

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 17, 2007; 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Invocation was given by Ron Lauber and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of North Platte, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. at 211 West 3rd Street in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building. Present were Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. Spohn was absent. Mayor G. Keith Richardson presided and City Clerk Bill May recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Richardson stated that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act of Nebraska is posted on or adjacent to the doors at the back of the Council Chambers.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places in the City as follows: North Platte Public Library, Lincoln County Courthouse, City Hall Office, the designated method for giving notice (certificate of posting), being attached to these minutes. Proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of July 3, 2007.
2. Place on file Treasurer's report for June 2007.
3. Approve application by City Discount Liquor for a Special Designated Permit on September 8, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and September 9, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Wild West Arena, 2400 North Buffalo Bill Avenue.
4. Approve application by City Discount Liquor for a Special Designated Permit on September 22, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Wild West Arena, 2400 North Buffalo Bill Avenue.
5. Removed from consent.

Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #5
SPECIAL
DESIGNATED
PERMIT FOR
COMMUNITY
PLAYHOUSE ON
08-15-07

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to approve application by North Platte Community Playhouse for a Special Designated Permit on August 15, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at North Platte Community Playhouse, 301 East Fifth Street.

Brett Covington, representing North Platte Community Playhouse, told the Council that most of the tickets had been pre-sold to adult members and minors on the premises would not be a problem.

Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #6
ORD 3700 ON 2ND
READING

Mayor Richardson instructed Ordinance No. 3700 recommendation by the North Platte Planning Commission to approve the amendments to Sections 42-3 Definitions, Section 42.91 Permitted Signs By Zoning District, and Section 42-92 (6) Exemptions From Permit Requirements of North Platte's Sign Regulations of North Platte's Code of Ordinances and an amendment to Section 56-94 (a) (2) Compliance With Sign Regulations of North Platte's Zoning Regulations of North Platte's Code of Ordinances to be read by title on its second reading. McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3700 on its second reading. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #7
ORD 3701 ON 1ST
READING

McGuire moved that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 3701 directing and authorizing the Mayor to convey interests in Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 131, Original Town of North Platte to Creativity Unlimited Arts Council to be read on three different dates be suspended. Campbell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, McGuire, Campbell. "NAY": Pederson, Parish, Kurre, Britton. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion failed.

Mayor Richardson instructed Ordinance No. 3701 to be read by title on its first reading. Pederson moved and Kurre seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 3701 on its first reading. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": McGuire. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #8
SALE OF LAND IN
MUNICIPAL REPLAT
AND MUNICIPAL
SECOND
SUBDIVISION

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to authorize Mayor to execute Agreement for Sale of Real Estate to sell Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 2 of Municipal Replat of Lot 1, Block 2 of Municipal First Replat, Lot 2, Block 2 Municipal Second Subdivision and also Lot 3, Block 1 Municipal Second Subdivision, all in the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 14 North, Range 30 West of the 6th P.M., in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #9
NEGOTIATE
DIRECTLY WITH
NORTHWESTERN
ENERGY

Adopt Resolution to either negotiate directly with NorthWestern Energy in response to their Application for Natural Gas Rate Increase, or to send negotiations to the Nebraska Public Service Commission and the Public Advocate.

Troy Kirk, attorney representing NorthWestern Energy, told the Council that Grand Island had voted to use the Public Advocate in negotiating for the Application for Natural Gas Rate Increase and Alda and Kearney had voted to negotiate directly with NorthWestern Energy. He stated that funds to pay for rate expenses would come out of a Revolving Loan Fund managed by the Public Service Commission.

Roger Cox, Public Advocate, outlined the procedure for rate increases under the Nebraska Natural Gas Act. He indicated that the cost for rate expenses would ultimately be paid by rate payers.

Pam Bonrud, NorthWestern Energy, told the Council the filing by NorthWestern was for a 5.48% increase.

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #1—to have NorthWestern Energy proceed to negotiate through the Public Service Commission and the Public Advocate. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, McGuire, Campbell. "NAY": Parish, Kurre, Britton. "ABSENT": Spohn. The vote was 4-3. Mayor Richardson voted "NAY" and the motion failed 4-4.

Parish moved and Britton seconded the motion to adopt Resolution #2—to negotiate directly with NorthWestern Energy. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Parish, Kurre, Britton. "NAY": Pederson, McGuire, Campbell. "ABSENT": Spohn. The vote was 4-3. Mayor Richardson voted "AYE" and the motion carried 5-3.

ITEM #10
TRANSPORTATION
ENHANCEMENT
PROGRAM

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to adopt Resolution to apply for assistance from the Transportation Enhancement Program for construction of The Platte Valley Interpretive Center to be located in Iron Horse Park east of the Veterans' Memorial in North Platte. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #11
AWARD CONTRACT
FOR ONE JOHN
DEERE MOWER

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to accept bids and award contract to Kaschke Co. John Deere for one (1) new 72', model 1435, John Deere Mower in the amount of \$12,843 and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #12
AWARD CONTRACT
FOR BOILER UNIT
AT SENIOR CENTER

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to accept bids and award contract to AJ Sheet Metal, Inc. for all materials, labor, associated equipment and installation of RTUs and alternates A-1 through A-4 at the North Platte Senior Center in the amount of \$25,700. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #13
REMOVAL OF ART
AND CD-ROM
COLLECTIONS AT
LIBRARY

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to approve the removal of the North Platte Public Library's Art and CD-Rom Collections and authorize the sale of the Art Collection. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #14
PUBLIC AUCTION
AT LIBRARY

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to authorize the North Platte Public Library to hold a public auction for surplus equipment. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #15
UNIQUE
MANAGEMENT
SERVICES FOR
DEBT COLLECTION
AT LIBRARY

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to authorize and approve the North Platte Public Library to enter into a contract with Unique Management Services for debt collection and purchase a debt collection module. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #16

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to authorize

RENTAL
AGREEMENT FOR
STACK-MOVER
MACHINE FOR
LIBRARY

the North Platte Public Library Director to sign a rental contract with Lincoln City Libraries for a stack-mover machine. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ITEM #17
CLAIMS

McGuire moved and Pederson seconded the motion to pay the claims. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

McGuire moved and Kurre seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote: "AYE": Stoll, Pederson, Parish, McGuire, Kurre, Britton, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Spohn. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Bill May, City Clerk