

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
November 3, 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, Laura Vanden Berge, and Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. No changes were made to the agenda.

MINUTES. The October 20 regular meeting minutes were read aloud. Overweg moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Mayor Gustad. The South Park committee is selling raffle tickets, with first prize being \$2,000 in Chamber dollars, and second prize being \$1,000 in Chamber dollars.

Councilmember Spoelstra. Asked about the live trap at the South Park playground. Christensen stated he is trying to satisfy complaints about cats using the wood chips for a bathroom. All agreed the trap should be taken away.

Councilmember Iedema. 1) Was asked how many consecutive days can a person park on a side street? 2) Was also asked if Dakota Senior Meals can use a portable handicap sign on the days meals are served at the Senior Citizen Center. After some discussion, all agreed they did not want to reduce parking for the surrounding businesses by increasing the handicap parking spaces.

Remaining Councilmembers. No report.

Community Center. No report.

Platte Area Chamber of Commerce. Laura Vanden Berge gave the monthly report. Iedema moved and Overweg seconded giving the Chamber \$1,000 toward the annual Christmas promotion. Motion passed on voice vote.

Finance Officer. Westerhuis reported the following. 1) Had a worker's compensation audit today. 2) The Tree City USA application will be submitted this month.

Police Department. Police Chief Christensen reported the following for the month of October.

AGE RELATED ISSUES

JUVENILE CONTACTS (<18)	Nos.	ADULT CONTACTS (Over 18)	Nos.
Verbal Warnings	5	Verbal Warnings	8
Written Warnings	2	Written Warnings	12
Written Citations	1	Written Citations	6
Charged By Warrant	0	Arrest by Warrant	0
Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	8	Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	26
Complaints Received	0	Complaints Received	0

Field Sobriety Tests Only	0	Field Sobriety Tests Only	0
DWI Arrests	0	DWI Arrests	2
Open Container Citations	0	Open Container Citations	0
Underage Consumption Cit.	0	Underage Possession Cit.	0
Total Alcohol Related Contacts	0	Total Alcohol Related Contacts	2

NON-AGE DELINEATED CONTACTS

Property Related Issues	Nos.	Family Violence	Nos.
Vehicle Accidents (under \$250)	0	Complaints	0
Vehicle Accidents (over \$250)	8	Arrests	0
Burglary Complaints	0	Protective Custody	0
Burglary Arrests	0		
Robbery Complaints	0	Dog Issues	
Robbery Arrests	0	Complaints	1
Theft Reports	0	Dogs Captured	0
Vandalism Reports	2	Dogs Terminated	0
Hit and Run Property	1	Owners Warned	0
Other Complaints	0	Owners Issued Tickets	0
Ambulance Asst.	0		
Officers Asst.	4	Other Animals – Complaints	1
911 Calls	1	Terminated	0

GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS

Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 06	1,623	Community Service Performed	0 hr
Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 09	594	Training Sessions Attended	8
Time Vehicle Out of Service	0 hr	Business Alarms	0
Hours Spent in Court	0 hr	Motorist Assists	1
Funeral Escorts	3		

Public Works. No report.

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. No applications.

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

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

SECOND READING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ORD NO 316. No changes were made since first reading. **Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded giving second reading and passage to Ordinance No. 316, An Ordinance Supplementing Appropriations Ordinance No. 312, Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations Ordinance. Motion passed on roll call vote 5 to 0.**

PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE REQUEST OVERWEG. Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing for comment at 8:00 p.m. Ken Overweg was present to explain that he wants to add on to his storage units located in the north part of town. He stated that the property is zoned Light Industrial, and that he received a variance to build the original building in its present location, since his lot is only 107' deep, and the zoning ordinance requires the front setback to be 100' from the lot line. The variances requested are 90' on the front and 5 ½' on the side. Iedema stated that the Planning Commission unanimously recommends approval of the variances as requested. **Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. Iedema moved and Hoppe seconded setting approving Ken Overweg's building permit with a 90' variance on the front (south), and a 5 ½' variance on the side (west). Motion passed on voice vote.**

SET PUBLIC HEARING – UTILITY RATE INCREASE. Westerhuis stated that at budget time, the water committee discussed and recommended increasing the water rates slightly in 2009. Even though a public hearing is not required before increasing rates, Westerhuis recommends holding a public hearing so the public has an opportunity to give their opinions regarding an increase. **Dalldorf moved and Iedema seconded setting Monday, November 17, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall as the date, time and place for a public hearing to gather comment on the city's intent to increase water rates in 2009. Motion passed on voice vote.**

SPRUCE UP PLATTE APPLICATION – PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL. The Platte-Geddes School District filled out an application for the Spruce Up Platte program to get rid of the house located at 421 E 4th Street. Overweg stated he would like to see the Spruce Up applications taken care of in the order they were approved by the city. **Overweg moved and Spoelstra seconded to approve the Platte-Geddes School District's Spruce Up Platte Application. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DOG PARK. Westerhuis explained the concept of a dog park that was recently suggested to her by a citizen. After some discussion, all agreed not to create a dog park at this time. No action taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Dalldorf moved and Iedema seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor of Platte

By: _____
Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer