

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2008**

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: Karen Burket, Steve Christensen, Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal and Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. No changes were made to the agenda.

MINUTES. Westerhuis read aloud the April 7 regular meeting minutes. Foxley moved and Dalldorf seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Councilmember Dalldorf. 1) The north end of the island at Lake Platte has quite a bit of junk dumped on it. Foxley stated he will make sure it gets cleaned up.

Councilmember Iedema. 1) The sidewalk in front of 513 E 7th Street has a large dip in it. All agreed that repair of sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility.

Councilmember Spoelstra. 1) Asked what was found out regarding consumption permits. Gustad stated that he found that the city's liability does not change if consumption permits or temporary liquor licenses are granted. Gustad stated that the Community Center board has been asked to give the council their recommendation in regard to issuing consumption permits.

Councilmember Foxley. 1) The POD (Point of Distribution) paperwork for Platte must be filled out and submitted by May 28th. The cities of Armour and Lake Andes will not be mini-pods anymore. Platte will be the only mini-pod in Charles Mix County.

Mayor & Remaining Councilmembers. No report.

Finance Officer. Westerhuis reported the following. 1) Would like to attend a wind energy meeting in Lake Andes April 29th. 2) A Certificate of Achievement was received for meeting the requirements of the Safe Water Drinking Act in 2007. 3) The SDML District 4 meeting will be at the Community Center April 23rd. 4) Nominating petitions are due May 9 by 5:00 p.m. 5) A public meeting will be held Wed, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. to show everyone the plans for South Park. The city council will be asked to go to bid on the playground equipment at the first meeting in May. 6) Was asked about a disc golf course. All agreed to allow Westerhuis to check into what is needed for a disc golf course.

Police Department. Christensen reported the following. 1) A program called Crimestar will do the same as the LED program at a cost of \$2,400 versus \$9,000. **Overweg moved and Hoppe seconded purchasing the Crimestar software program for the police department at a cost of \$2,400, and \$250 per year for maintenance and support. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.** 2) Would like to hire Cory Schultz to fill in a couple days per month while John Schroeder is at school. **Foxley moved and Iedema seconded hiring Cory Schultz to work a couple days per month while John Schroeder is at the police academy. Motion passed on voice vote 5 to 1, with Spoelstra voting no.**

She said that Platte has a great Main Street, and trees would make it more appealing for people to stop and shop. Burket said she went door to door and most business owners had a favorable response, with the

only negative being that most don't want the tree directly in front of their doors. She said the Chamber of Commerce also supports the project. She said the plan is to plant three fairly large trees per block, and would surround them with metal grates which would be built by Meyerink Farm Service. She has been talking to the landscape department at SDSU to determine the best species to plant. Several concerns were voiced, including who would plant, who would maintain, electric lines under the sidewalk directly under the planting area, roots pushing up sidewalk, branches damaging business owner property, and birds taking up residence in the trees and making a mess on the sidewalks. The council agreed that they are generally in favor of the project, but would like more specific information, especially the species of tree that will be planted and the exact locations of the plantings, before giving their blessing to go ahead with the project. No official action taken.

Public Works. Kuiper reported the following. 1) Lagoon samples were taken for the wastewater treatment project. 2) The water main replacement project is going well. 3) New poles for the softball field will arrive any day. 4) Lead/copper sampling will take place this week.

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. Michael & Kristi Miller applied for a permit build an addition and extend fence. **Foxley moved and Overweg seconded approving Miller's permit to build a 18'6"x35' addition, and extend fence 32'x10'11". Motion passed on voice vote.** Farmer's Elevator applied for a permit to build two grain bins. **Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded approving Farmer's Elevator's permit to build two 6,000 bushel grain bins. Motion passed on voice vote.**

SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 314 – ORDINANCE REVISION. Westerhuis presented for second reading, Ordinance No. 314, entitled "An Ordinance in revision of the Ordinances of the City of Platte, South Dakota". **Spoelstra moved and Iedema seconded giving second reading and passage to Ordinance No. 314, An Ordinance in revision of the Ordinances of the City of Platte, South Dakota. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.**

PUBLIC HEARING – NEW PACKAGE LIQUOR & TRANSFER OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE. Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing for comment at 8:01 p.m. Marlon and Ghena Ferguson submitted an application for a new package liquor license and to transfer the retail liquor license held by Jim Frandsen of The Barrister to their new business, Fergie's Pub and Barrister. Iedema asked if another package license is needed in Platte. **Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. Foxley moved and Dalldorf seconded approving the transfer of the retail plus Sunday liquor license from Jim Frandsen and The Barrister to Marlon and Ghena Ferguson and Fergie's Pub and Barrister. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0. Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded approving a package liquor license for Marlon and Ghena Ferguson and Fergie's Pub and Barrister. Motion passed on roll call vote 5 to 1, with Dalldorf, Foxley, Hoppe, Overweg and Spoelstra voting yes, and Iedema voting no.** An operating agreement for the package license will be approved at the next meeting.

PDC – TREES ON MAIN STREET. Executive Director of the Platte Development Corporation, Karen Burket, was present for further discussion of placing trees on Main Street. Spoelstra asked if all costs for the project will be paid through the grant. Karen stated that the planting will be hired out, and all costs will be paid by the grant and the PDC. Dalldorf expressed concern over adding to the maintenance crew's workload. Spoelstra stated that the city may need to hire another maintenance employee regardless of whether or not these trees are put in. Overweg stated that the City of Brookings is removing their trees and replacing them with an ornamental type similar to what is proposed to put in here. Karen stated that three business owners per block have stated they would like to have a tree in front of their business. **Foxley moved and Spoelstra seconded to approve planting trees on Main Street as**

proposed by the Platte Development Corporation. Motion passed on roll call vote 4 to 2, with Foxley, Hoppe, Iedema and Spoelstra voting yes, and Dalldorf and Overweg voting no.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT – KEEGEL PROPERTY. Westerhuis explained that a certified letter was sent asking for the property to be cleaned up, but the letter was returned “refused”. Overweg stated that he did have opportunity to talk to Ruth Keegel, and she said she would be willing to sell the property for what she has into it, which is approximately \$26,000. All agreed that the city cannot spend that much for the property. **Spoelstra moved and Dalldorf seconded to declare a public nuisance the property located at 800 S Delaware Avenue with the legal description of Lot 1, Block 2, Mackrill Addition, City of Platte, and to give the owners thirty days to remove the house and clean up the lot. Motion passed on roll call vote 4 to 2, with Dalldorf, Hoppe, Iedema and Spoelstra voting yes, and Foxley and Overweg voting no.**

RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION. Westerhuis explained that the SD Division of Parks and Recreation has a Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant. It is a 80/20 match with average awards in the \$40,000-60,000 range. The trails in the South Park qualify for this grant. **Foxley moved and Iedema seconded applying for a Recreational Trail Program grant in the amount of \$50,000. Motion passed on voice vote.**

URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION. Westerhuis explained that the SD Department of Agriculture has a Urban and Community Forestry Grant for tree purchases. The grant is a 50/50 match with a maximum award of \$1,000 per year. Because many trees will be planted in South Park, this would be a good grant to apply for. **Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded applying for a Urban and Community Forestry Grant in the amount of \$1,000. Motion passed on voice vote.**

AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN FINANCIAL CLOSEOUT REPORT. Westerhuis explained that the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) portion of the project was for extension of the existing airport runway. Because this extension is not feasible, the ALP is ready for closeout. **Dalldorf moved and Overweg seconded to approve the Airport Layout Plan Financial Closeout Report. Motion passed on voice vote.**

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION. Westerhuis presented the following.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our home, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance our economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, the City of Platte has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting practices,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Gustad, Mayor of the City of Platte, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25, 2008 as Arbor Day in the City of Platte, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry programs, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

Dated in Platte, South Dakota this 21st day of April 2008.

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor of Platte

ATTEST:

Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer

Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded approving the Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion passed on voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Spelstra moved and Hoppe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor of Platte

By: _____
Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer