

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 6, 2009**

**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: Steve Christensen, Kevin Kuiper, Gerald Kuipers, Ralph Nachtigal, Ken Overweg, Chancey Shrake, Laura Vanden Berge, and Nicole Westerhuis.

**AGENDA.** No changes were made to the agenda.

**MINUTES.** Westerhuis read aloud the March 16 regular meeting minutes. Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed on voice vote.

**REPORTS.**

**Mayor Gustad.** After checking into how to limit pole buildings, found that the zoning ordinance does have language which will prevent very large pole buildings from being built.

**Councilmember Spoelstra.** Ben Tegethoff suggested putting up a windmill near the pond at the park to reduce the cost of filling it. Ben and Joe Tegethoff will put the structure up if the city purchases the materials.

**Councilmember Overweg.** Received a complaint regarding snow removal not being done quickly enough.

**Councilmember Hoppe.** Received a complaint regarding people doing u-turns at the Armory rather than following the south to north drop-off plan established by the school at the beginning of the year.

**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) Avera Health is not giving out any grants this year. 2) A mosquito control grant application has been submitted. 3) The referral period ended April 1 for the pond at South Park. 4) SD Wind Energy Association will hold a public meeting April 15 at Freeman, and April 16 at Clear Lake. 5) Nominating petitions for Mayor and Wards I, II and III can be picked up April 7, and are due by 5 p.m. May 8.

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

**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>5</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Written Citations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Written Citations</b>	<b>3</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>15</b>	<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>22</b>

Complaints Received	0	Complaints Received	0
Field Sobriety Tests Only	0	Field Sobriety Tests Only	0
DWI Arrests	0	DWI Arrests	1
Open Container Citations	1	Open Container Citations	0
Underage Consumption Cit.	1	Underage Consumption Cit.	0
<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>1</b>

#### NON-AGE DELINEATED CONTACTS

Property Related Issues	Nos.	Family Violence	Nos.
Vehicle Accidents (under \$250)	0	Complaints	1
Vehicle Accidents (over \$250)	3	Arrests	2
Burglary Complaints	0	Protective Custody	0
Burglary Arrests	0		
Robbery Complaints	0	<b>Dog Issues</b>	
Robbery Arrests	0	Complaints	1
Theft Reports	1	Dogs Captured	0
Vandalism Reports	2	Dogs Terminated	0
Auto Thefts	0	Owners Warned	1
Hit & Run Property	0	Owners Issued Tickets	0
Officers Asst.	4		
Other Complaints	0	<b>Other Animals – Complaints</b>	<b>1</b>
911 Calls	3	Terminated	0

#### GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS

Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 06	1126	Ambulance Assists	2
Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 09	1402	Community Service Performed	3 hrs.
Time Vehicle Out of Service	3 hrs.	Training Sessions Attended	1
Hours Spent in Court	6 hrs.	Business Alarms	0
Funeral Escorts	2	Motorist Assists	2

1) Would like to purchase spike strips at a cost of approximately \$500.

**Public Works.** Kuiper reported the following. 1) Travis Dyk passed the General and Category 9 applicator tests, and will take the wastewater test at the end of this month. 2) The school is interested in purchasing an industrial sprinkler system on a cart, and asked if the city would be interested in cost sharing it with them. Will check into this further. 3) The disinfection by-product results were good. 4) Tyler Samuelson started a new contractor business in town, and has offered to install the brick and siding on the picnic shelter at South Park at no cost to the city. 5) Would like to purchase a laser level at a cost of approximately \$925. **Hoppe moved and Iedema seconded purchasing a laser level from Stan Houston at a cost of approximately \$925. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.**

**PUBLIC FORUM.** No requests.

**BUILDING PERMITS.** Mel Vanden Bos applied for a permit to build a deck on the rear of his house. **Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded approving Vanden Bos' permit to build a 14'x18' deck on the west side of his house. Motion passed on voice vote.** Paul Vanderboom applied for a permit to build an

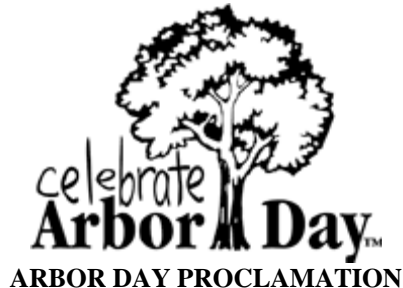
attached garage. **Foxley moved and Iedema seconded approving Vanderboom's permit to build a 19'5"-23'10.5" x 26' x 16'-20' attached garage on the west side of his home. Motion passed on voice vote.** Jerome & Yvonne Bentz applied for permit to build an addition and to repair the front porch. **Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded approving Bentz's permit to build a 4'x15' addition on the north, and to repair the front porch. Motion passed on voice vote.** Travis & Kari Olson applied for a permit to move in a storage shed on skids. **Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded approving Olson's permit to move in a 10'x12' storage shed on skids. Motion passed on voice vote.** Gerald & Vonnie Kuipers applied for a permit to build a house and attached garage. **Hoppe moved and Overweg seconded approving Kuipers' permit to build a 54'x38' house with a 30'x26.5' attached garage. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**FINANCE REPORT.** Westerhuis gave the finance report for the period ending March 31, 2009.

**BILLS.** Westerhuis presented the bills. *(Attached as separate document).* **Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed on roll call vote 6 to 0.**

**WASTEWATER REPORT – CHANCEY SHRAKE FROM BROSZ ENGINEERING.** Chancey Shrake was present from Brosz Engineering to explain the history and problems with ammonia levels the city has had in the past, and to present the wastewater report he wrote for the city. He stated that his recommendation at this time is to further investigate a mechanical aeration system for the lagoons. No official action taken.

**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION.** Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded approving the following proclamation. **Motion passed on voice vote.**



- 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 24, 2009 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

/s/  
Rick Gustad  
Mayor of Platte

/s/  
Nicole Westerhuis  
City Finance Officer

**CONSUMPTION PERMIT – AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE. Foxley moved and Spoelstra seconded approving a consumption permit for Avera Queen of Peace for their annual fishing tournament banquet to be held May 8, 2009 at the Community Center. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**ROAD ON WEST SIDE OF LAKE PLATTE.** Dalldorf stated he would like to see the road on the west side of Lake Platte either fixed up or closed, as it is very dangerous to drive on. No one present was in favor of closing the road. Kuiper was instructed to grade the road more frequently. No official action taken.

**2008 ANNUAL REPORT.** Westerhuis presented the 2008 Annual Financial Report. **Foxley moved and Iedema seconded approving the 2008 Annual Financial Report. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Dalldorf moved and Overweg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nicole Westerhuis  
City Finance Officer

Rick Gustad  
Mayor