

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 22, 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 Seeboth-Wilson, and Katherine Westaby. Absent: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*2017 Budget Hearing – Resolution 16-21 Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2017* – President Nickels called the public hearing to order. City Manager Karen Kurt and Administration Director Valerie Martin presented a Powerpoint of the 2017 budget explaining the 2017 and 2018 projected budget shortfalls, proposed revenue increases (5% property tax levy, ambulance fee, and wheel tax), proposed expense reductions (Eliminate City Council Salary and Rountree Gallery Support, and reductions in the Museum, Senior Center, and Administrative Support), no wage increase for non-union employees, health insurance carrier change, capital projects, and impact on taxes. The tax levy proposed is \$4,155,319 with \$2,372,302 allocated to the General Fund, \$43,000 to the Taxi/Bus Special Revenue Fund, \$1,473,517 to the Debt Service Fund, and \$266,500 to the Capital Improvement Fund. The assessed tax rate is estimated to be \$7.96 per \$1,000 assessed value, a 3.5% increase from last year. With the proposed budget amendments from the Council at their final work session (after the public hearing notice was published), the General Fund Revenue and Expense Budget totals \$8,141,758 with the total Revenue and Expense Budget being \$16,686,579 for all funds. No public statements in favor.

Public statements against the proposed reduction in Senior Center funding included Bill Cramer of 125 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Matthew Schauenburg of 505 Chestnut St, Debbie Mayo of 375 S Chestnut St, Lynn Verger of 945 St James Circle, David Ralph of 75 N Oak St, and Kathy Kopp of 415 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Registered against included Jennifer Kelchen, Jerry Steinhoff of 555 Camp St, Jeff Schave of 595 Broadway, Kent and Carolyn Scheuerell of 860 Grace St, Pauline Gerhardt of 1510 Bears Ct, David Burkholder of 5055 W Main St, Rose Kuhn of 745 Fairfield Dr, Carol Brugger of 1510 Bears Ct, Robert and Judy Pearce of 1150 Camp St, Leona Huggens of 1510 Bears Ct, and Linda Appenzeller of 805 Fairfield Dr.

Public statements against the proposed reduction in Museum funding included Bill Van Deest of 120 High Point Circle and Kathy Kopp of 415 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Registered against included Jeff Schave of 595 Broadway, Heidi Dyas-McBeth of 95 W Main St, and Tracey Roberts of 135 E Furnace St.

Public statements against the proposed elimination of Rountree Gallery funding included Dave Meinhardt of 340 S Hickory St, Rountree Gallery Board Member Nancy Collins of 1120 Eastman St, and Kathy Kopp of 415 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Registered against included Jeff and Cindy Schave of 595 Broadway, Heidi Dyas-McBeth of 95 W Main St, and Lynn Verger of 945 St James Circle.

Public statements in general included Regional Chamber Executive Director Kathy Kopp and Gene Tesdahl of 540 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Council discussion included extremely difficult budget discussions, statements of personal support of the Senior Center, Museums, and Rountree Gallery and the need to work together with more long term alternative/volunteer support, rather than tax payer dollars, to keep these entities viable.

Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to adopt Resolution 16-21 Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2017 and proposed budget amendments for a total 2017 City Budget of \$16,686,579. 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: November 1 Special and November 8 Regular Council Minutes; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$260,617.31; Appointment of Debara Mayo to the Commission on Aging (3 year term) and Herbert Reichelt to the Museum Board (partial term ending 7/1/18); One-Year Operator License to Kyle P Dagens; and Resolution 16-23 Authorized Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund 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 Plan Commission and Water & Sewer Commission.

## ACTION

- A. *Contract 13-16 Snow and Ice Removal and Related Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy* – Bid specifications were provided to five local firms who have worked for the City before, with one bid received for the removal of snow and ice on sidewalks in front of properties that do not shovel their walks. This removal charge, plus a \$20 administrative fee per parcel is billed to the owner. Public Works Director Howard Crofoot outlined the proposed procedure for implementing the contract (door hanger warnings) and noted that the weekend enforcement consensus from the Jan 26 work session was not included in the bid specs. If the Council wanted the Sunday enforcement, they would need to rebid the contract, otherwise the Public Works Dept will proceed and make sure to include the enforcement provision for 2018. Motion by Kilian, second by Westaby to award Contract 13-16 Snow & Ice Removal to Four Seasons Landscaping at the bid price of \$.20/sq ft or \$40 minimum for snow only as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Ordinance 16-18 Amending Section 2.05 Council Salaries* – It was the consensus of the Council at the Oct 17 budget work session to eliminate Council salaries in a good faith effort to help with the budget going forward. The proposed ordinance reads that “each duly elected and qualified Alderperson...shall receive an annual salary in the sum of \$0, effective for terms commencing on or after April 18, 2017.” Since Wis Stats 66.0505 states that Council members are entitled to the salary that was in place at the time they took office, current Council members will need to provide written notification at least 30 days before Jan 1 of each year for the remainder of their term to refuse their salary. Motion by Daus, second by Westaby to adopt Ordinance 16-18 Amending Section 2.05 Council Salaries to an annual salary of \$0 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *Ambulance Service Fee Policy and Allocation* – It was the consensus of the Council at the Nov 1 budget work session to allocate the new ambulance service fee to water and sewer customers according to customer type (\$10/mo for commercial, industrial, multifamily, and public authority customers, and the remainder of the fee divided by number of residential customers - \$1.64/mo for 2017). Kilian expressed concern that multifamily customers with a meter for each rental unit, (rather than one master meter) would be charged \$1.64/mo for each unit, when a large apartment complex with one master meter would be charged \$10/mo total. He recommended adopting an allocation schedule that would require multifamily customers to pay according to the number of rental/family units – potentially reallocating \$10,722 from residential to multifamily and lowering the \$1.64/mo for residential customers. Discussion/clarification ensued regarding Kilian’s recommendation and the changes that would need to be made to the Ambulance Service Fee policy if implemented. Motion by Daus, second by Nall to table action to the next meeting pending an updated policy and allocation incorporating the proposed/discussed changes to multifamily customers and leaving commercial, industrial and public authority at \$10/mo. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. City

Manager Karen Kurt noted that due to time constraints for implementation, there may be a need to hold a special meeting on this topic prior to the next Council meeting.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Public Urination/Defecation Ordinance and Amendment of 1.10 Schedule of Fee Deposits* – Police Chief Doug McKinley explained that historically the Platteville Police have written citations for disorderly conduct for public urination/defecation offenses, but recently Grant County Courts have determined that our disorderly conduct ordinance does not specifically prohibit these acts. Proposed ordinance creates Section 41.03 prohibiting these acts and amends Section 1.10 Schedule of Fee Deposits creating a citation amount for this offense and increasing the citation amount for open intoxicants. Action at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Daus, second by Seeboth-Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Martin, City Clerk