

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
August 3, 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, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Gary Iedema, and Jerry Overweg. Joel Foxley and Todd Spoelstra were absent. Others present were: Karen Burket, Steve Christensen, Ron Gall, Marc King, Ralph Nachtigal, Laura Vanden Berge, and Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. The following changes were made to the agenda: Add Charles Mix County Emergency Management – Ron Gall.

MINUTES. Westerhuis read aloud the July 20 regular meeting minutes. Dalldorf moved and Iedema seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Councilmember Iedema. Asked if all buildings being moved into town are going to be inspected for termites. All agreed that at this time, this will not be required.

Mayor Gustad. Received good comments about the state Legion baseball tournament held here. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Laura Vanden Berge agreed that the tournament went very well, and she received good comments about the town as well.

Remaining Councilmembers. No report.

Community Center. Iedema gave the community center report.

Platte Area Chamber of Commerce. Laura Vanden Berge gave the monthly Chamber report.

Finance Officer. Westerhuis reported the following. 1) Distributed a sheet showing meeting times for committees to meet and discuss the budget. 2) Received a thank you from Travis Agency for allowing them to use the old ice skating rink for a sale recently. 3) Received the final audit reports from Schoenfish and Co, and also a letter from the Department of Legislative Audit stating that the audit report has been accepted by them.

Police Department. Westerhuis distributed the following report for the month of July.

AGE RELATED ISSUES

JUVENILE CONTACTS (<18)	Nos.	ADULT CONTACTS (Over 18)	Nos.
Verbal Warnings	15	Verbal Warnings	25
Written Warnings	1	Written Warnings	17
Written Citations	0	Written Citations	4
Charged By Warrant	0	Arrest by Warrant	0
Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	16	Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	46
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 Consumption 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)	4	Arrests	0
Burglary Complaints	0	Protective Custody	0
Burglary Arrests	0		
Robbery Complaints	0	Dog Issues	
Robbery Arrests	0	Complaints	5
Theft Reports	0	Dogs Captured	2
Vandalism Reports	6	Dogs Terminated	0
Auto Thefts	0	Owners Warned	1
Hit & Run Property	0	Owners Issued Tickets	0
Officers Asst.	5		
Other Complaints	0	Other Animals – Complaints	4
911 Calls	3	Terminated	0

GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS

Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 06	1165	Ambulance Assists	0
Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 09	1465	Community Service Performed	6 hrs.
Time Vehicle Out of Service	2 hrs.	Training Sessions Attended	17 hrs.
Hours Spent in Court	0 hrs.	Business Alarms	1
Funeral Escorts	1	Motorist Assists	2

Public Works. No report.

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. Michael Meyerink applied for a permit to build a 32'x142' commercial storage building. **Overweg moved and Iedema seconded approving Meyerink's application to build a 32'x142' commercial storage building. Motion passed on voice vote.**

FINANCE REPORT. Westerhuis gave the finance report for the period ending July 31, 2009.

BILLS. Westerhuis presented the bills. *(Attached as separate document)*. **Dalldorf moved and Iedema seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed on roll call vote 4 to 0.**

PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE REQUEST OF HOFFMAN & VISSCHER. Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing for comment at 8:00 p.m. Sherm & Lois Visscher applied for a permit to build a 12'x24' carport. The application includes a request for a 8' variance on the rear (west) lot line. Rob Hoffman applied for a permit to build a 20'x8' steel deck. The application includes a request for a 2' variance on the front (west) lot line. Westerhuis stated the Planning Commission's recommendation is to approve both variances as requested. **Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. Hoppe moved and Overweg seconded to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation, which is to approve Rob Hoffman's building permit with 2' variance on the west. Motion passed**

on voice vote. Hoppe moved and Overweg seconded to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation, which is to approve Sherm & Lois Visscher's building permit with 8' variance on the west. Motion passed on voice vote.

PLATTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – KAREN BURKET. Platte Development Corporation Executive Director Karen Burket stated that the PDC would like to wire an outlet to each of the trees on Main Street so they can be lit without electrical cords being strung across the sidewalk. She stated that for liability reasons, NorthWestern Energy will not allow tapping into the light poles on Main Street, so she is checking into the possibility of using the wooden poles at the end of most blocks. A trench could then be cut across the sidewalks and conduit laid in the trench. The trenches would have a smooth finish to prevent tripping. The garbage cans would help protect the outlet, which would be on a post, from damage during snow removal. It is yet to be determined if each block would have to be metered separately, or if a flat rate could be charged for each. The lights would be on from October through February of each year, and the PDC asks that the City pay the annual electric cost. She stated that the cost of the installation would be paid by the PDC. If tapping into the wooden poles is not an option, Karen stated she would like to talk to the businesses about tapping into each of them, but this would be the most expensive option. Hoppe stated that the sidewalks were paid for by the businesses, so the PDC may need to get the owner's permission before cutting the sidewalks. Dalldorf agreed. Marc King asked the council to weigh the fact that there have been many more positives come from the tree project than negatives. Ron Gall suggested considering boring. No official action taken.

CHARLES MIX COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – RON GALL. Charles Mix County Emergency Management Director Ron Gall was present to discuss a few matters. He stated there is \$1.8 million available to the State of SD for disaster mitigation. The county emergency management plan needs to be updated and made more detailed. A city-wide shelter plan is needed. Gall stated he would also like to have a signed memorandum of understanding between the county and the city. He indicated he would like to come back to a council meeting in about a month. No official action taken.

AIRWAVE WIRELESS LEASE. Mayor Gustad stated that he forwarded the council's comments to Airwave Wireless for them to review. To expedite matters Gustad asked that the council authorize signing the lease once changes have been made to the council's satisfaction. **Iedema moved and Dalldorf seconded authorizing Mayor Gustad to sign the lease with Airwave Wireless once changes are made to the council's satisfaction. Motion passed on voice vote.**

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE – VARIANCE REQUEST OF BIEHL. Foxley stated that the Planning Commission met and their recommendation is to approve the variance as requested. **Overweg moved and Iedema seconded setting Monday, August 17 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall as the date, time and place for a public hearing to consider Brian Biehl's building permit requesting a variance. Motion passed on voice vote.**

COPY MACHINE TRADE IN. Westerhuis stated that she would like to trade in the copy machine for a newer model. The cost to purchase a Ricoh MP2000L from Office Products Center for \$3,300, which includes \$1,290 for trading in the current copy machine. **Iedema moved and Hoppe seconded purchasing a Ricoh MP2000L for \$3,300 with trade in. Motion passed on voice vote.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Hoppe moved and Iedema seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____

Rick Gustad
Mayor

By: _____

Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer