing a clear, fair process for addressing trees planted in the right-of-way without a permit. The proposed update protects residents and public infrastructure by helping prevent future damage to sidewalks, curbs, utilities, and streets. It identifies those plantings as against code, provides a written notice and time to correct it, clarifies the responsibility for removal costs, and updates outdated ordinance language. Staff will first contact affected property owners and work toward a reasonable solution to prevent problems before they become costly. Staff will use a broad public communication strategy to get the word out, including but not limited to outreach through Communication Specialist Richards, a Parks and Rec/Forestry social media campaign around Arbor Day, and City Hall communication boards. Director Lowe has accumulated a list of realtors in the Platteville area, and will be emailing those realtors to alert them of this change. Staff recommends the Council approve the amended ordinance of Chapter 10 of the Platteville Municipal Code. <u>Motion</u> by Kopp, second by Gates to adopt the proposed amendment to Chapter 10 (Urban Forestry) of the Platteville Municipal Code. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

C. Ordinance 26-15 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. To communicate this, the Police Department went door to door and hand-delivered a letter explaining the new process. Gary and Kristal Prohaska- 280 Division Street, submitted an email against the proposal. Mike Bausch-1190 Sunset Drive, spoke regarding seeing parking enforcement on Sunset Drive only be enforced when UW-Platteville is in session. Thomas Skubal, 630 Pioneer Road, spoke about limiting on-street parking on Pioneer Road. Jeff Becker, 710 Staley Road, spoke about the lack of enforcement of permit parking. John Niehaus, 650 South Court Street and Jill Hofmann, 555 South Court Street spoke against the proposed amendment. Chief Grabandt answered questions. President Daus recommended tabling the vote to take into consideration citizen comments and replacing City Parking permit signage across the City to eliminate confusion with UW-Platteville parking permits. <u>Motion</u> by Gates, second by Whisenant to table action on this item. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

<u>INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION</u>

A. Convert Loading Zone on South Fourth Street to Parking- Public Works Director, Howard Crofoot, explained that there is a loading zone on the west side of South Fourth Street. This is a request from the Main Street Program to increase parking by at least one stall in the Downtown area. Staff believes this Loading Zone to be a legacy from when Steve's Pizza was at Fourth and Main. It was used for takeout and delivery vehicles. There is a sign just north of the photo that says that there is 3 Hour Parking 9 AM to 5:30 PM and No Parking 3 AM to 6 AM. This sign would take effect for the newly created stall. Two signs and posts will be removed with new paint for parking stalls. Minimal costs to be absorbed in the Street Department budget. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 26-xx, Repealing a Loading Zone on South Fourth Street. Director Crofoot answered questions.

B. Certified Survey Map and Industry Park Land Sale- Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that the Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation (PAIDC) and City Staff have been working on the sale of land in the Industry Park. The potential buyer recently purchased the existing building at 455 Enterprise Drive from a private seller. They would also like to purchase some adjacent land from the City. The property to be purchased would consist of a portion of the adjacent vacant lot to the east, which has an address of 1590 Vision Drive. The lot currently has an area of 6.42 acres (279,709 sq. ft.) and has approximately 464 feet of frontage on the unimproved portion of Vision Drive. The proposal is to split the lot to create Lot 1, which is a 2.9-acre lot, and Lot 2, which is a 3.52-acre lot. The prospect would purchase Lot 1, the 2.9-acre lot, and add it to the 455 Enterprise Drive parcel. Lot 2 would be available for other future development. The lot will be sold to a company that distributes and sells lumber and other building construction materials. They would construct an addition onto the existing building and will also construct two warehouse buildings and an enclosed storage yard at the rear of the property. The parking lot would be expanded, and the driveways would be extended. The sale of the land will be in accordance with the adopted land price formula. The base price for the land is $175,000 per acre, but the final purchase price is reduced based on the value of the building constructed, and the number and wage rate for the jobs created. In this situation, the land will be sold for $1 per acre. The purchaser will be responsible for constructing a stormwater pond sized to accommodate the development of the property plus the additional vacant land to the southeast that is owned by the City. The purchaser will receive a pay-as you-go TIF incentive to cover the pond construction cost, with the details being included in a separate agreement. The pond will be located on City property, and the City will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the pond. The proceeds from the sale of the property and the tax increase resulting from the development will assist with the revenue for TID #9. Staff recommends approval of the Certified Survey Map to divide the property. Staff recommends approval of the land sale subject to a Development Agreement and a Stormwater Assistance Agreement. The PAIDC Board recommends approval. PAIDC Executive Director Abby Haas and Director Carroll answered questions.

C. Orange & Purple Bus Route Changes – Proposed- Public Works Director, Howard Crofoot, explained that City Staff and University staff, along with selected other individuals, investigated the possibility of increasing hours or routes for 2027. After discussion with the WisDOT staff, these changes would be significant and require a new RFP. The group reviewed routes, solicited input from students, and checked against UW-P revenue streams. The group recommends that a Saturday route be added for 4 hours per Saturday (11:00 am-3:00 pm) during the academic year. This is based on the Purple Route of 2024. The group also asked to revise certain bus stops to focus on Downtown. Per Council request, a stop at Farm & Fleet will be added to the Purple Route. This will be a tight route time – between 28 and 30 minutes with 10 – 15 seconds for loading and unloading. A public hearing is required by the WIDOT before soliciting an RFP. The budget is neutral for the City. The University pays the entire local match for the Bus transportation. Conduct a Public Hearing on September 8, 2026, to receive public input on the addition of a Purple Route on Saturdays while UW-Platteville is in session and the changes to the Orange Route to better accommodate student travel. Director Crofoot answered questions.

D. Emergency Communications Intergovernmental Agreement – City and Grant County- City Manager Caz Muske explained that Grant County sent over a draft memorandum of understanding. Following approval of resolutions by both the City and Grant County supporting the FY2027 PSAP Grant Program application and continued consolidation planning, the parties developed the draft MOU for review. The MOU outlines the parties' intent to continue implementation planning and negotiate a future intergovernmental agreement. It identifies key operational, financial, governance, technology, and implementation considerations to be addressed as the process moves forward. The draft has been reviewed by the City Attorney, with adjustments made. The draft MOU identifies an anticipated levy transfer of approximately $190,000 from the City to Grant County if consolidation ultimately occurs and provides that the City would not pay an annual dispatch service fee or other expenses related to PSAP and dispatch functions. Final financial terms remain subject to a future intergovernmental agreement and Common Council approval. 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. Based on conversations with the County, they are not willing to sign this agreement with language regarding levy limit transfer to the County and charges for service to the City. It is believed that the County will still file for the grant without this agreement. Council President Daus recommended in-person meetings moving forward with the County negotiating terms of this process to eliminate confusion that happens when communicating via email and phone. City Manager Muske answered questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Badger, second by Whisenant to adjourn. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Stout, City Clerk