

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 25, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Nickels at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Don Francis, Ken Kilian, Tom Nall, President Eileen Nickels, Amy Seebth-Wilson, and Katherine Westaby. Absent: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 16-16 Amending the Zoning Map – 200 N Court Street – President Nickels called the public hearing to order. Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained the request to rezone the Rolling Hills Church property (which is currently for sale) from I-1 Institutional to CBT–Central Business Transition District to allow the potential owner to use it for his business use – Blue Note Music. I-1 Institutional allows churches, schools, government facilities, but very few other uses. The CBT district is designed for the areas between the downtown business district and the surrounding residential areas, and allows the uses in the I-1 Institutional District. Plan Commission recommended approval at the October 3 meeting. No applicant statement, public statements in favor, against, or in general. Registered in favor was Jim Becker of 290 N Court Street. Motion by Kilian, second by Daus to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Kilian, second by Nall to adopt Ordinance 16-16 Amending the Zoning Map rezoning 200 N Court Street to CBT-Central Business Transition District as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Daus, second by Westaby to approve the consent calendar as follows: October 3 Special, October 11 Special, and October 11 Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$311,044.71; Appointment of LD Mueller (2nd term) and Doug Stephens to the Airport Commission (3 year term) and Kay Wilkins to the Community Development Board; One-Year Operator License to Kyle J Albrecht; and Two-Year Operator License to Taylor N Alexander, Jordan M Breunig, Ryan D Henning, LaRonda F Ingham, and Rachel L Smith as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

None.

REPORTS

Board/Commission/Committee Reports – Meeting reports were submitted by the Airport Commission, Water & Sewer Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

ACTION

- A. *Exercise of Options for Bus/Taxi Services for 2017* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained the request to approve the Exercise of Options for Taxi and Bus Services for the 2017 calendar year as per the terms of the 2015 and 2016 contract. Terms dictate if both sides wish to continue service during the Option Years (2017, 2018, & 2019), the hourly rates will be increased according to the annual inflation rate for August of each year. The inflation rate from August 2015 to August 2016 was 1.1%, which results in an increase for the taxi service cost from \$26.88/hr to \$27.18/hr and the bus service cost from \$41.55/hr to \$42.01/hr in 2017. The Platteville Transit Committee met prior to the Council meeting and recommended approval. Seebth-Wilson excused herself from discussion and action on this agenda item. Motion by Daus, second by Nall to approve the Exercise of Options for Taxi Services with Running Inc. and for Bus Services with Stratton Buses Inc. for the 2017 calendar year and authorize the City Manager to sign. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Seebth-Wilson abstaining.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *City Manager Proposed 2017 Budget* – City Manager Karen Kurt distributed and provided a detailed presentation regarding the proposed 2017 budget to the Council. Kurt noted that it was a challenging budget and will continue to be for a number of years. Highlights included an estimated \$369,000 shortfall (not including salary increases for staff, contingency funds or funding for equipment or capital projects) – with an additional deficit of \$504,000 expected in 2018; proposed revenue increases of \$318,000 (5% property tax increase and \$118,000 ambulance fee) and \$100,000 wheel tax (used for street overlays); proposed expense reductions of \$81,000 (\$15,000 City Council Salary elimination, \$16,000 Rountree Gallery, \$20,000 Museum, \$10,000 Senior Center, \$10,000 Administrative, and \$10,000 no salary increase for non-union staff), with an additional proposed expense reduction in 2018 of \$185,000 (\$105,000 Museum, \$30,000 Senior Center, and \$50,000 Public Works). The total proposed budget for 2017 is \$16,692,079 compared to \$17,282,401 in 2016. Josephine Kischer of 1250 Union St, Cheryl Bloom of 30972 Cty Rd XX, and Judy Pearce of 1150 Camp St registered against the Senior Center budget cuts. Bill Cramer of 125 N 3rd St, Kent Scheuerell of 860 Grace St, and John Klosterman of 1007 Heather Lane spoke against the proposed reduction to the Senior Center. Dick Bonin of 810 Siemers St, read a letter written by the Commission on Aging which requested the Council to reconsider the proposed cuts in 2017 and appoint a Task Force charged with developing a 5 year plan to provide needed services for the aging community. The Council is scheduled for one more budget work session on November 1. The 2017 Public Budget Presentation is scheduled for November 15 at 7 PM. Public hearing and action on November 22.
- B. *Ordinance 16-17 Creating Section 3.48 Providing for a Motor Vehicle Registration Fee* – Resulting from Council consensus for the 2017 budget, request is to approve an ordinance establishing a \$20 Motor Vehicle Registration Fee (Wheel Tax) starting in March of 2017. All automobiles or a motor truck registered under 8,000 lbs gross weight and customarily kept in the municipality will be subject to this fee. WisDOT collects the fee at the time of first registration and at the time of each subsequent registration renewal. Moneys from wheel tax payments must be used for transportation purposes only. Action at next meeting.
- C. *Contract 14-16 – Cleaning Services for 2017-2019* – Request is to award a three year contract for cleaning services for the Senior Center, Library, and City Hall to the low bidder, Sparkling Clean Cleaning Services, in the amount of \$4,400 per month for all three facilities. Action at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Seeboth-Wilson, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk