

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 4, 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, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Gary Iedema, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra.** Joel Foxley was absent. Others present were: Steve Christensen, Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal, and Nicole Westerhuis.

**AGENDA.** The following changes were made to the agenda: ADD Overweg Property Purchase.

**MINUTES.** Westerhuis read aloud the July 21 regular meeting minutes. Dalldorf moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

**REPORTS.**

**Councilmember Hoppe.** Have received complaints regarding the condition of the curb and gutter at 7<sup>th</sup> and Main Street.

Discussion was held regarding the curb and gutter and sidewalk along Hwy 44. When the highway was resurfaced, the curb and sidewalk revisions were removed from the project, and were to be done the next year. Because this is still not done, Westerhuis was asked to ask the Department of Transportation if this project will be done in the near future.

**Mayor & Remaining Councilmembers.** No report.

**Community Center.** Iedema gave the community center report.

**Platte Area Chamber of Commerce.** No report.

**Finance Officer.** Westerhuis reported the following. 1) Klein's Housemoving plans to begin moving the old gym building on August 11. 2) Modern Woodmen gave a donation to the South Park for trees in the amount of \$1,315.60.

**Police Department.** Christensen distributed the following report for the month of July.

**AGE RELATED ISSUES**

<b>JUVENILE CONTACTS (&lt;18)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>	<b>ADULT CONTACTS (Over 18)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>
Verbal Warnings	5	Verbal Warnings	3
Written Warnings	2	Written Warnings	5
Written Citations	1	Written Citations	1
Charged By Warrant	0	Arrest by Warrant	0
<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>9</b>
Complaints Received	0	Complaints Received	0
Field Sobriety Tests Only	0	Field Sobriety Tests Only	0
DWI Arrests	0	DWI Arrests	0
Open Container Citations	0	Open Container Citations	0
Underage Consumption Cit.	1	Underage Consumption Cit.	0
<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>0</b>

**NON-AGE DELINEATED CONTACTS**

Property Related Issues	Nos.	Family Violence	Nos.
Vehicle Accidents (under \$250)	0	Complaints	0
Vehicle Accidents (over \$250)	5	Arrests	0
Burglary Complaints	0	Protective Custody	0
Burglary Arrests	0		
Robbery Complaints	0	Dog Issues	
Robbery Arrests	0	Complaints	1
Theft Reports	3	Dogs Captured	0
Vandalism Reports	0	Dogs Terminated	0
Auto Thefts	0	Owners Warned	0
Hit & Run Property	0	Owners Issued Tickets	0
Other Complaints (Trespass)	3		
Officers Asst.	0	Other Animals – Complaints	0
911 Calls	1	Terminated	0

**GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS**

Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 09		Unlocked Doors Downtown	0
Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 06	1580	Community Service Performed	0 hrs
Time Vehicle Out of Service	3 hrs	Training Sessions Attended	27 hrs
Hours Spent in Court	0	Business Alarms	0
Funeral Escorts	1	Motorist Assists	0

1) John Schroeder has graduated from the police academy. As agreed when he was hired, he should now have a raise to a salary of \$27,000.

**Public Works.** Kuiper reported the following. 1) Getting streets ready for the chip/seal, which will be done August 18 or 19. 2) The swimming pool had 2 bad water samples and had to close until the water was safe. It is back open again. 3) The wood fiber was delivered to South Park. Now laying the concrete border. 4) Must now test water for disinfection by-products. 5) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources did sludge testing on the lagoons, and were surprised by the very small amount of sludge present.

Dalldorf stated he has seen very few mosquitoes lately.

**PUBLIC FORUM.** No requests.

**BUILDING PERMITS.** No applications.

**FINANCE REPORT.** Westerhuis gave the finance report for the period ending July 31, 2008.

**BILLS.** Westerhuis presented the bills. (*Attached as separate document*). **Hoppe moved and Iedema seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed on roll call vote 5 to 0.**

**CONSUMPTION PERMIT – FRANSDEN BENEFIT.** Westerhuis explained that on July 25, she was informed that a consumption permit is desired for the Jim Frandsen benefit to be held on July 26. She

contacted each city council member, and all unanimously agreed to allow the consumption permit.

**Hoppe moved and Spoelstra seconded approving a consumption permit for the Frandsen Benefit on July 26 at the Community Center. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENT – RON AUDISS. Mayor Gustad appointed Ron Audiss to a 2 year term on the Community Center board. Iedema moved and Overweg seconded approving Mayor Gustad’s appointment of Ron Audiss to a 2 year term on the Community Center board. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**REED LOAN BALLOON PAYMENT.** Westerhuis explained that Marc King is heading up a fund drive to pay off the balloon payment. Quite a few donations have been received already. The fund drive will end with a birthday party for Ilo and Lewis Vanderboom at the Community Center on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. No official action taken.

**SOUTH PARK TREES & GARBAGE CANS.** Westerhuis explained that volunteers are needed to keep the trees at South Park watered. Anyone interested in helping should contact Kevin Kuiper, as he will coordinate a schedule. A couple picnic tables and garbage cans have been brought to the new park. No official action taken.

**RESOLUTION 080408-1 – CHARLES MIX COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN.**

Westerhuis presented the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION #080408-1  
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION OF THE CHARLES MIX COUNTY PRE-DISASTER  
MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS** the City of Platte has suffered from previous disaster events, including flooding, high wind events, and winter storms, each of which has resulted in property loss, economic hardship, and threats to public safety; and

**WHEREAS** a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for Charles Mix County (the Plan) has been developed during the past two years, which included participation from members of our community; and

**WHEREAS** the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property of Platte from hazards that affect our community; and

**WHEREAS** City officials and citizens have been given the opportunity to review the Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Plan is hereby approved and adopted by the City of Platte.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Gustad, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Westerhuis, Finance Officer

**Spoelstra moved and Dalldorf seconded approving Resolution #080408-1, adopting the Charles Mix County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**RESOLUTION 080408-2 – INITIATED MEASURE #10.** Westerhuis presented the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION #080408-2**

Be it resolved by the City of Platte:

Whereas, Initiated Measure #10 would prohibit any city from paying dues to any association that lobbies;

Whereas, it is far more efficient and cost effective to join together with our fellow cities through the SD Municipal League for coordinated communication with the Legislature than to have each city stand along;

Whereas, the costs to the taxpayers of having each city to monitor, report, and travel to Pierre to participate in the Legislative Session would be much greater than any dues to the SD Municipal League;

Whereas, coordinated communication with Legislators leads to more efficiency in the Legislative process and has saved millions of dollars in taxpayer funds;

Whereas, restricting the ability of South Dakotans to support candidates and communicate with their elected public officials is a violation of their right to freedom of speech;

Whereas, the measure will be challenged in court and will most likely be found to be unconstitutional, costing millions of dollars in taxpayer money;

Whereas, Initiated Measure #10 does not limit State government-paid lobbyists, out-of-state lobbyists, or corporate lobbyists, but only stifles coordinated voices for local control;

Whereas, the City of Platte finds that municipal officials throughout South Dakota are dedicated, honest and ethical people with the best interests of their cities in mind and that cities take great pride in providing open, honest government to our citizens;

Whereas, the thousands and thousands of South Dakotans who do business with the State, Cities, Counties, and other governmental entities should not be penalized for providing such services;

Whereas, civic groups who work to better their community, and often require local funding to provide their services should not be prohibited from communicating their needs to local public servants;

Whereas, the forces supporting Initiated Measure #10 will not reveal the source of their funding, leaving the reasonable assumption that out of state special interests are once again attempting to hijack the South Dakota ballot and abuse our initiative process;

Therefore let it be resolved that the City of Platte strongly opposed Initiated Measure #10 and urges the citizens of South Dakota to vote “NO” on the measure.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

CITY OF PLATTE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer

**Hoppe moved and Iedema seconded approving Resolution #080408-2, stating the city's opposition to Initiated Measure #10. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**OVERWEG PROPERTY PURCHASE.** Westerhuis stated that the city's purchase of the Overweg property is ready to close. City Attorney Tim Whalen suggests a closing date of Wednesday, August 6 at 9:30 a.m. **Iedema moved and Dalldorf seconded authorizing Mayor Gustad and Finance Officer Westerhuis to sign the documents necessary to close on the purchase of Lot L from Jerry and Myrna Overweg. Motion passed on roll call vote 3 to 1, with Dalldorf, Iedema and Spoelstra voting yes, Hoppe voting no, and Overweg abstaining.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Overweg moved and Spoelstra seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Rick Gustad  
Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Nicole Westerhuis  
City Finance Officer