

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING  
April 15, 2013**

**Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:30 p.m. Those present for roll call were: Joel Foxley, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra. Councilmember Lorraine Plooster was absent.** Others present were: Dr. Jerome Bentz, Mrs. Mari Biehl, Autumn Breukelman, Braxton Breukelman, Rendell Breukelman, Avery DeVries, Nicole DeVries, Camden DuFrain, Janel DuFrain, Karen Erickson, Gavin Gustad, Danielle Hagge, Lilly Hagge, Carey Hoffman, Haley Hoffman, Regan Hoffman, Oakley Kott, Ryan Kott, Kevin Kuiper, Luanna Kuipers, Michael Kuipers, Shauna Meyerink, Alisha Nachtigal, Madison Nachtigal, Ralph Nachtigal, Jamie Nelson, Nicole Nelson, Brooklyn Nepodal, Jeremy Nepodal, Blair Olson, Kari Olson, Jadon Petersen, Donyelle Petersen, Torri Qualm, Wanda Qualm, Wyatt Qualm, Eric Reiser, Lee Reiser, Tony Schrank, Brandon Semmler, Kallie Walstad, and Lynn Walstad.

**AGENDA.**

**MINUTES. Councilmember Lang motioned to approve the April 1, 2013, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Foxley. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.**

**REPORTS.**

**Councilmember Foxley:** Presented the following facts about the library for 2012: 15,818 books available in the library, total attendance was 6,294, total reference transactions was 312, average times a week the library was used for reference materials rather than the internet was 6, 12,239 titles were checked out, 15 programs were held for children with 600 total kids in attendance, 5 computers are open to the public for use which also provides free access to the internet, and WI-FI is available.

**Councilmember Overweg:** Stated that an individual had approached him regarding a stop sign by Kelly's CarQuest. Overweg also stated that he advised the individual to attend the meeting and Overweg did not see him present. No further discussion was held

**Councilmember Spoelstra:** An individual questioned Spoelstra how far beyond the city limits do the officers have jurisdiction. Chief Semmler stated it is 1 mile beyond city limits.

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Reminded the council of the District III meeting to be held in Mitchell on April 24<sup>th</sup>. 2) The Rural Office of Community Service (ROCS) had sent their annual report for 2012 which is available in the office. 3) Platte received the surface water permit effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. 4) Meyerink reported that Helms & Associates have sent out requests for asphalt testing on the expansion of the apron and taxiway. Midland Contracting, Inc. has the contract of approximately 1,660 tons of bituminous pavement.

**Police Department.** Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) Reminded the council that he will be in Bon Homme County Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> for crime scene preservation training. 2) Requested permission to allow the Chief of Police from Parkston to ride out to the Chief of Police conference in Deadwood again this year. The gas would be split between both cities. Council was fine with the request.

**Public Works.** City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) The International truck had tandem axel troubles during the recent snow storm. The bushings are shot and tearing up tires. It will cost a minimum of \$1,300.00 to fix the truck and it is only valued at \$2,000.00. Kuiper requested the council think about the information as a decision will need to be made on what to do. 2) The skid steer was also down

during the recent snow storm. It is being repaired and should be in working order soon. 3) The fuel filter in the pay loader was bad so a new filter has been ordered and will be installed upon arrival. 4) The materials for the disc golf course have been ordered and should be delivered soon. 5) Lagoon samples have been mailed off in preparation for an annual discharge. 6) Three truck loads of agri-lime have been ordered for the baseball field. 7) Commercial Asphalt is currently working on Highway 44 therefore County Road will be prepped for asphalt. 8) Chips have been delivered for this summer's chip and seal project. 9) Tyler Veurink attended the asphalt conference earlier in April. Kuiper requested permission to send him to a free mosquito conference in Ft. Pierre. Council granted permission for Veurink to attend the mosquito conference. 10) The new tractor has arrived from Noteboom Implement. The City currently is able to use a new tractor from Noteboom's at no charge except for the cost of insurance up to 250 hours. 11) Councilmember Hoppe questioned if there were troubles with snow removal around vehicles on the streets during the recent snow storms.

## **PUBLIC FORUM.**

## **BUILDING PERMITS.**

## **CLAIMS.**

**Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve all claims as presented. Motion seconded by Overweg. Motion carried on roll call vote of 5-0. (Attached as separate document)**

## **OLD BUSINESS.**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Public Hearing – Conditional Use Request:** Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing for comment at 8:00 p.m. With no comments, Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Foxley seconded to approve the conditional use request by Gene Keegel to allow Scott Rougemont to run an open sales car lot at 321 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion carried on a board of adjustment roll call vote of 6-0.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class Butterfly Garden Addition Request:** Mrs. Biehl and the second grade class presented their proposed additions to the butterfly garden in North Park. To begin, the class informed the council the official name of the butterfly garden is "Panther Paws Peaceful Garden." The proposed additions include: benches provided by Modern Woodmen, a butterfly bath which would be located inside the garden, a wood trellis for morning glories to climb, stepping stones, a fountain which would recycle water and be solar powered all while withstanding 30 mile per hour winds, and two choke cherry trees. When asked by the council, Kuiper stated he had no objections to the additions as the students have done a wonderful job with the project thus far. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to approve the proposed additions to the Panther Paws Peaceful Garden in North Park presented by the second grade class of Mrs. Mari Biehl. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0.**

**Tony Schrank – Eastriver Sportsman Club:** Schrank appeared on behalf of the Eastriver Sportsmans Club to inquire about the possibility of leasing or purchasing ground at the old landfill. Schrank further explained an approximate 40'x100' building would be constructed for the use of an archery range and meeting area. Kuiper stated he had contacted DENR who advised Kuiper against building over the top of the landfill itself due to methane gas. It was discussed to consider the ground to the south of the landfill. Kuiper and Schrank will review the ground and the possibilities of it. If deemed suitable a proposal will be brought before the council for further action. No further action was taken.

**Presentation of a Swimming Pool Donation:** Dr. Bentz presented a \$12,685.82 check on behalf of the Platte Hospital for the Swimming Pool Fund to the Platte City Council. Dr. Bentz informed the council the money was a combination of events held by the Platte Hospital employees. The following breakdown makes up the \$12,685.82: an employee bowling night brought in \$535.82, an employee/ community 5K run or walk profited \$4,650.00, the Platte Health Center Board donated \$5,000.00 and a match of \$2,500.00 by Modern Woodmen.

**Temporary Liquor License:** Councilmember Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the temporary liquor license for Kuip's Lounge for a wedding dance on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

**Landfill Hours:** Councilmember Foxley motioned to begin summer hours at the landfill on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion seconded by Oveberg. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

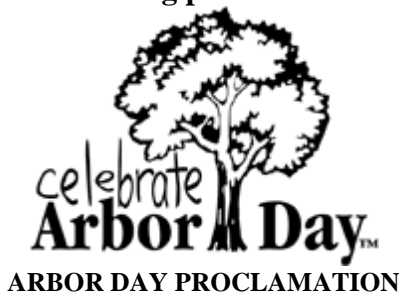
**Designation Spring Clean Up:** Councilmember Foxley motioned to designate the month of May as Spring cleanup allowing free dumping of yard waste. Motion seconded by Overweg. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

**Audit Request:** Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded signing an engagement letter with Schoenfish & Co. to audit the city's 2011-2012 records. Motion passed on voice vote of 5-0.

**Annual Report Extension Request:** Meyerink requested a two week extension for the 2012 annual report due to the weather storm and loss of electricity in Sioux Falls as Software Services was unable to have computer access for several days. Councilmember Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded granting a two week extension to the presentation of the 2012 annual report, having it presented at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

**Canvass of Election:** Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to accept the one provisional vote in favor of Gustad and to approve the Official Canvass for the April 9, 2013, Mayoral election. Motioned seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.

**Arbor Day Proclamation:** Councilmember Overweg moved, Hoppe 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

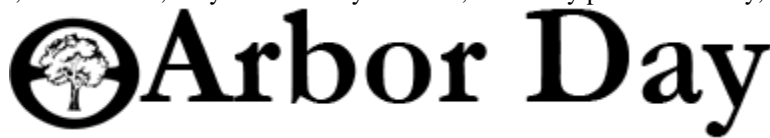
WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance our economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

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 26, 2013 as



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 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

BY:

/s/

Rick Gustad  
Mayor of Platte

ATTEST:

/s/

Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Lang moved and Hoppe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote of 5-0.**

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

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

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink

City Finance Officer