

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2009**

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:30 p.m. Those present for Roll Call were: Joel Foxley, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Gary Iedema, and Jerry Overweg. Arnold Dalldorf and Todd Spoelstra were absent. Others present were: Steve Christensen, Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal, John Schroeder, Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. The following changes were made to the agenda: South Park pond was tabled.

MINUTES. Westerhuis read aloud the January 5 regular meeting minutes. Foxley moved and Iedema seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Councilmember Foxley. Frank Cutler will MC the Community Center banquet on January 31st.

Mayor & Remaining Councilmembers. No report.

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

Finance Officer. Westerhuis reported the following. 1) A legislative update is emailed from the SD Municipal League on Fridays to those who have signed up. 2) Distributed information comparing gallons of water purchased from Randall Community Water District to gallons of water billed out. The year 2004 showed a percentage loss of 10%, compared to a 4.7% loss in 2005, a 1.26% loss in 2006, a 5.36% loss in 2007, and a 6.83% loss in 2008. This can be attributed at least in part to the city changing out water meters from 2003 through 2007. 3) Charles Mix Electric will be changing their water meters to a type that will allow them to be read remotely. 4) Municipal Government Day at the Legislature is Feb 4.

Police Department. Christensen reported the following. 1) Officer Christensen received a letter from the FBI commending Officer Schroeder for his excellent work in assisting in a recent search in Platte.

Public Works. Kuiper reported the following. 1) The wastewater study from Brosz Engineering should be ready for presentation to the council at the next meeting. 2) Would like to bring Travis to a seminar in Sioux Falls regarding pipeline repair, disinfection, etc All agreed they should go. 3) Ice rink has been flooded. 4) The Workability students are working on the picnic tables for South Park. 5) A POD meeting will be held in Platte on Feb 5 at the hospital. Kuiper has agreed to be the local POD manager. 6) Will need to inspect the ground storage tank in the near future.

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. No applications.

SILVER STAR BANNER DAY. Westerhuis stated that there was information in the SD Municipal League magazine regarding Silver Star Banner Day, and presented the following proclamation.

SILVER STAR BANNER DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Platte has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this City and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the sacrificed for this City, State and Nation and

WHEREAS, the people and Mayor of Platte wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten

NOW THEREFORE, I RICK GUSTAD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLATTE do hereby proclaim My appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. I hereby declare May 1st "SILVER STAR BANNER DAY" the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the City of Platte.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Platte in the State of South Dakota this 19th day of January 2009.

/s/ Rick Gustad, Mayor

/s/ Nicole Westerhuis, City Finance Officer

Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded approving the proclamation declaring May 1st Silver Star Banner Day. Motion passed on voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – WESTERHUIS VARIANCE REQUEST. Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing for comment at 8:09 p.m. Councilmember Iedema stated that the Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation is to approve the 10' variance on the front (south). **Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:11 p.m. Iedema moved and Foxley seconded approving a building permit with 10' variance for Pat Westerhuis. Motion passed on voice vote.**

FOX RUN POTENTIAL ALLEY VACATION. Westerhuis explained that a local contractor had inquired into the possibility of vacating a portion of the alley platted on the east side of the Fox Run Addition. Discussion was held, with all agreeing that at this time, they are open to the idea. No official action taken.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE – KUIP'S LOUNGE. Kuip's Lounge is applying for a temporary liquor license for a Summer Rec Program sponsored bean bag tournament to be held at the Community Center February 21. **Hoppe moved and Foxley seconded approving a temporary liquor license for Kuip's Lounge on February 21, 2009. Motion passed on voice vote.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS. Iedema moved and Hoppe seconded entering into executive session at 8:13 p.m. for discussion of personnel matters. Mayor Gustad declared an end to executive session at 9:11 p.m. No official action taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Iedema moved and Overweg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor of Platte

By: _____
Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer