

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 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, Gary Iedema, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra. Others present were: Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal, Laura Vanden Berge, and Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. All agreed to table the appointment of a Ward II Councilperson until the next meeting, as a replacement for this position has not yet been found.

MINUTES. Westerhuis read aloud the January 21 regular meeting minutes. Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Mayor Gustad. Signed the purchase agreement with Jerry and Myrna Overweg for the purchase of Outlot L from them. A closing date will be set for the near future.

Councilmember Iedema. 1) Is there a limit to the number of cars that can be parked around an auto repair business? 2) Received a complaint that cars are being parked on the street on North Delaware Avenue for long periods of time. Traffic has to drive in the opposite lane to get by.

Remaining Councilmembers. No report.

Community Center. Iedema gave the community center report.

Platte Area Chamber of Commerce. Laura Vanden Berge gave the monthly Chamber report.

Finance Officer. Westerhuis reported the following. 1) The 2008 Midstates Community & Economic Development Annual Conference will be held March 19 in South Sioux City, Nebraska. 2) Distributed current ordinance language regarding vicious animals as well as language used by the City of Lake Andes. Councilmembers are asked to compare language and indicate their preferences. 3) Distributed language from the Mitchell Police Department regarding a Training Agreement police officers sign before working for the department. The language will also be sent to City Attorney Tim Whalen for review.

Police Department. Westerhuis distributed the following report for the month of January.

AGE RELATED ISSUES

JUVENILE CONTACTS (<18)	Nos.	ADULT CONTACTS (Over 18)	Nos.
Verbal Warnings	10	Verbal Warnings	12
Written Warnings	6	Written Warnings	10
Written Citations	0	Written Citations	3
Charged By Warrant	0	Arrest by Warrant	0
Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	16	Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	25
Complaints Received	0	Complaints Received	0
Field Sobriety Tests Only	0	Field Sobriety Tests Only	0
DWI Arrests	0	DWI Arrests	0

Open Container Citations	0	Open Container Citations	0
Underage Consumption Cit.	0	Underage Consumption Cit.	0
Total Alcohol Related Contacts	0	Total Alcohol Related Contacts	0

NON-AGE DELINEATED CONTACTS

Property Related Issues	Nos.	Family Violence	Nos.
Vehicle Accidents (under \$250)	0	Complaints	0
Vehicle Accidents (over \$250)	2	Arrests	0
Burglary Complaints	0	Protective Custody	0
Burglary Arrests	0		
Robbery Complaints	0	Dog Issues	
Robbery Arrests	0	Complaints	0
Theft Reports	0	Dogs Captured	0
Vandalism Reports	0	Dogs Terminated	0
Auto Thefts	0	Owners Warned	0
Hit & Run Property	2	Owners Issued Tickets	0
Ambulance Asst.	1		
Other Complaints	2	Other Animals – Complaints	0
911 Calls	1	Terminated	0

GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS

Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 99	966	Unlocked Doors Downtown	0
Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 06	1785	Overtime Hours	
Time Vehicle Out of Service	3 hrs.	Training Sessions Attended	16 hrs.
Hours Spent in Court	0 hrs.	Business Alarms	0
Funeral Escorts	2	Motorist Assists	0

Public Works. Kuiper reported the following. 1) The lagoon discharge is complete. 2) Will be sending a letter to qualifying homes regarding lead and copper testing. 3) Still looking for replacement poles for the softball field lights.

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. No applications.

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

BILLS. Westerhuis presented the bills. *(Attached as separate document)*. **Foxley moved and Overweg seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed on roll call vote 5 to 0.**

DENR SMALL COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has approved the city's application for a wastewater study grant. The grant will pay up to \$6,000 or 80% of the cost of the study. **Dalldorf moved and Spoelstra seconded authorizing the Mayor to sign the grant agreement. Motion passed on voice vote.**

2008 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT BID ADVERTISEMENT. The water main replacement project on 6th Street was bid late last year, and only one very high bid was received. At that time, the city rejected that bid, and decided to bid it again in the spring. **Iedema moved and Foxley seconded advertising for bids and setting Friday, February 29 at 1:00 p.m. as the date and time to open the bids received for the 2008 Water Main Replacement Project. Motion passed on voice vote.**

TRINITY LUTHERAN MISSION BUILDERS REQUEST. Jim Holter was present on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church. Holter stated that the church will again have the Mission Builders come to build an addition onto the church. He asked that they be allowed to do the same as they'd done in the past, which was to camp on-site, and hook up to the church's water and sewer lines. **Foxley moved and Spoelstra seconded approving the Trinity Lutheran Mission Builders request to camp on-site while building the church's addition, and to be allowed to hook up to the church's water and sewer lines while on-site. Motion passed on voice vote.**

ADVERTISE FOR 2008 CHIP & SEAL PROJECT. Westerhuis stated the planned project is to chip and seal approximately 50 blocks in the south part of town. **Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded advertising for bids for the 2008 Chip & Seal Project, and setting a bid opening date of February 29, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

ADVERTISE FOR GRAVEL, SPRAY QUOTES. Foxley moved and Dalldorf seconded obtaining quotes for gravel and weed spraying. **Motion passed on voice vote.** Quotes are due February 29, at 1:00 p.m. Discussion will be held at the March 3 meeting.

ADVERTISE FOR SUMMER POSITIONS. Westerhuis informed the Council that advertisements for summer positions should be run in the paper, with applications due February 29 at 1:00 p.m. The parks committee will make recommendations to the Council at the March 3 meeting. Overweg asked about the possibility of hiring a "Green Thumb" or "Experience Works" employee. **Overweg moved and Iedema seconded advertising for summer positions. Motion passed on voice vote.**

REED LOAN. Westerhuis informed the Council that a portion of the Community Center remodeling project was financed through a Rural Electric Economic Development (REED) loan. It was a 10 year \$200,000 loan at 4.35%, with a 5 year balloon payment due in Sept 2008. By Sept, there will be approximately \$114,000 in principal remaining. REED says that the balloon payment must be refinanced with a local bank. However, someone has offered to pay off one half of the debt if the city could find someone to pay off the other half. Overweg asked if the \$25,000 budgeted to repair the floor in the banquet hall could be used toward paying off the debt instead. Westerhuis stated that it could. This matter will be discussed again at a later date. No official action taken.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Foxley moved and Spoelstra seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____

Rick Gustad
Mayor

By: _____
Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer