

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2012**

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, Rich Hoppe, Rick Gustad, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra. Others present were: Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Ralph Nachtigal, and Brandon Semmler.

AGENDA.

MINUTES. Councilmember Foxley motioned to approve the April 2, 2012, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Hoppe. Motion carried on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Councilmember Lang: reported that the Pool Committee held a meeting on April 11th to discuss upcoming fundraising events. The following events are proposed: 1) a dance at the Yellow Rose, 2) A possible pro/dummy roping, 3) the corn maze this fall, 4) and the consideration of offering lifetime memberships. Mayor Gustad stated he had no problems with any fundraisers held thus far nor any concerns with the fundraising events mentioned. Mayor Gustad also mentioned that if any money is required for the planning of an event, it will need to be approved by the council.

Remaining Councilmembers: No report.

Mayor Gustad: Mayor Gustad informed the council of a meeting he attended with the National Guard where they informed the school and City of their intent to close the unit in Platte by October 1, 2012. Due to federal budget cuts, the number of current unit members and potential future unit members, it was decided Platte would be one of the six units closed in the state. Councilmember Hoppe questioned what will happen with the land by the airport currently utilized by the Guard Unit. After speaking with the Helm's and Associates, it is determined at this point to be airport ground. Mayor Gustad will be discussing the ground with Col. Kit Cline at a future date. Kuiper inquired what the plans are for our current local guard members. Mayor Gustad explained they will have an option to transfer to the Rapid City Unit or Wagner Unit, or if they would like to they could change "jobs" and transfer to another unit in the state.

Finance Officer. Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) It is tentatively scheduled to refinish the Community Center floor between May 21st and June 1st. 2) Meyerink requested permission to attend the HR/Finance Officers School June 12th – 15th in Huron. Due to flooding in Pierre last year, this would be the first time for Meyerink to attend this school. The council granted permission to attend. 3) There will be a Planning & Development District III meeting in Chamberlain on Wednesday April 18th if anyone wishes to attend. 4) An individual has requested permission to set up a charge account for fuel purchases at the airport. It was discussed by council to require a \$500.00 - \$750.00 payment up front with fuel slips turned in once a week. When the money deposited upfront is used, a new payment would be required. Meyerink also informed the council that it had been questioned if a ten to fifteen cent discount would be considered for pilots who do crop dusting in the area. The council determined the fuel rate currently set was fair and no further discount would be given. 5) Meyerink reported that a new time clock will need to be purchased for the swimming pool this year as the time clock they had was put in the library when we began processing their payroll. The cost of the new time clock will be \$319.99 which was not budgeted. With the time clock going to the library, Meyerink is figuring the cost would be applied to the library. The council did not express any concerns with the purchase.

Police Department.

Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) A fax was received regarding the departments radars. Chief Semmler stated he would like to have the radars re-certified at an approximate cost of \$39.00 per unit. 2) Semmler and Officer Ellens will be attending a weather spotting class on Thursday April 19th in Mitchell upon approval from the council. 3) Semmler requested permission to attend the Spring Chief Association Meeting in Deadwood May 2nd – 4th with driving out Monday May 1st. The council granted permission for Semmler to attend the conference. 4) Semmler reported that Ellens requested authorization to shadow the Sheriff's department for a night or two beginning April 27th. Semmler stated he agreed with the request and thought it was a good idea as Ellens should gain more experience. The council approved of Ellens shadowing the Sheriff's Department as long as Sheriff Thaler cleared the request as well. 5) The state will be recognizing May as "May Mobilization" month. During this recognition, statewide officers will be enforcing seatbelt use. Semmler stated he would really like to participate in this program unless the council has any hesitations or concerns with such. Semmler also indicated he would like to involve the kids by asking them to make signs and posters to display around town and through other various ways. No concerns were stated by the council and Semmler was given permission to pursue the program.

Public Works. City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) Kuiper attended a required seminar in Chamberlain earlier in April as part of the City receiving a new John Deere tractor. This was a refresher course on running the new tractor. The tractor is scheduled to arrive within the next two weeks. One of the first tasks to complete with the new tractor will be working on Rag Town road. 2) The primary bury pit has been pushed together and covered by Keegel. There is still a little room left in the current bury pit and the white goods have been moved to the bury pit where it is already covered. 3) Kuiper reported that he is currently discharging the lagoons. 4) The parks are being fertilized and the sprinklers are ready to go. 5) The contractors have started placing the storm culvert for the track. 6) Councilmember Overweg questioned Kuiper about the water line problem behind the hospital. Superintendent Kuiper stated the repair consisted of fixing a valve on the water main and that the extra parts ordered had all been returned.

PUBLIC FORUM.

CLAIMS.

Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve the claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Foxley. Motion carried on roll call vote of 6-0. (Attached as separate document)

BUILDING PERMITS.

Meyerink reported to the council the following approved building permits: 1) A 38'x93' residential home for Todd and Shawna Strand at 303 South Kansas. 2) A remodeling project for Jeff Olsen, owner of Boom's Drive-In at 606 East 7th Street. 3) An 8'x16' deck on the west side of Billy Joe and Laura Weins' building located at 110 West 3rd Street.

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS.

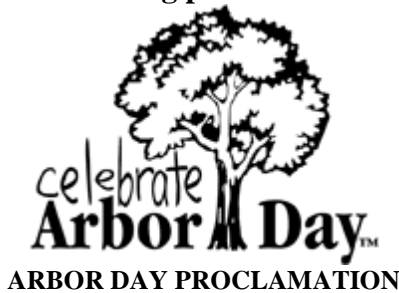
Quotes for Shop Project: Five quotes were received to install the overhead doors and to shingle the City Maintenance Shop. The following submitted quotes: D&D Construction at a total of \$11,868.62, Hanson Construction at \$9,905.12, Mike Meyerink Construction at \$14,025.93, Overweg Construction at \$11,361.68, and Reiser Construction at \$12,128.72. **Councilmember Hoppe motioned to accept Hanson Construction's quote of \$9,905.12 to shingle the Maintenance Shop and install overhead doors upon the receipt of proof of insurance for general liability and workman's compensation. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on**

roll call vote of 5-0 with Councilmember Overweg abstaining from the vote. Hanson Construction will have until July 1, 2012 to complete the project.

New Library Employee: Councilmember Foxley informed the council that the Library board is recommending extending new employment to Miranda Brumbaugh for two to three hours per week through June 2012. Brumbaugh will be attending the Library Institute this summer to become a librarian for the Platte Library. Upon completing this years institute class Brumbaugh will continue to work at the library as a fill-in. Foxley also reported to the council: 1) The annual home tours event is scheduled for June 9th. 2) MayLou Stanforth's term as board member will expire on July 1st and the board is looking for an individual to fill her position. 3) The new e-readers program currently has sixty people signed up. 4) The summer reading program is scheduled to be held through the month of June and the first two weeks of July. **Councilmember Overweg moved and Lang seconded to hire Miranda Brumbaugh as a new librarian at \$7.25 per hour. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Lifeguard Application: Meyerink presented Kaysa Marlo's application as lifeguard for the 2012 summer season. **Councilmember Hoppe motioned to hire Kaysa Marlo at \$8.25 per hour as a lifeguard for the 2012 season. Motion seconded by Foxley. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Arbor Day Proclamation: Councilmember Spoelstra moved, Dalldorf seconded and motion carried on voice vote approving the following proclamation:



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 27, 2012 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 16th day of April 2012.

BY:

/s/

Rick Gustad
Mayor of Platte

ATTEST:

/s/

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer

Official Canvass of Election: Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to approve the Official Canvass for the April 10, 2012, Ward I election. Motioned seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.

Oath of Offices: City Finance Officer Meyerink administered the Oath of Office for Joel Foxley, Ward I, Jerry Overweg, Ward II, and Arnold Dalldorf of Ward III.

Executive Session: Councilmember Overweg moved and Spoelstra seconded to enter into executive session at 8:23 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters. Motion carried on voice vote. Mayor Gustad declared an end to executive session at 8:44 p.m. No action taken following executive session.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____

Rick Gustad
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer