

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2008**

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:30 p.m. Those present for Roll Call were: Arnold Dalldorf, Joel Foxley, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Gary Iedema, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra. Others present were: Steve Christensen, Kevin Kuiper, Mark Kuipers, Ron Millar, Ralph Nachtigal, and Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. The following changes were made to the agenda: ADD New FT Employee.

MINUTES. The August 4 regular meeting minutes were read aloud. Dalldorf moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Mayor Gustad. Asked the landfill, water and sewer committees to review rates at their budget meetings this week.

Councilmembers. No report.

Finance Officer. Westerhuis reported the following. 1) The 2 yard dumpster behind the community center seems to fill very quickly. A new 3 yard dumpster would cost \$500-600. Kuiper stated he could look for a dumpster at Federal Surplus in Huron. 2) Several complaints have been made of dogs using the playground wood chips at South Park for a bathroom. Dog owners are asked to not allow their dogs to do this. 3) Spoke with Tammy Williams of the SD DOT regarding the revamping of the curb and sidewalks along Hwy 44. She stated that all projects of this type were removed from the state's budget because they didn't have enough money to fund them. This project is not included in the 5 year STIP. 4) Budget committee meetings will be held this week.

Police Department. No report.

Public Works. Kuiper reported the following. 1) The chip/seal crew will be here this week. 2) The concrete border around the playground equipment is complete at South Park. The concrete will be stained when it is cured. Councilmember Iedema stated that a light has been installed to shine on the playground equipment. 3) Picked up 15 picnic tables for the park from Hart Ranch. 4) Commercial Asphalt will be making more cold mix, so two truckloads are ordered. 5) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources sludge test on the lagoons showed that they do not need to be dredged at this time. Councilmember Overweg asked if the windmills are the reason the sludge level is low. Kuiper stated that DENR does not give a definitive answer to that question. 6) Would like to attend the water/wastewater conference in Pierre in September. 7) The gym building is ready and will be moved Friday.

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. Terry Vanderheiden applied for a permit to remove a carport. **Foxley moved and Iedema seconded approving Vanderheiden's permit to remove a carport. Motion passed on voice vote.** Dennis Kenobbie applied for a permit to build a fence. **Hoppe moved and Dalldorf seconded approving Kenobbie's permit to build a fence. Motion passed on voice vote.**

2009 BUDGET REQUEST. Mark Kuipers and Ron Millar were present to explain a request for inclusion in the 2009 budget. Millar stated that the Legion Class B baseball tournament will be held in

Platte next year. Because the bathroom facilities currently at the complex cannot handle the current traffic flow, a request is being made to add on additional restroom space to the current building. It is anticipated that adding a 24'x20' piece with 6 additional toilets and/or urinals will cost approximately \$22,600. Of this, \$7,000 is anticipated to be collected through donations and in-kind labor, leaving a balance of \$15,600. Millar asked that this be considered in discussions of the 2009 budget. Millar stated the other projects that are not top priority at the complex include: a backstop and roof on the bleachers, sprinklers on the other 2 fields, dugout repairs, and replacement of light bulbs. No official action taken.

REED LOAN BALLOON PAYMENT. The balloon payment for the Rural Electric Economic Development (REED) loan is due September 15th. So far, \$13,910 has been collected, with another \$10,000 expected in early September, leaving a balance of \$88,961.09 that will need to be paid by September 15th. If about \$50,000-75,000 needs to be financed, it would be at 5.4% for 3 years, or 5.7% for 5 years. This would result in \$4,200 to \$9,800 in interest paid, depending on the amount financed and term. The culmination of this fund drive will be the birthday party for Ilo and Lewis Vanderboom on September 3rd. No official action taken.

SET FIRST SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE. Hoppe moved and Foxley seconded setting **Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time for the first September meeting.** Motion passed on voice vote.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE – VARIANCE REQUESTS. Dale Severson applied for a building permit requesting two variances. Keith and Renita VanZee applied for a building permit requesting a variance. **Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded to set Thursday, September 4 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall as the date, time and place for a public hearing for the variance requests.** Motion passed on voice vote.

ADVERTISE FOR GARBAGE & LP QUOTES. Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded advertising for garbage and LP quotes. Motion passed on voice vote.

NEW FULL TIME EMPLOYEE. Dalldorf stated he feels the maintenance department needs another full time employee. All agreed to discuss this at committee meetings for the 2009 budget. No official action taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Spoelstra moved and Iedema seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.** Motion passed on voice vote.

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor of Platte

By: _____
Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer