

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 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: Linda Berens, Steve Christensen, Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal, and Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. No changes were made to the agenda.

MINUTES. Westerhuis read aloud the February 2 regular meeting minutes. Spoelstra moved and Dalldorf seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Councilmember Iedema. Tony BaanHofman has mentioned that he would be willing to give up property to extend 10th Street through to the softball field. Kuiper stated that extending 10th Street would create more problems than it would solve, as it would not solve any traffic flow issues due to where the street would end up. He stated that the bigger traffic flow issues are at the baseball field rather than the softball field. No action taken.

Mayor & Remaining Councilmembers. No report.

Finance Officer. Westerhuis reported the following. 1) Planning & Development District III will hold their annual Legislative Dinner in Mitchell March 19th. 2) The annual SD Airport Conference will be March 25-26 in Aberdeen. 3) Would like to apply for an Avera Health grant for South Park. Applications are due the end of the month. 4) The house located at 305 S Illinois Avenue can be removed. 5) Checked with the SD Municipal League after the last meeting regarding advertising for summer positions. Was informed that the city does not have to advertise for any employees, so the ad that went in the paper was for swimming pool personnel only.

Police Department. No report.

Public Works. Kuiper reported the following. 1) DENR has not approved the wastewater study report done by Brosz Engineering. Brosz will have to submit additional information before the report will be approved. 2) Would like to get quotes for purchase of a new mower. 3) Installed the doors on the picnic shelter. Will soon start brick work. 4) Spoke with Moze VanZee regarding a larger dumpster behind the Community Center. A 3 yard dumpster would cost \$650.

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. No applications.

SOUTH PARK POND. Dalldorf stated that he has had people state their concern regarding the pond at South Park. He said the issues being questioned in particular are the depth, slope, and thin ice. Iedema stated that some of the same comments have been made to him.

Linda Berens stated she totally objects to the pond. She said the playground equipment is an invitation for children to play there, and water is a natural attraction to children whether covered with ice or not.

She stated in her opinion , the depth doesn't matter, as a child can drown in very shallow water. She stated she feels the hole should be filled back in.

Kuiper stated that at the South Park public meeting in April last year when designers from Brian Clark + Associates were present, these same issues were addressed. Kuiper stated he spoke with the cities of Sioux Falls, Wagner, Tyndall, Miller, and Woonsocket regarding the bodies of water inside their city limits. He said none of these cities have had drownings, and that none of them would get rid of the water if they could. In fact for many, it is a huge draw for their community to have a pond. Kuiper stated there are also many cities located right on the Missouri River, and they do not have problems with children and the water either. The public, including children, will have to be educated so all know what they can and cannot do at the park. Mayor Gustad stated that the drainage ditch may be more dangerous than a pond when it is running after a hard rain. Spoelstra asked why these concerns are coming up now rather than a year ago when the pond and park was being planned. Mayor Gustad requested that the South Park committee hold a meeting to discuss the pond, and invite the public so this issue can be discussed.

No official action taken.

REQUEST AUDIT QUOTES. Westerhuis stated that the city is due for an audit of the records from 2007-08. **Hoppe moved and Overweg seconded obtaining quotes for auditing 2007-08 records. Motion passed on voice vote.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS. **Foxley moved and Iedema seconded obtaining quotes for purchase of a new mower. Motion passed on voice vote. Hoppe moved and Foxley seconded purchasing a 3 yard dumpster from Moze VanZee at a cost of \$650. Motion passed on voice vote.**

There being no further business before the City Council, **Overweg moved and Hoppe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor of Platte

By: _____
Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer