

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 25, 2009**

This meeting was advertised as a South Park Committee meeting that was opened to the public for their comment. Due to the fact that a quorum of City Council members were present at the meeting, minutes were taken. City Council members present were: Arnold Dalldorf, Joel Foxley, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Gary Iedema, and Todd Spoelstra. South Park Committee members present were: Lisa Brumbaugh, Deb Foxley, DeWayne Kaemingk, Kevin Kuiper, Duane Strand, and Nicole Westerhuis.

Others present were: Linda Berens, Tom Boltjes, Deb Bultsma, Rhonda Engebretson, Tami Fite, Darrell Hildebrand, Val Hildebrand, Wes Hoekman, Jason Huizenga, Sharon Huizenga, Dennis Kok, Jarrod Lang, Rich Lubinus, Tom Madigan, Colleen Mosterd, Mark Mosterd, Mark Mount, Sam Mudder, Allen Polly, Cindy Pranger, Mark Pranger, Ralph Nachtigal, Cindy Reiser, Leon Sprik, Lyle Schipper, Ken Sly, Kristina Sprik, Karen Stekly, Ben Tegethoff, Sherry Timmermans, Barb Travis, Tom Travis, Addie Turnbull, Gary VandenBos, Ruth VandenBos, Jenna Veurink, and Holly Voetberg.

**SOUTH PARK POND.** Mayor Gustad turned the meeting over to South Park Committee Chairperson Kevin Kuiper.

Kuiper stated that the park design submitted by Brian Clark + Associates included this pond, and that the committee had many questions and concerns right away. However, the committee decided to proceed with the pond after their questions and concerns were answered by Brian Clark + Associates and by other towns with ponds. Kuiper stated that he would allow 3 minutes for each person to give their thoughts regarding the pond.

Speaking in favor of the pond were Cindy Reiser, Rich Lubinus, Rhonda Engebretson, Tom Travis, Tom Madigan, Dennis Kok, Jenna Veurink, Lyle Schipper, Mark Mount, and Allen Polly. Some of the comments made in favor of the pond included: this would be another way to encourage outdoor activities for children, crossing the street in that area may be more dangerous than a pond, this is a good "quality of life" feature for the community, parents must supervise young children while at the park, would increase the aesthetic value of the park, kids and parents look forward to family time spent fishing at the pond, proper steps are being taken to make the pond as safe as possible.

Speaking against the pond were Addie Turnbull, Kristina Sprik, Darrell Hildebrand, Mark Pranger, Ben Tegethoff, Karen Stekly, and Linda Berens. Some of the comments made against the pond included: its depth, mosquito attraction, children attraction, children falling through ice, the slope, filling and keeping it full of water.

Also asking questions not necessarily for or against the pond were Tami Fite and Wes Hoekman.

Westerhuis read aloud five letters that were submitted by people who could not attend the meeting. Writing in support of the pond were Jared Ahlberg, Lance Griese, Paul & Judy Baas, and Karen Burket. Writing against the pond was Mark Hegge.

There being no further business before the City Council, **Spoelstra moved and Foxley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Gustad  
Mayor of Platte

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