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2.01 ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS. The City of Platteville is hereby redivided, redistricted and reapportioned into four (4) Aldermanic Districts for the purpose of electing Alderpersons to the Common Council to represent the respective districts. Such Aldermanic Districts are as follows:

Aldermanic District #1: Beginning at the intersection of West Cedar Street and North Court Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Cedar Street to the intersection of North Water Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of North Water Street to the centerline of Stevens Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Stevens Street to the centerline of Lutheran Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Lutheran Street to the centerline of Boldt Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Boldt Street to the centerline of Broadway Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Broadway Street to the centerline of Mineral Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Mineral Street to the centerline of Lutjen Place; thence northerly along the centerline of Lutjen Place to the centerline of Jackson Street; then easterly along the centerline of Jackson Street to the centerline of May Street; thence northerly along the centerline of May Street to the centerline of Grant Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Grant Street to the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Lincoln Street to the centerline of Maple Drive; thence westerly, northerly and northeasterly along the centerline of Maple Drive to the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Lincoln Street to the centerline of East Madison Street; thence westerly along the centerline of East Madison Street to the centerline of Broadway Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Broadway Street to the centerline of East Madison Street; thence westerly and northerly following along the eastern and northern city limits to the centerline of North Elm Street; thence southerly along the centerline of North Elm Street to the centerline of West Dewey Street; thence southeasterly along the centerline of West Dewey Street to the centerline of Court Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Court Street to the point of beginning.

Aldermanic District #2: Beginning at the intersection of Western Avenue and Union Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Union Street to its intersection with Perry Drive to its intersection with West Main Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of West Main Street to the centerline of Hickory Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Hickory Street to the centerline of Market Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Market Street to the centerline of Bonson Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Bonson Street to the centerline of East Mineral Street; thence westerly along the centerline of East Mineral Street to the centerline of North Second Street; thence northerly along the centerline of North Second Street to the centerline of Cedar Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Cedar Street to the centerline of Court Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Court Street to the centerline of
East Dewey Street; thence northwesterly along the centerline of East Dewey Street to the
centerline of North Elm Street; thence northwesterly and northerly along the centerline of
North Elm Street to the north city limits; thence westerly and southerly along the north and
west city limits to the point of beginning.

Aldermanic District #3: Beginning at the intersection of West Main Street and
South Hickory Street; thence southerly along the centerline of South Hickory to the
centerline of Irene Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Irene Street to the
centerline of Jay Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Jay Street to the
centerline of Southwest Road; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Southwest
Road to the west city limits; thence following the west city limits northerly and westerly to
the intersection with the south right of way of West Main Street (aka County B); thence
following the western city limits (revised per Ordinance 14-14 effective August 20, 2014)
northerly and easterly to the intersection of Western Avenue and Union Street; thence
following easterly, southerly along the centerline of Union Street to its intersection with
Perry Drive to its intersection with West Main Street; thence southeasterly along the
centerline of West Main Street to point of beginning.

Aldermanic District #4: beginning at the southwesterly intersection of Southwest
Road and Southwest Lane; thence easterly and northerly along city limits to the
intersection of city limits and Southwest Road; thence northeasterly along the centerline of
Southwest Road to the centerline of Jay Street; thence northerly along the centerline of
Jay Street to the centerline of Irene Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Irene
Street to the centerline of South Hickory Street; thence northerly along the centerline of
Hickory Street to the centerline of Market Street; thence southeasterly along the centerline
of Market Street to the centerline of Bonson Street; thence southerly along the centerline
of Bonson Street to the centerline of Mineral Street; thence easterly along the centerline of
Mineral Street to the centerline of North Second Street; thence northeasterly along the
centerline of North Second Street to the centerline of East Cedar Street; thence easterly
on East Cedar Street to the centerline of North Water Street; thence northeasterly along
the centerline of North Water Street to the centerline of Stevens Street; thence easterly
along the centerline of Stevens Street to the centerline of Lutheran Street; thence
northeasterly along the centerline of Lutheran Street to the centerline of Boldt Street;
thence easterly along the centerline of Boldt Street to the centerline of Broadway Street;
thence southwesterly along the centerline of Broadway Street to the centerline of East
Mineral Street; thence easterly along East Mineral Street to the centerline of Lutjen Place;
thence northerly along the centerline of Lutjen Place to the centerline of Jackson Street;
thence easterly on the centerline of Jackson Street to the centerline of May Street; thence
northerly along the centerline of May Street to the centerline of Grant Street; thence
easterly along the centerline of Grant Street to the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence
northeasterly along the centerline of Lincoln Street to the centerline of Maple Drive; thence
westerly, northerly, and easterly on the centerline of Maple Drive to the centerline of
Lincoln Street; thence northerly along the centerline on Lincoln Street to the centerline on
East Madison Street; thence westerly along the centerline of East Madison Street to the
centerline on Broadway Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Broadway
Street to the eastern city limits; thence southerly (revised per Ordinance 15-02 effective
February 20, 2015), easterly, and southwesterly following along eastern and southern city limits to the point of beginning. Also including non-contiguous property commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section Thirty-Six (36), said point begin the point of beginning; thence S00°03'53"E 96.31 feet, more or less, along the West line of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of said Section Thirty-Six (36); thence S34°51'24"E 1,159.83 feet, more or less; thence continuing S34°51'24"E 754.30 feet, more or less; thence N00°35'19"W 248.83 feet, more or less; thence S89°16'42"E 1,506.64 feet, more or less, to the West right-of-way of S.T.H. 80-81; thence S00°11'00"E 2,224.48 feet, more or less, along the West right-of-way of said S.T.H. 80-81; thence S00°01'52"W 373.89 feet, more or less, along the West right-of-way of said S.T.H. 80-81; thence S69°08'20"W 1,371.46 feet, more or less; thence N44°46'58"W 317.41 feet, more or less; thence N34°51'24"W 645.28 feet, more or less; thence S85°50'29"W 1,333.02 feet, more or less; thence S68°16'28"W 1,849.41 feet, more or less; thence N21°43'32"W 601.46 feet, more or less; thence N68°16'28"W 1,355.45 feet, more or less, to the West line of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Thirty-Five (35); thence N00°10'03"W 865.75 feet, more or less, along the West line of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Thirty-Five (35) to the Northwest corner thereof; thence West 1,291.97 feet, more or less, along the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of said Section Thirty-Five (35) to the Southwest corner thereof; thence North 5,254.46 feet, more or less, along the West line of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of said Section Thirty-Five (35) and the West line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26) to the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26); thence East along the North line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26) to the Northeast corner thereof; thence South along the East line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26) to the Northerly line of the parcel described in Volume 1143 and Page 079; thence West 33 feet, more or less; thence South 382.4 feet, more or less; thence N87°34'W 561.9 feet, more or less; thence South 637.4 feet, more or less; thence S79°06'W 117 feet, more or less; thence S66°53'E 86.3 feet, more or less; thence N87°35'E 367.5 feet, more or less, to the East line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26); thence S00°40'17"E 843.10 feet, more or less, along the East line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26) to the Southeast corner thereof and the point of beginning.

**ELECTION WARDS.** To provide for the orderly administration of elections within the City of Platteville, the City of Platteville is hereby divided, districted and apportioned into eight (8) election wards as follows:

**Election Ward One:** Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Stevens Street and North Water Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Stevens Street to the centerline of Lutheran Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Lutheran Street to the centerline of Boldt Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Boldt Street to the centerline of Broadway Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Broadway Street to the centerline of East Mineral Street; thence easterly along the centerline of East Mineral Street to the centerline of Lutjen Place; thence northerly along
the centerline of Lutjen Place to the centerline of Jackson Street; thence easterly along the
centerline of Jackson Street to the centerline of May Street; thence northerly along the
centerline of May Street to the centerline of Grant Street; thence easterly along the
centerline of Grant Street to the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence northeasterly along the
centerline of Lincoln Street to the centerline of Maple Drive; thence westerly, northerly and
northeasterly along the centerline of Maple Drive to the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence
northeasterly along the centerline of Lincoln Street to the centerline of East Madison
Street; thence westerly along the centerline of East Madison Street to the centerline of
Broadway Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Broadway Street to the
easterly city limits; thence northerly and westerly along the eastern and northern city limits
to the centerline of North Fourth Street; thence southerly along the centerline of North
Fourth Street to the centerline of Sylvia Street; thence easterly along the centerline of
Sylvia Street to the centerline of North Second Street; thence southerly along the
centerline of North Second Street to the centerline of Pitt Street; thence easterly along the
centerline of Pitt Street to the centerline of North Water Street; thence southwesterly along
the centerline of North Water Street to the point of beginning.

**Election Ward Two:** Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of West Cedar
Street and North Court Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Cedar Street to the
intersection of North Water Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of North
Water Street to the centerline of Pitt Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Pitt
Street to the centerline of North Second Street, thence northerly along the centerline of
North Second Street to the centerline of Sylvia Street; thence westerly along the centerline
of Sylvia Street to North Fourth Street; thence northerly along the centerline of North
Fourth Street to the northern city limits; thence westerly and southerly along the northern
and western city limits to the centerline of North Elm Street; thence southerly along the
centerline of North Elm Street to the centerline of West Dewey Street; thence
southwesterly along the centerline of West Dewey Street to the centerline of Court Street;
thence southwesterly along the centerline of Court Street to the point of beginning.

**Election Ward Three:** Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of
Washington Street and West Main Street; thence southeasterly along the centerline of
West Main Street to the centerline of Hickory Street, thence northerly along the centerline
of North Hickory Street to the centerline of Market Street; thence southeasterly along the
centerline of Market Street to the centerline of Bonson Street; thence southeasterly along the
centerline of Bonson Street to the centerline of East Mineral Street; thence easterly along the
centerline of East Mineral Street to the centerline of North Second Street; thence
northerly along the centerline of North Second Street to the centerline of Cedar Street;
thence westerly along the centerline of Cedar Street to the centerline of Court Street;
thence northeasterly along the centerline of Court Street to the centerline of East Dewey
Street; thence northwesterly along the centerline of East Dewey Street to the centerline of
North Elm Street; thence northwesterly and northerly along the centerline of North Elm
Street to the north city limits; thence westerly along the north city limits to the centerline of
Lancaster Street; thence southeasterly along the centerline of Lancaster Street to the
centerline of Washington Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Washington
Street to the point of beginning.
Election Ward Four: Beginning at the intersection of Western Avenue and Union Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Union Street to its intersection with Perry Drive; thence southerly and westerly to its intersection with West Main Street; thence southeasterly along the centerline of West Main Street to the centerline of Washington Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Washington Street to the centerline of Lancaster Street; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Lancaster Street to the north city limits; thence westerly and southerly along the north and west city limits to the point of beginning.

Election Ward Five: Beginning at the intersection of West Main Street and South Hickory Street; thence southerly along the centerline of South Hickory to the centerline of Irene Street; thence westerly along the centerline of Irene Street to the centerline of Jay Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Jay Street to the centerline of Southwest Road; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Southwest Road to the centerline of Longhorn Drive; thence northerly along the centerline of Longhorn Drive to the centerline of Greenwood Avenue; thence westerly along the centerline of Greenwood Avenue to the centerline of the driveway through University of Wisconsin-Platteville parking lot; thence north and easterly along the centerline of the driveway through the University of Wisconsin-Platteville parking lot, which serves Morrow, Porter and Melcher Halls, to the centerline of College Drive; thence north along the centerline of College Drive to the centerline of Sunset Drive; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Sunset Drive to the centerline of West Main Street; thence northwesterly along the centerline of West Main Street to the west city limits; thence following the city limits (revised per Ordinance 14-14 effective August 20, 2014) northerly and easterly to the intersection of Western Avenue and Union Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Union Street to the centerline of Perry Drive; thence southerly and westerly along the centerline of Perry Drive which intersects with West Main Street; thence southeasterly on West Main Street to the point of beginning.

Election Ward Six: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Longhorn Drive and Southwest Road; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Southwest Road to the west city limits; thence following the western city limits northerly to the intersection with the south right of way of West Main Street (aka County B); thence following the city limits easterly, and southeasterly along the centerline of West Main Street to the centerline of Sunset Drive; thence southeasterly along the centerline of Sunset Drive to the centerline of College Drive; thence southerly along the centerline of College Drive to the centerline of the driveway through the University of Wisconsin-Platteville parking lot to the centerline of Greenwood Avenue; thence easterly along the centerline of Greenwood Avenue to the centerline of Longhorn Drive; thence south along the centerline of Longhorn Drive to the point of beginning.

Election Ward Seven: Beginning at the southwesterly intersection of Southwest Road and Southwest Lane; thence easterly and northerly along city limits to the intersection of city limits and Southwest Road; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Southwest Road to the centerline of Jay Street; thence northerly along the centerline of
Jay Street to the centerline of Irene Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Irene Street to the centerline of South Hickory Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Hickory Street to the centerline of Market Street; thence southeasterly along the centerline of Market Street to the centerline of Bonson Street; thence southerly along the centerline of Bonson Street to the centerline of Irving Place; thence westerly along the centerline of Irving Place to the centerline of Court Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Court Street to the centerline of Southwest Road; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Southwest Road to the centerline of South Chestnut Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of South Chestnut Street to its intersection with the south city limits; thence following along the south and west city limits to the point of beginning.

**Election Ward Eight:** Beginning at the of South Chestnut Street and the south city limit; thence northeasterly along the centerline of South Chestnut Street to the centerline of Southwest Road; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Southwest Road to the centerline of Court Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Court Street to the centerline of Irving Place; thence easterly along the centerline of Irving Place to the centerline of Bonson Street; thence northerly along the centerline of Bonson Street to the centerline of Mineral Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Mineral Street to the centerline of North Second Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of North Second Street to the centerline of East Cedar Street; thence easterly on East Cedar Street to the centerline of North Water Street, thence northeasterly along the centerline of North Water Street to the centerline of Stevens Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Stevens Street to the centerline of Lutheran Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Lutheran Street to the centerline of Boldt Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Boldt Street to the centerline of Broadway Street; thence southwesterly along the centerline of Broadway Street to the centerline of East Mineral Street; thence easterly along East Mineral Street to the centerline of Lutjen Place; thence northerly along the centerline of Lutjen Place to the centerline of Jackson Street; thence easterly on the centerline of Jackson Street to the centerline of May Street; thence northerly along the centerline of May Street to the centerline of Grant Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Grant Street to the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Lincoln Street to the centerline of Maple Drive; thence westerly, northerly, and easterly on the centerline of Maple Drive to the centerline of Lincoln Street; thence northerly along the centerline on Lincoln Street to the centerline on East Madison Street; thence westerly along the centerline of East Madison Street to the centerline on Broadway Street; thence northeasterly along the centerline of Broadway Street to the eastern city limits; thence southerly (revised per Ordinance 15-02 effective February 20, 2015), easterly, and southwesterly following along the eastern and southern city limits to the point of beginning.

**Election Ward Nine:** Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section Thirty-Six (36), said point begin the point of beginning; thence S00°03’53”E 96.31 feet, more or less, along the West line of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of said Section Thirty-Six (36); thence S34°51’24”E 1,159.83 feet, more or less; thence continuing S34°51’24”E 754.30 feet, more or less; thence N00°35’19”W 248.83 feet, more or less; thence S89°16’42”E
1,506.64 feet, more or less, to the West right-of-way of S.T.H. 80-81; thence S00°11'00"E 2,224.48 feet, more or less, along the West right-of-way of said S.T.H. 80-81; thence S00°01'52"W 373.89 feet, more or less, along the West right-of-way of said S.T.H. 80-81; thence S69°08'20"W 1,371.46 feet, more or less; thence N44°46'58"W 317.41 feet, more or less; thence N34°51'24"W 645.28 feet, more or less; thence S85°50'29"W 1,333.02 feet, more or less; thence S68°16'28"W 1,849.41 feet, more or less; thence N21°43'32"W 601.46 feet, more or less; thence N 68°16'28"E 1,355.45 feet, more or less, to the West line of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Thirty-Five (35); thence N00°10'03"W 865.75 feet, more or less, along the West line of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Thirty-Five (35) to the Northwest corner thereof; thence West 1,291.97 feet, more or less, along the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of said Section Thirty-Five (35) to the Southwestern corner thereof; thence North 5,254.46 feet, more or less, along the West line of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of said Section Thirty-Five (35) and the West line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26) to the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26); thence East along the North line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26) to the Northeast corner thereof; thence South along the East line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26) to the Southern line of the parcel described in Volume 1143 and Page 079; thence West 33 feet, more or less; thence South 382.4 feet, more or less; thence N87°34'W 561.9 feet, more or less; thence South 637.4 feet, more or less; thence S79°06'E 117 feet, more or less; thence S66°53'E 86.3 feet, more or less; thence N87°35'E 367.5 feet, more or less, to the East line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26); thence S00°40'17"E 843.10 feet, more or less, along the East line of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of said Section Twenty-Six (26) to the Southeast corner thereof and the point of beginning.

COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS. For the purpose of electing county supervisors to represent the residents of the City of Platteville, the City of Platteville is hereby divided, districed and apportioned into five (5) county supervisory districts, numbered 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15 as follows:

**County Supervisory District #10:** Encompasses Aldermanic District #1 (Wards 1 & 2)
**County Supervisory District #11:** Encompasses Aldermanic District #2 (Wards 3 & 4)
**County Supervisory District #12:** Encompasses Aldermanic District #3 (Wards 5 & 6)
**County Supervisory District #13:** Includes all of Aldermanic District #4 within the contiguous City limits (Wards 7 & 8)
**County Supervisory District #15:** Includes all of Aldermanic District #4 outside the contiguous City limits - Platteville Municipal Airport (Ward 9)

2.02 **REPEALED (72-39)**

2.03 **POLLING PLACES.** (1) The following named places in the City are hereby provided and designated as the legal polling places at which to hold all elections held
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under provision of law in the City. The following polling places shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections.

(a) The polling place for the electors of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Wards shall be in the National Guard Armory located at 475 North Water Street.

(b) The polling place for the electors of the Fifth and Sixth Wards shall be in Ullsvik Hall on the UW-Platteville Campus.

(2) As provided by Section 7.30(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, two sets of election inspectors may be assigned to work at the polls for each District at different times on election day.

2.04 COUNCIL RULES. The following rules of order and procedure shall govern the deliberations and meetings of the Common Council and of the committees thereof:

Rule 1. Following a regular City election the Council shall meet on the third Tuesday in April for the purpose of organization. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Tuesday and fourth Tuesday of each calendar month at the hour of 7:00 p.m. Any regular meeting falling upon a legal holiday shall be held on the next following secular day at the same hour and place unless changed by a majority vote of the members elect of the Common Council. All meetings of the Council, including special and adjourned meetings, shall be held in the Municipal Building unless changed by a majority vote of the members elect of the Common Council for any specific meeting.

Rule 2. Special meetings may be called by the Council President or by any two Alderpersons or by the City Manager upon written notice of the time and purpose thereof to each member of the Council, delivered to each personally or left at the Alderperson's usual place of abode at least six hours before the meeting. The Clerk shall cause an affidavit of service of each notice to be filed in the Clerk's office prior to the time fixed for such special meeting. A special meeting may be held without such notice when all members of the Council are present in person or consent in writing to the holding of such a meeting. If written consent is obtained, it shall be filed with the Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. Attendance by any council member shall be deemed a waiver on the person's part of any defective notice. Any special meeting attended by all Alderpersons shall be a regular meeting for the transaction of any business that may come before such meeting.

Rule 3. (a) The Council may, by a majority vote of those present, adjourn from time to time to a specific date and hour.

(b) No action shall be taken unless a quorum is present.

(c) As provided by Section 64.07(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, a majority of the
members of the Council shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of all the members of the Council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance or resolution.

Rule 4. The business of the Council shall be conducted in the following order:

1. Call to order by Presiding Officer.
2. Roll Call. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon adjourn, which may be to a specific date pursuant to rule 3(a).
3. Public Hearings, if any.
4. Special Presentations, in any.
5. Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting or meetings which have been furnished by the Clerk to each Alderperson and approving the same if correct and rectifying mistakes, if any exist, and other routine business.

Consideration of the minutes and other routine business of the City Council may be combined into a Consent Calendar. Any member may request the Council President to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for a separate vote. This request shall be granted as a courtesy and is not subject to debate or vote. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered directly following action on the Consent Calendar.

7. Reports of committees, if any, and reports of City officials and department heads as directed or requested by the City Manager or the Common Council.
8. Action Items.
9. Information and Discussion Items.
10. Adjournment

In the absence of the Clerk, the Presiding Officer shall appoint a Clerk pro tempore.

Rule 5. The presiding Officer at the stated hour shall call the meeting to order. The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum, decide all questions of order and conduct the proceedings of the meeting in accordance with the parliamentary rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Revised, unless otherwise provided by statute or by these rules. Any member shall have the right of appeal from a decision of the Presiding
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Officer. The appeal may be sustained by a majority of the members present, exclusive of the Presiding Officer.

Rule 6. If the Council President is absent at the designated time of any meeting, the Council President Pro-tempore shall preside and during the absence or inability of the Council President to attend shall have the powers and duties of the Council President. The Council President shall be selected by a majority vote of all members of the Council at the annual meeting on the third Tuesday of April in each year. The Council President shall designate and appoint the Council President Pro-tempore at or before the first regular meeting in May of each year and such appointment shall be until the next annual meeting of the Council on the third Tuesday of April of each year. The Council President Pro-tempore shall act in the absence of the Council President. In the absence of both the Council President and the Council President Pro-tempore, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and shall preside until the Council shall, by motion, select an acting Council President for that meeting. In such a case, the selection of an acting Council President shall be the first order of business.

Rule 7. Whenever the Council President desires to speak upon any question, or to make any motion, the Council President shall not be required to vacate the chair to do so, but may, if he desires, vacate the chair for such portion of the proceedings as the Council President shall designate and shall designate the Council President pro tempore, if present and if not, any Alderperson, to preside temporarily.

Rule 8. (a) The number and designation of Council committees and the number of members on each shall be as directed by the Council President at the regular meeting in May of each year and the chairperson of each committee shall be as designated by the Council President.

(b) The Council President may declare the entire Council a committee of the whole for informal discussion at any meeting or for any other purpose and shall be ex-officio chairperson of same; provided there is no objection by anyone of the Alderpersons present at the meeting.

(c) The Council President may, from time to time, appoint such special committees as may be deemed advisable or as provided for by motion or resolution, stating the number of members and object thereof, to perform such duties as may be assigned to them.

Rule 9. (a) Any Alderperson may require the reading of any ordinance, resolution or communication at any time it is before the Council.

(b) All bills and other financial claims against the City shall be itemized and upon receipt thereof shall be examined by the City Manager and the Finance Director and then referred by the Finance Director to the Claims Committee for report thereon at the ensuing meeting of the Council, provided that payment of regular wages and salaries of officials and employees according
to schedules adopted by the Council shall be made by the Finance Director without submission to the Council after verification by the department head submitting the same and after approval of the Finance Director. As to officials or employees not within any specific department of the City, the above required verification by the department head may be omitted.

(c) Each committee shall at the next regular meeting submit either a written or an oral report on all matters referred to it, unless a longer time is granted by vote of the Council, and such report shall be entered in the proceedings. Such report shall make a recommendation to the Council on each item, shall, if in writing, be signed by the chairperson of the committee and shall be filed with the Clerk prior to each meeting. Minority reports may be submitted.

(d) Any committee may require any City employee to confer with it and supply information needed in connection with any matter pending before the committee.

Rule 10. (Repealed)

Rule 11. No ordinance or resolution shall be considered by the Council unless presented in writing by the Council President or any other Alderperson.

Rule 12. The deliberation of the Council shall be conducted in the following matter:

1. No Alderperson shall address the Council until recognized by the Presiding Officer. The Alderperson shall thereupon address all remarks to the chairperson and confine all remarks to the question under discussion and avoid all personalities.

2. When two or more members simultaneously seek recognition the Presiding Officer shall name the member who is to speak first.

3. No person other than a member shall address the Council except that with the permission of the Presiding Officer. Citizens may address the Council as to matters which are being considered at the time and further excepting that citizens may be allowed to address the Council otherwise upon a majority vote of all members present.

4. No notice shall be discussed or acted upon unless and until it has been seconded. No motion shall be withdrawn or amended without the consent of the person making the same and the person seconding it.

5. When a question is under discussion no action shall be in order, except (1) to adjourn, (2) to recess, (3) to lay on the table, (4) to move the previous question, (5) to postpone to a certain day, (6) to refer to a committee, (7) to
amend, (8) to postpone indefinitely. These motions shall have precedence in the order listed.

6. Any member wishing to terminate the debate may move the previous question, in which event the Presiding Officer shall announce the question as, “Shall the main question now be put?” If two-thirds of the members present vote in the affirmative, the main question shall be taken without further debate, its effect being to put an end to all debate and to bring the Council to a direct vote, first upon any pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

7. All votes of the Common Council shall be by voice, with a roll call by the clerk, using aye and nay, and all aye and nay votes shall be recorded by the clerk. Every Alderperson shall vote when a question is put unless the Council, by a majority vote of those present, shall excuse a member for special cause. No Alderperson may change his or her vote on any question after the result has been announced. Except as otherwise provided by the Wisconsin Statutes or by ordinance, a majority of those present shall prevail in all cases.

8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and a motion to adjourn, to recess, to lay on the table, and a call for the previous question shall be decided without debate.

Rule 13. All ordinances, motions or resolutions appropriating money or creating any charge against the City other than payment of claims for purchases or work previously authorized by the Council shall be acted upon by the Council at the next regular meeting, except that this provision may be suspended by recorded vote of three-fourths of all members of the Council. This rule does not pertain to items contained within the “consent calendar”.

Rule 14. It shall be in order for any member voting in the majority to move for a reconsideration of the vote of any question except confirmation of the appointment of City officials at that meeting or at the next succeeding regular meeting. A motion to reconsider being put and lost shall not be renewed.

Rule 15. After each meeting of the Common Council and prior to the next regular meeting of the Common Council, the Clerk shall supply to each Alderperson at his or her residence a typewritten copy of the proceedings thereof. By majority action of those present the Council may dispense with the reading of the minutes at the ensuing meeting.

Rule 16. These rules or any part thereof may be temporarily suspended in connection with any matter under consideration by a recorded vote of two-thirds of the members present.
Rule 17. The assent of two-thirds of all the members of the Council shall be required to amend these rules or any part thereof.

2.05 COUNCIL SALARIES. (a) Each duly elected and qualified Alderperson of the City of Platteville, with the exception of the Council President, shall receive an annual salary as set by the Common Council from time to time. Such salaries shall be paid out of the City Treasury in monthly installments.

(b) The Common Council President shall receive an annual salary as set by the Common Council from time to time. Such salary shall be paid out of the City Treasury in monthly installments.

(c) Each duly elected and qualified Alderperson of the City of Platteville, including the Council President, shall receive an annual salary in the sum of $0, effective for terms commencing on or after April 18, 2017.