

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 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: Karen Burket, Steve Christensen, Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal and Nicole Westerhuis.

AGENDA. The following changes were made to the agenda. Add: *Business* – Motocross Track, PDC-Trees on Main Street.

MINUTES. Westerhuis read aloud the March 3 regular meeting minutes. Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

REPORTS. The City would like to congratulate Coach Frank Cutler and the Platte-Geddes basketball team for making history by winning the State A basketball tournament!

Mayor Gustad. 1) Reminder to post comments on the www.myhometownhelper.com website. 2) Would like to know the council's opinion of posting the city's ordinances (when revision is complete), minutes, and public notices on the city/Chamber website. **Overweg moved and Iedema seconded to post the city's ordinances, minutes, public notices, and agendas on the www.plattesd.org website.** Motion passed on voice vote.

Councilmember Foxley. 1) The POD paperwork is very detailed. Will bring it to the next meeting for input.

Councilmember Spoelstra. 1) Was asked by Ed Varney for a yield sign on 11th Street south of his house. It was noted that nearly every intersection throughout town is an uncontrolled intersection, and most of them have traffic going in four directions. All agreed a sign should not be posted at this time.

Remaining Councilmembers. No report.

Finance Officer. Westerhuis reported the following. 1) The plat that was approved in November for Paul Vanderboom's Boom's First Addition was prepared incorrectly by McLaury Engineering. A correct plat will have to be approved by the council before closing on Jerry and Myrna Overweg's property. 2) Received a letter regarding a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) meeting to be held March 25th at the county courthouse. 3) The Governor's Office of Economic Development annual conference will be held April 9 in Pierre. 4) South Dakota Housing Development Authority will be sponsoring the "Paint - South Dakota" program again. The application is due to SDHDA by April 18th.

Police Department. Christensen reported the following. 1) Would like to attend a Dept of Highway Safety meeting next week in Sioux Falls, and will ride there with Corsica's police chief. 2) Presented information regarding purchase of a new police car. Foxley stated that the police committee reviewed the four types of vehicles presented by Christensen, and recommend purchase of a Ford Crown Victoria. The 2008 budget includes \$26,000 for purchase of a new police car. **Foxley moved and Dalldorf seconded purchasing a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria through Platte Ford, Inc at the state bid price of \$23,039.** Motion passed on roll call vote 5 to 1, with Spoelstra voting no. 3) Would like to purchase a new light bar and siren for the new car. **Overweg moved and Iedema seconded to purchase a cage, transfer kit for the cage, light bar, siren, graphics, and headlight and tail light flashers at a total cost of**

approximately \$2,813. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0. 4) Would like to purchase an analog radio for the new car. **Foxley moved and Overweg seconded to purchase an analog radio and antenna from B&L Communications at a cost of \$550. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.**

PDC – TREES ON MAIN STREET. Executive Director of the Platte Development Corporation, Karen Burket, was present to explain that with the \$15,000 grant received from Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines for being named Capital Community for South Dakota, she would like to purchase trees to plant on Main Street. 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) Purchased a snow blower from Federal Surplus. 2) 44 Road Stop recently rented the skid steer. Because there is no hourly rate set for the skid steer, request that the rate is set at \$50/hour. **Spoelstra moved and Foxley seconded adding the skid steer to the equipment rental sheet at \$50/hour. Motion passed on voice vote.** 3) Have been looking at several different sewer cameras. Would like to purchase a Sreco brand unit at a cost of \$6,300. The 2008 budget includes \$6,000 for purchase of a sewer camera. **Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded purchasing a Sreco Deluxe Video Inspection System from Flexible Pipe & Tool Co at a cost of \$6,300. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.** 4) The community center walls have been painted, and the base board has been removed in preparation for refinishing the floor next week. 5) Would like to purchase a new chemical controller for the pool, as the current one does not work anymore. **Hoppe moved and Iedema seconded purchasing a Chem-Trol chemical controller for the swimming pool at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.**

PUBLIC FORUM. No requests.

BUILDING PERMITS. Brian and Mari Biehl applied for a permit to move in a house and build a garage. **Overweg moved and Hoppe seconded approving Biehl' permit to move in a 32'x56' house, and build a 32'x42' garage. Motion passed on voice vote.** Dan Selvig applied for a permit to build a house with attached garage and porch, and an unattached garage. **Foxley moved and Spoelstra seconded approving Selvig's permit to build a 62'x52' house w/garage, 12'x20' porch, and 25'x40' unattached garage. Motion passed on voice vote.** Ft Randall Federal Credit Union applied for a permit to put in three signs. **Dalldorf moved and Spoelstra seconded approving Ft Randall Federal Credit Union's permit to install a 11'x5'10" "Drive Thru – ATM" sign on their current sign, install a 18"x24" directional sign to be placed near the building, and install a 12"x24"x4' exit sign by the east driveway. Motion passed on voice vote.**

ORDINANCE REVISION UPDATE. Westerhuis stated that the ordinance revision is ready to go through the adoption process. She noted that no changes have been made to the dog ordinance. All agreed to place first reading of the ordinance revision on the April 7th agenda. No official action taken.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE – FT RANDALL FCU VARIANCE REQUEST. Ft Randall Federal Credit Union applied for a building permit requesting a variance. **Overweg moved and Dalldorf seconded setting Monday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall as the date, time and place for a public hearing to consider Ft Randall Federal Credit Union’s request for a variance. Motion passed on voice vote.**

SD ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING REQUEST. SSG Raymond Anderson submitted a request to use the property west of Lake Platte for a National Guard training to be held April 11-13. **Hoppe moved and Foxley seconded allowing the National Guard to use the property west of Lake Platte April 11-13 for a training. Motion passed on voice vote.**

TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – KUIP’S LOUNGE. Kuip’s Lounge applied for a temporary liquor license for the SDML District 4 meeting to be held April 23, 2008 at the Community Center. **Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded approving a temporary liquor license for Kuip’s Lounge for April 23 at the Community Center. Motion passed on voice vote.**

WATER RATES. Westerhuis stated that Randall Community Water District’s increase in rates from \$1.20 per thousand gallons to \$1.30per thousand gallons will cost the city approximately \$5,000 more each year. All agreed to look at a water rate increase closer to budget time. No official action taken.

MOTOCROSS TRACK. City Attorney Tim Whalen spoke with Kevin Nelson, and Nelson has decided not to pursue purchase of the motocross track property for a term of years. The cost to the city to insure the motocross track would be near \$10,000. All agreed the property should be leveled, and the possibility of planting food plots on the property was discussed. **Spoelstra moved and Dalldorf seconded to close the motocross track to public use. Motion passed on voice vote.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Dalldorf moved and Iedema seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor of Platte

By: _____
Nicole Westerhuis
City Finance Officer