

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, January 19, 2010**

**Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:30 p.m.**

Council members present were: Arnold Dalldorf, Joel Foxley, Rich Hoppe, Gary Iedema, Jerry Overweg and Todd Spoelstra.

Staff present were: Finance Officer Vicky Haskell, Police Chief Steve Christensen, City Superintendent Kevin Kuiper.

Also present: Ralph Nachtigal

**AGENDA**

Dalldorf requested that snow removal be added to the agenda for further discussion.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Foxley to approve the minutes from January 4, 2010 regular meeting. Seconded by Iedema. Motion carried. 6-0.

**REPORTS**

**Mayor & Remaining Council**

Councilman Spoelstra stated that he supports the use of city equipment to clear snow enabling city staff to get to work in order to facilitate snow removal or emergency services. He asked for opinions of his fellow Council members regarding this practice. All agreed that it was not a misuse of public equipment. Spoelstra also shared feedback he had gotten from another City regarding how they utilize the space of their landfill.

Councilman Iedema reported that the Community Center Board had met and decided that the annual fund-raising banquet would not be held this year due to scheduling conflicts. The committee does intend to replace the banquet with some other sort of fund-raiser and asked for suggestions. Also, the board is one member short at this time. Mayor Gustad agreed to contact individuals to fill the vacancy. Councilman Foxley stated that he had been approached regarding limited land for the cemetery.

Mayor Gustad reminded the Landfill Committee to continue researching landfill options.

**Finance Officer**

Haskell reported the following: 1) SDML is looking for cities supporting the optional penny sales tax in time for Legislative session. 2) Jeff Stewart from Randall RC&D contacted the city looking for citizens that would be interested in attending local meetings to discuss different types of ag energy. 3) Reminded Council that the annual rib feed and legislator day is Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion by Dalldorf to support the SDML efforts of legislation to allow Cities the option to impose an additional local penny sales tax, with the understanding that an election would be necessary in order to add such a tax. Seconded by Foxley.

Motion carried. 6-0.

**Police Department**

No report.

**Public Works**

Kuiper reported the following. 1) The sander conveyor chain was successfully rebuilt rather than replaced as earlier reported. 2) A new battery was ordered for the hand held computer used to read water meters. The warranty has expired on the unit, but it is still working now. Delivery time for a

replacement would only be about 2 weeks so rather than purchase another costly hand held at this time it has been decided to continue until it no longer works. 3) In maintaining the hydraulic pumps on the street sweeper, it was found that some of the parts are obsolete. Totally new hydraulics would cost around \$1200.00 from the distributor but Meyerink's were able to find a replacement pump to correct the problem for around \$250.00. 4) The payloader windshield has been damaged and should be replaced prior to trade-in. Insurance will cover \$500.00 of the \$700.00 windshield. 5) Turnis Farm Service can custom build a 50gal spray tank that could be mounted to the Mule for approximately \$850.00 and the 4-wheeler, currently used for spraying could be sold as surplus to defray the cost.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No requests.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

None.

#### **CLAIMS**

Motion by Spoelstra to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Dalldorf.  
Motion carried on roll call vote. 6-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Approval of Bid – 2007 John Deere Wheel Loader**

Haskell reported that 1 bid had been received for the surplus loader at the bid opening held earlier today. The bid to purchase the loader was from RDO Equipment in the amount of \$100,600.00.  
Motion by Dalldorf to accept the bid as presented. Seconded by Overweg.  
Motion carried. 6-0.

##### **Approve the Purchase of 2010 544 J-John Deer Wheel Loader**

Motion by Hoppe to purchase the 2010 544J Loader based on the specifications set forth by the City of Tea at a cost of \$100,613.00, using the proceeds from the surplus of the 2007 loader towards the purchase price. Seconded by Foxley.  
Motion carried on roll call vote. 6-0.

##### **Dan Cool – Henry Cool Park bridge repairs**

Mr. Cool stopped by City Hall today and asked to be removed from the agenda until a later date.

##### **Consumption Permit – Platte Chamber's fishing tournament**

Motion by Spoelstra to approve the consumption permit to the Chamber to be used for the fishing tournament scheduled for April 23, 2010. Seconded by Dalldorf.  
Motion carried. 6-0.

##### **Consumption Permit – South Central Cattlemen**

Foxley made a motion to approve the consumption permit for the South Central Cattlemen's annual banquet on February 27, 2010. Seconded by Hoppe.  
Motion carried. 6-0.

**Resolution #011910-1; Authorizing EECBG Application**

Motion by Foxley to approve Resolution #011910-1 authorizing the City to apply for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant also giving the Mayor the authority to sign the grant application as follows:

**RESOLUTION #011910-01**

WHEREAS, The City of Platte has identified the need for the implementation of energy conservation measures, and WHEREAS, The City of Platte proposes to undertake the following projects:

- Community Center Energy Efficiency Project

AND WHEREAS, the City of Platte is eligible to apply to the State of South Dakota for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) assistance for the proposed project(s) as

- 1) Platte is included in the latest Census of Governments (2007) as an incorporated municipality or county; and
- 2) Platte has a governance structure with an elected official and governing body; and
- 3) Platte was not eligible for a direct allocation of EECBG under the ARRA program; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Platte duly authorizes the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary paperwork for the EECBG application on behalf of the City of Platte.

This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2010.

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Rick Gustad, Mayor  
City of Platte  
ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Vicky Haskell, Finance Officer

Seconded by Iedema.

Motion carried on a roll call vote. 5-1, Spoelstra voting ney.

**BTU Engineering – approval of energy model**

Haskell and Kuiper met with Mike Twedt of BTU on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and toured the facility. Twedt made several suggestions for energy savings, both for heating and lighting. He explained the need for a well presented energy model that would emphasize the ongoing energy savings to accompany our EECBG application. The cost of the energy model would be \$3,650.00 and could be absorbed into the grant if awarded.

Iedema made the motion to pay the \$3,650.00 to BTU Engineering and allow them to prepare the energy model to accompany the City’s EECBG application. Seconded by Foxley.

Motion carried on roll call vote. 5-1, Spoelstra voting ney.

**Snow Removal**

Dalldorf suggested that an ordinance be drafted prohibiting the placement of snow in the right of way after the plows had passed through the streets. After reviewing the City’s current policy, he cited that stronger penalties may be necessary to enforce such an ordinance. The Council discussed several options and concluded that staff should consult with Planning District III for suggestions of an ordinance to review at a later date. No action taken.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS - None**

There being no further business before the City Council, Iedama moved and Hoppe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried. 6-0.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Vicky Haskell  
City Finance Officer

Rick Gustad  
Mayor