

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 3, 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: Steve Christensen, Mark Hegge, Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal, Karen Stekly, Janet Strickland-Collins, Laura Vanden Berge, Todd VanMaanen, and Nicole Westerhuis.

**AGENDA.** The following changes were made to the agenda. Add: *Building Permits* – Steve Foxley – 20’x30’ addition.

**MINUTES.** Westerhuis read aloud the February 18 regular meeting minutes. Dalldorf moved and Spoelstra seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

**APPOINTMENT/OATH OF OFFICE.** Dalldorf nominated and Foxley seconded appointing Rich Hoppe to fill the term of Ward II Councilmember until the next municipal election. Dalldorf moved and Spoelstra seconded to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to appoint Rich Hoppe Ward II Councilmember. Motion passed on roll call vote 5 to 0.

Westerhuis administered the Oath of Office to Rich Hoppe.

**REPORTS.**

**Mayor Gustad.** PDC Executive Director Karen Burket has applied for a grant for the new South Park through Hamburger Helper. Receipt of the grant will depend on the public’s online support of the project. Comments to support the project can be made by going to the website [www.myhometownhelper.com](http://www.myhometownhelper.com) and finding Platte’s project.

**Councilmember Dalldorf.** The alleys need to be bladed as soon as they can be.

**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) PDIII’s Legislative Dinner is March 13 in Mitchell. 2) Randall Community Water District will be increasing the city’s water rate from \$1.20 per thousand gallons to \$1.30 per thousand gallons effective with the July payment. The city’s water rates will be evaluated in relation to this increase. 3) The SDML District 4 meeting will be at the community center April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Does the council want to have a temporary liquor license for the event? Discussion will be held at the next meeting. 4) The Board of Equalization will meet at 7:00 p.m. March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Department.** Christensen distributed the following report for the month of February.

**AGE RELATED ISSUES**

<b>JUVENILE CONTACTS (&lt;18)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>	<b>ADULT CONTACTS (Over 18)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>
<b>Verbal Warnings</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Verbal Warnings</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Written Citations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Written Citations</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Charged By Warrant</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Arrest by Warrant</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Complaints Received</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Complaints Received</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Field Sobriety Tests Only</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Field Sobriety Tests Only</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DWI Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>DWI Arrests</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Open Container Citations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Open Container Citations</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Underage Consumption Cit.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Underage Consumption Cit.</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>6</b>

#### NON-AGE DELINEATED CONTACTS

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

#### GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS

<b>Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 99</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>Unlocked Doors Downtown</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 06</b>	<b>1449</b>	<b>Community Service Performed</b>	<b>6 hrs.</b>
<b>Time Vehicle Out of Service</b>	<b>3 hrs.</b>	<b>Training Sessions Attended</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Hours Spent in Court</b>	<b>0 hrs.</b>	<b>Business Alarms</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funeral Escorts</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Motorist Assists</b>	<b>1</b>

- 1) Would like to attend the SD Municipal League's Police Chief's conference in Sioux Falls in April.
- 2) Councilmember Overweg looked at the 1999 Crown Victoria and recommends not putting more money into the car. The police committee will meet after the council meeting in regard to this.

**Public Works.** Kuiper reported the following. 1) Working on a plan to get the concrete at the landfill crushed. Cost to crush the approximately 25,000 ton would be \$6.40/ton plus mobilization of \$10,000. A couple private individuals have indicated their interest in purchasing the crushed material. 2) The required lead and copper sampling will begin next month. 3) Could not find used light poles for the softball field, so new poles were purchased at a cost of \$6,500. Will be delivered in 4-5 weeks. 4) At the last meeting, Paulson Sheet Metal's preventive maintenance agreement proposal was tabled to request similar proposals from the local HVAC contractors. J-Van Plumbing and Konechne Heating & Cooling did submit proposals. After some discussion, **Dalldorf moved and Spoelstra seconded signing the**

**Paulson Sheet Metal preventive maintenance agreement for the 7 community center heating/cooling units to be serviced 2 times per year. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – HEGGE VARIANCE REQUEST. Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing for comment at 8:02 p.m.** Westerhuis explained that Jim Hegge applied for a building permit requesting a variance. The application is to build a 12x24 addition to the garage, and a 7' x8' entryway on the front (west) of the house. The entryway requires a 4' variance on the front. The Planning Commission met previously and unanimously recommend approval of the variance as requested. Janet Strickland-Collins asked how that would affect the neighboring property values. **Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. Spoelstra moved and Foxley seconded approving Jim Hegge's application for building a 12'x24' addition and a 7'x8' entryway with a 4' variance. Motion passed on roll call vote 4 to 2 with Foxley, Hoppe, Iedema and Spoelstra voting yes, and Dalldorf and Overweg voting no.**

**PUBLIC FORUM.** 1) Karen Stekly asked that the following written comments be entered into the minutes in their entirety, and read them aloud.

*To: Platte City Council                      March 3, 2008*

*Karen Stekly requests that the following be included and written into the City of Platte official City Council minutes.*

*I encourage the Platte city council to leave in place as presently written the ordinance parts listed below (with the exception of organizational changes of order numbers and the inclusion of the word Chapter):*

*From Ordinance No. 211 approved in 1998*

*4-5-4 Vicious Animals*

*4.1 through 4.3*

*4-5-11 Animals Having Bitten or Attacked a Person –  
Impoundment, Quarantine and observation - Disposition*

*11.1 through 11.6*

*11.7 (please check meaning of wording: “proof of a  
current rabies vaccination effected not less than 30 days  
prior to the bite”)*

*4-5-14 Impoundment-Redemption and Destruction*

*14.3 (reminder to keep the exact words, especially “not  
reclaimed by its owner within 10 days”)*

*I encourage the Platte City Council to have easily available to the citizens of Platte both the old and new ordinance (before the first reading of the proposed new ordinance). I also encourage that at that time there be some type of indication of what was changed and why. (especially address why a major section/portion was removed or replaced)*

*I further encourage that there be a Platte City Council meeting before the first reading of the new proposed ordinance with an agenda item specifically noting public comments are welcome on the new ordinance.*

*Thank you,  
/s/ Karen Stekly*

2) Councilmember Spoelstra stated that regarding the nuisances mentioned at the last meeting, Arnold Olson was contacted and indicated he would clean up his property, and messages were left for Eugene and Ruth Keegel, but phone calls were not returned. Councilmember Overweg stated he spoke to Ruth recently, and she seemed willing to talk about what could be done with her lot. Westerhuis was asked to place this topic on the next meeting's agenda.

**BUILDING PERMITS.** Steve Foxley submitted an application to build a 20'x30' addition. **Iedema moved and Spoelstra seconded approving Foxley's permit to build a 20'x30' addition to his home. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**2008 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT BIDS.** Todd VanMaanen was present to inform the council of the results of the bid opening for the water main replacement project on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Schrank Construction submitted a bid of \$98,241.40, with an alternate bid of (\$5,910.00); Menning Backhoe submitted a bid of \$111,931.50, with an alternate bid of (\$6,400.00); Excel Underground submitted a bid of \$117,234.33, with an alternate bid of (\$14,850.00); Smith & Smith Construction submitted a bid of \$134,839.20, with no alternate bid submitted. VanMaanen recommended awarding the bid to Scrank Construction of Corsica. **Dalldorf moved and Hoppe seconded awarding the bid to Schrank Construction of Corsica in the amount of \$98,241.40, with an alternate bid of (\$5,910.00). Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.**

**FINANCE REPORT.** Westerhuis gave the finance report for the period ending February 29, 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 6 to 0.**

**CHIP/SEAL BIDS.** Three bids were received for seal coat. The bids were as follows: Topkote, Inc, of Yankton, \$0.66/sq yd, for a total of \$40,260.00; The Road Guy Construction Co, Inc, of Yankton, \$0.757/sq yd, for a total of \$46,177.00; and Bituminous Paving, Inc, of Ortonville, MN, \$0.92/sq yd, for a total of \$56,120.00. **Foxley moved and Dalldorf seconded accepting the bid of Topkote, Inc, of \$0.66 per square yard for seal coat. Motion passed on voice vote.** One bid was received for chips. Spencer Quarries, Inc of Spencer SD bid \$17.15 per ton delivered. **Iedema moved and Spoelstra seconded accepting the bid of Spencer Quarries, Inc, of \$17.15 per ton delivered for chips. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**SPRAY QUOTES.** Three quotes were received for weed spraying. The quotes per application were as follows: Don's Tree & Turf, \$1,815; Kuiper Spraying Service, \$1,850; Mason's Lawn and Yard Sraying, \$2,000. **Foxley moved and Overweg seconded to accept the spray quote of \$1,815.00 per application from Don's Tree & Turf. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**GRAVEL QUOTES.** Two gravel quotes were received. VanZee Gravel & Construction submitted a quote of \$7.50 per ton for crushed gravel and \$6.07 per ton for screen gravel. Boyden Construction submitted a quote of \$7.30 per ton for crushed gravel and \$6.00 for screen gravel. **Dalldorf moved and Spoelstra seconded accepting the gravel quotes as information. Motion passed on voice vote.** The lowest quotes will be utilized, providing the quality of gravel is acceptable.

**SUMMER HELP APPLICATIONS.** The parks committee made their recommendations for summer employees. **Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded hiring Kobi Samuelson as Pool Manager/Head Lifeguard at \$9.25 per hour; Jocie Porter as Lifeguard at \$6.50 per hour; Austin Taylor as Lifeguard at \$6.50 per hour; Collin Ringling as Lifeguard at \$6.50 per hour; Jacob Daum as Lifeguard at \$5.85 per hour, and an additional \$0.65 per hour increase with WSI certification; Brandon Marlo as Lifeguard at \$5.50 per hour, and a \$0.35 per hour increase with Lifeguard**

**Training, and an additional \$0.65 per hour increase with WSI certification; James Tschumper as Laborer at \$7.00 per hour and Kelby Weisser as Laborer at \$6.25 per hour. Motion passed on voice vote.** Kuiper stated that James Tschumper has offered to take the herbicide test. **Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded allowing James Tschumper to take the herbicide test. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**COMMUNITY CENTER FLOOR.** Mayor Gustad informed the council that Jim Weixel from Bumblebee-Gibson, Inc was here last Thursday to look at the banquet hall floor again. Those present for his explanation of what he'd do to refinish the floor were Gustad, Iedema, Foxley, Kuiper and Westerhuis. All present agreed that the floor should be refinished. Bumblebee-Gibson, Inc submitted a quote to refinish the floor at a cost of \$24,994.94. He would be able to begin the project at the end of the month of March. **Spoelstra moved and Iedema seconded hiring Bumblebee-Gibson, Inc to refinish the banquet hall floor at a cost of \$24,994.94. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.**

**LWCF GRANT AGREEMENT.** Westerhuis explained that the city has received the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant agreement for the grant received for playground equipment and a picnic shelter at South Park. This is the final approval that was needed before advertising for bids. The city's landscape architects, Brian Clark + Associates, will be presenting their conceptual design to the park committee March 19<sup>th</sup>. **Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded authorizing Mayor Gustad and Finance Officer Westerhuis to sign the Agreement for Land and Water Conservation Fund Assistance. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.**

**CHANGE LANDFILL HOURS & DESIGNATE CLEANUP.** Dalldorf moved and Iedema seconded changing the landfill hours to Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:00 p.m., effective April 1, and starting a month of cleanup effective the month of April. **Motion passed on voice vote.** During this time, tree branches and yard waste, such as leaves, grass clippings, will be accepted at the site free of charge. As always, no household garbage, plastic or cardboard will be accepted.

**2007 ANNUAL REPORT.** Westerhuis presented the 2007 Annual Financial Report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Overweg moved and Spoelstra seconded entering into executive session at 9:19 p.m. for discussion of personnel matters. Mayor Gustad declared an end to executive session at 9:25 p.m. No official action taken.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Overweg moved and Spoelstra seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Gustad  
Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Westerhuis  
City Finance Officer