

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2009**

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: Karen Burket, Steve Christensen, Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal, and Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. No changes were made to the agenda.

MINUTES. Westerhuis read aloud the August 3 regular meeting minutes. Hoppe moved and Foxley seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Mayor & Councilmembers. No report.

Finance Officer. No report.

Police Department. Chief Christensen reported the following. 1) Christensen was appointed to the Region Emergency Communication Coordination Working Group through FEMA. Meetings he will attend are paid by FEMA, and he will use vacation time to attend them.

Public Works. Kuiper reported the following. 1) Travis Dyk passed the wastewater treatment exam, making him eligible for a \$0.50 per hour raise. He will take the wastewater collection exam next month. 2) The City of Geddes can use Charles Mix County's mosquito sprayer, but no one in Geddes has a Category 9 license to spray. Kuiper stated he did spray in Geddes before Fur Trader Days. 3) The lift station should be fixed soon. 4) Jordan Johnson is done working for the summer. James Tschumper was originally hired until he went to basic training, but he did not go, so he's still working. The council agreed that as long as Kuiper still has work for him, keep him working for a month and then check with the council again. 5) The swimming pool closed this weekend. 6) Used hot mix to patch streets. The chip/seal crew will be coming soon. 7) Have not sprayed for mosquitoes in Platte yet, but have put out a lot of briquettes.

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. Kenton & Heidi Sybesma applied for a permit to move a 12x24 garage. Dalldorf moved and Iedema seconded approving Sybesma's permit to move a 12'x24' garage. Motion passed on voice vote.

PLATTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – KAREN BURKET. Karen Burket was present to update the council on the status of getting electricity to the trees on Main Street. Northwestern Energy has approved tapping into the wooden poles at the end of each block. Each block would not have to be metered separately – one block would be metered and the rest would be charged based on the metered block. Burket asked if the city would be willing to pay for the electricity for the months the lights are on – possibly November through March. The block between 3rd and 4th Streets does not have a wooden utility pole to tie into, so permission is asked to tie into the Community Center on the west side, and Burket will talk to Kuip's Hardware about tying into their business on the east side. Those businesses that don't want their sidewalk cut will be wired directly into a business instead. Not sure yet how to handle the electricity cost for those wired directly into a business. Burket will talk to those businesses

and find out their thoughts. Burket stated she will come back to the council in about a month with the final cost estimates. No official action taken.

SET FIRST SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE. Dalldorf moved and Hoppe seconded setting Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time for the first September meeting. Motion passed on voice vote.

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

2009 BUDGET. Discussion was held on each department within the general fund as well as the water and sewer funds. A new wood framed pool bathhouse would cost approximately \$40,000-50,000. The current building is in such poor shape, this may be an option to explore. The building could be used for a picnic shelter or something else when a new pool is built at South Park. Kuiper stated that RDO would like the city to trade in the payloader, since there is a large demand for used payloaders. Westerhuis explained the energy audit G&R Controls completed for the Community Center. It appears that neither a geo-thermal system or air to air heat pump system will meet the 15 year payback criteria the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant will require. The city could look at changing out the temperature control system. The hospital endowment was discussed, with the general consensus being to keep \$25,000 in the 2010 budget for this purpose. A 5% pay increase has been written into the budget. Some council members expressed their thoughts about implementing a merit raise system rather than giving raises across the board. No official action taken.

PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE REQUEST OF BIEHL. Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing for comment at 8:21 p.m. Brian & Mari Biehl applied for a permit to build a 18 1/2 'x10' deck. The application includes a request for a 1 1/2' variance on the front (south) lot line. Westerhuis stated the Planning Commission's recommendation is to approve the variance as requested. **Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:22 p.m. Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation, which is to approve Brian & Mari Biehl's building permit with 1 1/2' variance on the south. Motion passed on voice vote.**

PAGERS – SURPLUS PROPERTY. Chief Christensen stated that the police department has two pagers they no longer use that he'd like declared surplus and given to the fire department. **Dalldorf moved and Iedema seconded declaring two pagers surplus property, and giving them to the fire department. Motion passed on voice vote.**

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION #081709-1 – STATE WATER PLAN. Westerhuis presented the following resolution.

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION #081709-1
STATE WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Platte has identified the need to improve the functioning of its wastewater system by installing aerators in the wastewater lagoons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Platte requests placement on the State Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Platte is eligible for placement on the State Water Plan; and

WHEREAS, with the submission of the State Water Plan application, the City of Platte assures and certifies that all State Water Plan program requirements will be fulfilled,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Platte duly authorizes the submission of this State Water Plan application,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of Platte is authorized to execute this State Water Plan application for the City of Platte.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2009.

SIGNED: /s/
 Rick Gustad, Mayor of Platte

ATTEST: /s/
 Nicole Westerhuis, Finance Officer

Hoppe moved and Spoelstra seconded approving Resolution #081709-1. Motion passed on voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. Westerhuis administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Rick Gustad.

There being no further business before the City Council, **Spoelstra moved and Overweg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
 Rick Gustad
 Mayor

ATTEST:

Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer