

**PLATTEVILLE COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**February 11, 2025**

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, Lynne Parrott, and Ken Kilian  
Excused: Todd Kasper

PRESENTATION - 2024 Year in Review - Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation (PAIDC) Executive Director Abby Haas reviewed the goals and accomplishments of the PAIDC. These included creating a new website, completing their 501c3 status, mapping available lots, updating the Land Price Formula, and working with UW-Platteville Senior Design. She presented upcoming 2025 projects.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kilian, second by Nall to approve the consent agenda as follows: Council Minutes – 1/28/25 Regular; Payment of Bills in the amount of \$554,264.23; Financial Statement - January; Appointments to Boards and Commissions: none; One-Year Operator License – Allison L. Bean; Two-Year Operator License – Aubrey J. Bauer, Ervin G. Estudillo, LaDainian J. Mielke, Carol G. Traynor, and Michael Walsh; Taxi Driver Licenses - Jason L. Davis, Jennifer D. Pepper, and John A. Tranel; Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND PETITIONS, if any.

Council President Pro-tem Kopp acknowledged Dylan Bellamy's service and extended sympathy to his family and community. Alderperson Nall recited Abraham Lincoln's 1863 speech and requested Platteville residents become involved in local government by applying to serve on a board, commission, or committee with the City. Council President Daus shared that the PV Journal published a list of Grant County Property Rates that allows residents to compare Platteville's taxes to other cities.

REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Minutes – Airport Commission, Parks, Forestry & Recreation Committee, Housing Authority Board, and Police and Fire Commission
- B. Other Reports
  - 1. Water and Sewer Financial Report – January
  - 2. Airport Financial Report – January
  - 3. CIP Quarterly Status Report – 12/31/2024
  - 4. Department Progress Reports

ACTION

- A. *Awarding an Aquatic Center Architect and Engineering Contract for Phase One Schematics-* Andy Pennekamp from JEO was present to answer questions from the council. Motion by Parrott, second by Kilian to authorize the City Manager to develop and enter into a contract with JEO (and associate firms) for phase one schematics of a replacement aquatic center, at an anticipated cost of \$20,000 (with authorized contingency for scope changes not to exceed \$30,000). Motion carried 5-0 with Kopp abstaining on a roll call vote.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. *Ordinance to Establish a Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers at a Central Count Location in the City of Platteville*— City Clerk Colette Steffen explained that absentee voting has increased putting pressure on the Chief Inspectors at the polling locations to process the absentee ballots while maintaining the flow of in-person voters. By moving the absentee processing to a centralized location would relieve the challenge at the polls and provide better security Wisconsin Statutes 7.52 and 7.53(2)(m) allow for the creation of a Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers. These individuals are appointed by the City Clerk to serve two-year terms. The Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers processes all absentee ballots in the city on election day at a central location. To create a Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers, the Common Council must adopt an ordinance under State Statutes 7.52 and 7.53(2)(m). The ordinance is required to be created at least 30 days before the election for which it will be implemented.

WORK SESSION - Water Street Watershed and E. Main Street - Director Crofoot, Nathan Lipinski with Jewell Associates, and Dan Dreessens with Delta 3 Engineering provided the Common Council with information regarding the Water Street watershed and more specifically, the East Main Street reconstruction project. The Common Council would like this to come back for Information and Discussion at a future Common Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nall, second by Kilian to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Steffen, City Clerk