

## **THE CITY OF PLATTEVILLE, WISCONSIN COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville shall be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers at 75 North Bonson Street, Platteville, WI.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. WORK SESSION – Interview District 3 Candidates**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*If your attendance requires special accommodation, write City Clerk, P.O. Box 780, Platteville, WI 53818 or call (608) 348-9741 Option 6.*

Subject: Questions for Common Council Candidate Interviews

Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Memorandum of Record

The following questions are suggested by the City Manager for Council to use in the District #3 candidate interview process:

1. What do you believe is the role of the City Council in our community?
2. Participation in City Council requires a significant time commitment involving at least two monthly council meetings, several monthly committee meetings, as well as reading and preparation for meetings. How will this fit in with your other commitments?
3. Based on what you know about City government, what do you see as top priorities for the City and why?

Respectfully,



Clinton Langreck  
City of Platteville, City Manager

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# Lucas Dresden

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June 26, 2023

Lucas Dresden

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Platteville, WI 53818

Dear Common Council,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Common Council in Platteville. I moved to Platteville in August of 2021 and have been working as a Resident Director at UW – Platteville. Prior to moving to Platteville, I was living and working in Eau Claire, WI and attend UW – Eau Claire where I received my bachelor's degree in organizational communication. During my time at UW – Eau Claire I served on student senate as a senator for two years and as the Communications Commission Director for one year. This experience taught me a lot about meeting processes, policy writing and implementation, and using the feedback and concerns of students to make changes on our campus. I would enjoy using this experience to add to the Common Council and continue learning as well.

When applying for the Resident Director position two years ago I was unfamiliar with Platteville and the community. Since being here, I have enjoyed learning more about it and exploring the area. There are many things that I like about Platteville. One of the main things being the welcoming atmosphere and care for others displayed by the community. The Platteville Inclusive Playground is a great example of this. I was able to see some of the hard work and community effort that went into this, and it encouraged me to begin seeking out ways to be more involved in this community that I am calling home.

If I were to be appointed to the Common Council, I would like to focus on inclusion, diversity, and equity in the community. I have experience serving on and working with committees and groups focusing on inclusion, diversity, and equity both in a college and community setting. I believe that I can bring what I have learned from these to the Common Council and offer different perspectives as well.

Some characteristics I believe are important to be an effective member of the Common Council include communication, collaboration, adaptability, planning, and empathy. I believe these characteristics allow us to plan, change course when the unplanned occur, understand the community and individuals, and work together as a team to best serve the Platteville community.

I appreciate your time and consideration for this position on the Common Council.

Sincerely,

Lucas Dresden

Bob Gates

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Platteville, WI 53818

June 26, 2023

Common Council  
75 N. Bonson Street  
P.O. Box 780  
Platteville, WI 53818

Dear Common Council Members:

I am writing to you to express my interest in the District 3 Alderperson seat. It is my understanding that this position is still vacant and I believe that it is important for all districts to have representation. Having lived in Platteville for the past twenty-two years, I believe that I know the town well enough to take on this roll. I also plan to stay in Platteville for the foreseeable future, so I have a vested interest in the decisions that affect our community.

I thoroughly enjoy living in Platteville and feel that it has an amazing amount to offer for a town of its size. My wife and I have raised two daughters who have gone through the public school system and we couldn't be happier with it. Our family has also taken advantage of a number of great resources such as the pool, the library, the park system and a variety of events and programs offered by the university. As a member of the Common Council, I would hope to help maintain the quality and accessibility of these resources and to assist in maintaining the more "behind-the-scenes" areas that make our community great.

Although I do not have a specific agenda or platform that is drawing me to the Common Council, my primary area of interest would be the Platteville Family Aquatic Center. This is a resource that benefits persons of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds and it needs to receive the necessary attention and funding to maintain its place among Platteville's top attractions.

Finally, I believe that I have the characteristics necessary to be an effective member of the Common Council. I am willing to learn; I am a good listener; and I am accepting of views and ideas that differ from my own. Moreover, I have a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in counseling, so I will be comfortable with both the financial and social aspects of the position. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Bob Gates

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