

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING  
August 6, 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, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra.** Others present were: Nate Ellens, Kevin Kuiper, Ralph Nachtigal, Verlyn Versteeg, and Lorie Werkmeister.

**AGENDA.**

**MINUTES. Councilmember Foxley motioned to approve the July 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Dalldorf. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**REPORTS.**

**Councilmember Lang:** Asked if the East River Sportsman’s club could possibly hold their outdoor shoot behind the lake. ERSC is concerned about fire danger where they normally host the shoot. If ERSC needs to use the area behind the lake for the outdoor shoot Councilmember Lang will formally request it at the next meeting. Councilmember Spoelstra questioned who would clean the area following the shoot. Lang replied that all targets and such would be picked up immediately following the event. There were no other concerns of the council.

**Councilmember Overweg:** Stated that it had been mentioned to him on the Spruce Up Platte applications to add a clause that a house or something must be rebuilt on the site within three to five years of an approved application. Adding such clause would bring tax revenue back to the City as opposed to having an empty lot. Mayor Gustad told Overweg that should he wish to pursue the idea, to add the proposed language to a Spruce Up Platte application and present it to the council. At that time the council can discuss the proposal and take action.

**Councilmember Dalldorf:** Informed the council that the Parks Committee met to discuss the policy for pool parties. It is their recommendation to no longer allow afternoon pool parties. If someone wishes to host a private pool party, they may do so between the hours of 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Council agreed to the recommendation and the new policy will begin immediately.

**Mayor Gustad:** Reported on behalf of Meyerink that the pool is scheduled to be open until August 21<sup>st</sup>. There will however be no evening swimming on the 21<sup>st</sup> as it is the day before school. Due to college and sports there will be a few days with only three lifeguards on duty. Mayor Gustad also thanked the council and staff for the flowers sent to Chris’s funeral along with the condolences.

**Finance Officer.** No report.

**Police Department.** Chief Semmler presented the following police report for the month of July.

**AGE RELATED ISSUES**

<b>JUVENILE CONTACTS (&lt;18)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>	<b>ADULT CONTACTS (Over 18)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>
Verbal Warnings	2	Verbal Warnings	07
Written Warnings	1	Written Warnings	34
Written Citations	2	Written Citations	07
Charged By Warrant	0	Arrest by Warrant	0
<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>48</b>

<b>Traffic Complaints Received</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Traffic Complaints Received</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Field Sobriety Tests Only</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Field Sobriety Tests Only</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DWI Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>DWI Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Open Container Citations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Open Container Citations</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Underage Consumption Cit.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Underage Consumption Cit.</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>5</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>1</b>
<b>Vehicle Accidents (over \$250)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Protective Custody</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Drug Reports/Complaints</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Domestic Violence Calls</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Welfare Checks</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Dog Issues</b>	
<b>Robbery Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Theft Reports</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Dogs Captured</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Vandalism Reports</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Dogs Terminated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Auto Thefts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Owners Warned</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Assaults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Owners Issued Tickets</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Complaints</b>	<b>36</b>		
<b>Other Arrests</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Other Animals – Complaints</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>911 Calls</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Terminated</b>	<b>0</b>

**GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS**

<b>Miles Driven on 2011 Dodge P/U</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>Ambulance Assists</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 09</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>Community Service Performed</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Time Vehicle Out of Service</b>	<b>0 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>0</b>	<b>Motorist Assists</b>	<b>2</b>

Officer Ellens was present to answer any questions. Councilmember Lang verified with Ellens if they had received their new bullet proof vests. Ellens replied that they had and both officers are currently wearing them. No further questions from the council at this time.

**Public Works.** City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) Questioned if the council ever spoke to pool manager Tami Smit for her reasoning in closing the pool which was discussed at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kuiper stated he was bringing this up because Smit was unaware there was any concern in the pool closing until she read it in the paper. Kuiper also stated that Smit has done an excellent job as pool manager and has went above and beyond expectations to make sure the pool ran smoothly this summer. It was unfair to her to not be contacted before discussing the issue at a meeting. Kuiper recommended to the council that they should contact any employee involved in a concern prior to a meeting so that employee does not feel blindsided when reading it in the paper. 2) The maintenance department has been busy patching streets. The northeast corner of town is done and ready for chip and seal which is scheduled to take place yet this summer. 3) Tyler Veurink is on his way to Watertown for Wastewater Treatment class and certification. 4) Contacted Cheryl VanZee and South Central Water Development District does not have a

meeting in August. 5) Councilmember Hoppe questioned Kuiper what the stakes were for around the signs. Kuiper replied that the stakes are for all the traffic signs which will be replaced around town. The new signs are high grade new federally regulated reflectivity signs.

## **PUBLIC FORUM.**

## **BUILDING PERMITS.**

## **CLAIMS.**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS.**

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Apron & Taxiway Project:** Mayor Gustad stated that he spoke with Sam Muntean from Helms & Associates regarding the project to add the new apron and taxiway. Platte is currently in the same position as last year at this time where the federal fiscal year for FAA ends in September and they have yet to officially release the money for the project. Helms feels the money should be released between September and October. Helms & Associates also recommends that the City advertise for bids for the Apron & Taxiway project on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with bids to be opened on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bids will have thirty days to be awarded. If the letter indicating the release of the funds has not been received at the end of the thirty days, the City will not award the project at that time. The City would be out the cost of advertising only as the bidding and support services from Helms is a lump sum regardless of how many times the project is bid out. Councilmember Overweg questioned if the money must be spent within a certain time frame if the City bids the project now. Mayor Gustad stated the money must be obligated to the project and awarded to the vendor. **Councilmember Hoppe motioned to advertise for bids for the Apron & Taxiway project at the Platte Municipal Airport with bids due by 2:00 p.m. on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Pay Request for Lighting Project: Councilmember Lang motioned to approve pay request #4 to All Phase Electric in the amount of \$67,811.42 for the Airport Lighting project. Motion seconded by Overweg. Motion carried on roll call vote of 6-0.**

**Lighting Project Request:** The engineers have went out to the site and measured the materials. At that time it was determined All Phase Electric did not require all material initially bid and therefore a change order was prepared for this change. All Phase Electric is disputing some of the quantities in the change order. Therefore, it is Helms's recommendation to table the change order until the final inspection has been completed. **Councilmember Overweg moved and Hoppe seconded to table the change order until the final inspection has been completed. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Recommendation from Planning Commission:** Councilmember Lang stated the Planning Commission recommends the approval of the variance requested by Lorie Werkmeister to rebuild Shorty's on Main Street.

**Set Public Hearing for Variance Request: Councilmember Dalldorf moved and Foxley seconded to set a public hearing for the variance request by Lorie Werkmeister on Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Temporary Liquor License: Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve the temporary liquor license for Kuip's Lounge for the wedding reception on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Dalldorf. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Dalldorf moved and Spoelstra seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

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

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer