

PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Platteville was called to order by Council President Barbara Daus at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Daus, Kathy Kopp, Bob Gates, Tom Nall, Todd Kasper, Lynne Parrott, and Ken Kilian
Excused: None

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. *Ordinance 24-12 Property Rezone – 645 East Main Street* – Community Director Joe Carroll presented the request, the applicant was not present and no one registered to speak. Motion by Gates, second by Kopp to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Kasper, second by Parrott to approve rezoning the property at 645 E. Main Street to R-2 One & Two-Family Residential. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Ordinance 24-13 Property Rezone – 250 North Court Street* – Community Director Joe Carroll presented the request. Applicant Mike Wirth spoke in favor and stated that they expect to create 9 parking spaces to allow 12 people to reside at the rooming house. No one else registered to speak. Motion by Kilian, second by Kasper to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Gates, second by Kasper to approve rezoning the property at 250 N. Court Street to R-3 Multi-Family Residential. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *2024 Budget Hearing* – Administration Director Nicola Maurer presented the proposed budget, and no one registered to speak. Motion by Nall, second by Gates to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 - a. *Resolution 24-19 Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2025* - Motion by Kasper, second by Parrott to adopt Resolution 24-19 Appropriating the Necessary Funds for the Operation and Administration of the City of Platteville for the Year 2025 in the amount of \$35,487,565 as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
 - b. *Resolution 24-20 Authorizing the Wage Rates of the Permanent Employees, Excluding Union and Library Personnel, and City Manager, for the Year 2025* - Motion by Gates, second by Kasper to adopt Resolution 24-20 Authorizing the Wage Rates of Permanent Employees, excluding union and library personnel and the City Manager, for the Year 2025. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kopp, second by Nall to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 11/12/24 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$636,825.00; Appointments to Boards and Commissions – None; Two-Year Operator Licenses – Kieryn D Aigner, Mackenzie G Brendemuehl, Andrew J Winders; Taxi Driver License - Heather C Fisher, Gordon L Hellwig, Devion D Vaassen. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

City Manager Clinton Langreck explained that the Kindergarten Class brought thank you cards to recognize the local government and thanked Communications Specialist Jodie Richards for hosting the class and documenting the event with a picture. Kevin Reed, 970 Union Street, Apt. 107, spoke for informational purposes on the purpose of government. Council President Daus announced that a student

group would make a presentation about the property purchased by the City at the December 2 Plan Commission meeting and invited council members to attend.

ACTION

- A. *Ordinance 24-14 Amending Chapter 11 Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal - Motion* by Kopp, second by Kilian to approve Ordinance 24-14, Amending Chapter 11, Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal to allow stickers. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. *Resolution 24-21 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,025,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024C of the City of Platteville, Grant County, Wisconsin and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds – Ehlers* Municipal Advisor Brian Roemer via Zoom presented the Sale Day Report. *Motion* by Kasper, second by Kopp to adopt Resolution 24-21 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,025,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024C of the City of Platteville, Grant County, Wisconsin and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. *Contract 9-24 Snow and Ice Removal – Motion* by Kasper to table this item until the next Council meeting on December 10. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. *Contract 24-24 Demolition of O.E. Gray – Motion* by Kopp, second by Parrott to authorize Kraemer Brothers, our construction manager, to sub-contract with Owen’s Excavating and Trenching in the amount of \$49,000 for the demolition and removal of O.E. Gray and former Peterson properties. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. *Budget Amendment #3 – Reallocation and Obligation of ARPA Funds – Motion* by Gates, second by Kilian to reallocate ARPA funds originally assigned to the Housing Developer Incentive to the purchase of a mini-excavator, with remaining ARPA funds applied to the cost of bond counsel for the Lead Service Line Replacement program and to supplement 2024 pool revenues for help with coverage of 2024 pool wages. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. *Budget Amendment #4 – Transfer 2024 PAIDC Cost from TIF #9 to TIF #6 – Motion* by Nall, second by Parrott to approve Budget Amendment 4, to transfer the 2024 PAIDC contribution from TIF #9 to TIF #6. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Ordinance Amending Section 7.04 of the Municipal Code - Lead Service Line Replacement Delay* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot presented that the current ordinance was passed in 2022 requiring all Lead Service Lines (LSL) to be replaced by December 31, 2024. Superintendent Kowalski performed two rounds of testing – six months apart – in accordance with DNR guidelines resulting in lead levels below the Action level of 15 ug/L or parts per billion. The DNR sent a letter saying that the City met the requirements and would not be required to inject orthophosphates. The US EPA has recently established rules to remove all lead pipes within 10 years. It is for the health of the community that the City continues to require LSL to be removed and replaced. The City still has 44 properties that are taking no action to comply. The Water and Sewer Commission passed a motion to recommend that the Common Council amend Section 7.04 of the Municipal Code to delay the deadline for LSL replacement from December 31, 2024, to June 30, 2025. This will allow those remaining properties to complete replacements in Spring 2025.

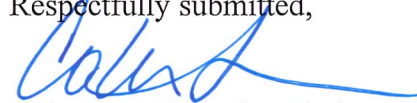
- B. *Idle Sites Redevelopment Grant Application – 825 E. Business Highway 151*– Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that the former Honeywell property at 825 E. Business Highway 151 was recently purchased by a group of investors. The owners have a desire to make improvements to the building and property and divide the building to allow for use by multiple tenants. The estimated costs of the necessary improvements are \$626,623. Due to the high costs, the owners are looking for various sources of grant assistance to help reduce the overall cost of the project. One potential source of assistance is an application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for an Idle Sites Redevelopment Grant. If awarded, the grant will cover half of the eligible project costs, up to \$250,000.
- C. *Referendum Advisory Question – Support for Platteville Family Aquatic Center* – City Manager Langreck and Parks & Recreation Director Bob Lowe presented that in May 2024, the Platteville Family Aquatic Center (PFAC) pool vessel sustained catastrophic damage. In August, the Platteville Aquatic Recreation Subcommittee (PARS) was appointed and began assembling information and planning for a potential new pool. PARS has met several times since August, and a great deal of work has been completed, including a survey of residents' opinions on replacing the pool. The survey results showed a majority in favor of replacing the pool, with strong support even if the pool were to incur higher taxes. PARS now comes before the council with a request to approve a referendum advisory question to be placed on the ballot in April 2025. PARS is recommending the following language for the question: "Should the City of Platteville borrow up to \$6.9 million for the construction of a replacement aquatic center?" Director Lowe also noted that in lieu of a ballot advisory referendum council may by ordinance waive the referendum requirement.
- D. *Award Contract 22-24 for Fixed Route Bus Service 2025 – 2029* – Public Works Director Howard Crofoot explained that the DOT requires a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for public transportation contracts. The current bus provider did not wish to extend the existing contract. Staff put out the contract for proposals on September 18, 2024. The RFP is based on a standard State boilerplate and the proposals were due on October 25. This will be a two-year contract with a fixed price per service hour and up to 3 each one-year extensions with the contract price increasing in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The City received two proposals for Contract 22-24 from Russ Stratton Buses, Inc. and Davis Bus Lines. An Evaluation Committee has been formed and is reviewing the proposals based on technical criteria as listed in the RFP and will make a formal recommendation.
- E. *Emergency Services Agreement* – City Manager Clint Langreck explained that The Emergency Services Agreement, effective January 1, 2025, formalizes the responsibilities of Southwest Health Center, Inc. (Southwest) and several municipal entities including the City of Platteville, City of Cuba City, and various Townships within the Platteville EMS District. Southwest will continue to provide ambulance services, maintaining all necessary personnel, equipment, and compliance with Wisconsin regulations. The municipalities, in return, agree to provide dispatch services and contribute to the Annual Support Fee (ASF), which is calculated based on population data and allocated per capita within the service area. The ASF will help cover unreimbursed costs for operating the paramedic-level service and other associated expenses, with adjustments made annually based on operating deficits. It specifies that the Agreement will run through December 31, 2034, with automatic renewals unless terminated by a Party with appropriate notice. The goal is to ensure ongoing, coordinated, and cost-effective emergency medical services for the residents of the participating municipalities. The major

change in the contract, as compared to the existing contract, is the design of the Annual Support Fee and the associated increase in rate. The current agreement capped the partners' ASF at \$150,000 annually, roughly \$115,000 apportioned to the City. In a review of emergency services financial performance data from previous years, the ASF from the partners often did not bridge the gap in operating losses and Southwest Health was absorbing these losses. The adjusted rates reflect past expenditure trends and forecasted increases. Southwest Health's goal is for them to operate the Emergency Services with financial efficiency and at a net zero loss. To address this increase, staff have assessed several scenarios of increasing service charges to cover the increases.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nall, second by Parrott to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Steffen, City Clerk