

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 16, 2014; 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Invocation was given by Andrew Lee 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. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 211 West 3rd Street. Present were Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. Baker was absent. Mayor Dwight Livingston presided and City Clerk Angela Gilbert recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Livingston stated that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act of Nebraska is posted on the wall 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, 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.

Lee moved and Petersen seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of December 2, 2014.
2. Place on file ML&W reports for November 2014.
3. Place on file Treasurer's report for November 2014.
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents for submission of the 2013-2014 Street Highway Budget and Expenditure Report.

Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

ITEM #5  
POSTAL SERVICE  
PRESENTATION—  
NO ACTION TAKEN

Russ Rainey and Tom O'Connor from the United States Postal Service gave a presentation on their project to consider the relocation of their retail services at the North Platte Main Post Office located at 300 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, North Platte, Nebraska to their facility located at 1302 Industrial Avenue, North Platte, Nebraska. They told the Council that the Postal Service is looking for ways to cut costs by moving to a building that they already own as the current location at 300 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is

leased from GSA. They said that the intent is to relocate all Post Office boxes and retail services to their facility on Industrial Avenue after renovations are made to the building. They told the Council that the process begins with a 15 day comment period and then a 30 day appeal/objection period in which the community can forward letters to their office. They stated that they believe the Council presentation is considered to be a public meeting and do not intend to hold another public meeting for the project.

Mike Honerman and Alan Hirschfeld, Downtown Merchants, told the Council they are opposed to the relocation. They stated that the move will affect all of the downtown businesses due to convenience and location and they believe the Postal Service will lose customers and revenue by moving their location. They also stated that the new facility is in an industrial area of town and not made for retail traffic. They both encouraged the Council to oppose the decision and asked that a public hearing be held so other members of the community can attend.

John Hales, North Platte Chamber, stated that the cost of the renovations is going to be high and he encouraged the Postal Service to look at what they might lose with the relocation as he believes the move will drive more business away.

Eric Seacrest, Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, asked the Council to fight the proposal as he believes the post office is in a convenient area that gets a lot of business and should not be moved to an industrial location.

No action was taken on the item.

ITEM #6  
LUTHERAN  
FAMILY SERVICES  
AGREEMENT

Lee moved and Petersen seconded the motion to authorize Mayor to sign agreements with Lutheran Family Services for continuation of Employee Assistance Program. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

ITEM #7  
INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT  
WITH LARM

Lee moved and Petersen seconded the motion to approve modified Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) and authorize Mayor to sign Agreement. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

ITEM #8  
ORD 3905 ON 2<sup>ND</sup>  
READING

Mayor Livingston instructed Ordinance No. 3905 including within the corporate limits of the City of North Platte, lands owned by Hoppe Lumber Company, described as Lot 2, Block 1, Municipal 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision to the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska to be read by title on its second reading. Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 3905 on its second reading. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

ITEM #9  
CLOSE HWY 83 FOR  
NEBRASKALAND  
DAYS PARADE

Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion to adopt Resolution to provide for closure of Highway 83 during the NebraskaLand Days Parade in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 39-1359. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

ITEM #10  
ISSUE WARRANT  
TO NEBRASKA  
DEPT. OF ROADS

Lee moved and Carman seconded the motion to adopt Resolution approving claim and authorizing the issuance of a warrant to Nebraska Department of Roads in the amount of \$14,007.97 to pay approved claim and referring to and incorporating the terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 3874 relating to warrant financing passed and approved on May 21, 2013. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

ITEM #11  
PETERSEN  
AS COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT  
FOR 2015

Pedersen moved and Campbell seconded the motion to elect Glenn Petersen as Council President for 2015. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

ITEM #12  
CLAIMS

Petersen moved and Pedersen seconded the motion to approve the Claims. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Carman moved and Petersen seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote: "AYE": Nisley, Petersen, Pedersen, Lee, Carman, Steinbeck, Campbell. "NAY": None. "ABSENT": Baker. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Angela Gilbert, City Clerk