

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

**Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:37 p.m. Those present for Roll Call were: Arnold Dalldorf, Rich Hoppe, Rick Gustad, Jarrod Lang, and Todd Spoelstra. Councilmembers Joel Foxley and Jerry Overweg were absent.** Others present were: Sharon Huizenga, Pam Hein, Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, and Brandon Semmler.

**AGENDA.** Mayor Gustad requested the council discuss advertising for summer help at the end of the meeting.

**MINUTES.** Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve the January 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.

**REPORTS.**

**Council Members:** Councilmember Spoelstra reported to the council that he was researching options of council tables for the council room and will report his findings when he collects more details.

**Remaining Councilmembers:** No report.

**Mayor Gustad:** No report.

**Finance Officer.** Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Meyerink asked the council for their opinion on interrupting a zoning ordinance set-back for commercial property. Meyerink was questioned by a surveyor if a new building that continues from Utah Avenue East would require a 50' set-back or would the side set-back of 25' be sufficient enough. The council suggested that Meyerink discuss the question with Brian McGinnis at Planning District III. 2) Meyerink informed the council the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual SD Transportation Safety Conference is April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in Pierre. 3) Meyerink researched previous payments to South Dakota Association of Towns & Townships and was wondering if this is something they would like to do. The council did not recall what has been done in previous years.

**Police Department.**

Chief Semmler also reported on the following topics: 1) The new officer, Nate Ellens, started his position with the City on January 16<sup>th</sup>. 2) Reminded the council that Brandon will be out of town January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for a court summons case in Parkston. 3) Requested permission to attend a SD Chief meeting in Pierre on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The council all agreed that Chief Semmler should attend. 4) Chief Semmler questioned councilmember Lang regarding the AED's from the Platte Ambulance. Councilmember Lang reported that the EMT's are in the process of training on the newly received AED's and once training is complete the previously used ones should be surplus.

**Public Works.** City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) The previously approved Spruce Up Platte Application for Randy Dykstra is removed and complete. 2) With Hegg's permission, the City Maintenance Department has removed the fence along the south side of Rag Town Road. Continued preparation is on-going for the upcoming work on Rag Town Road. 3) Two street lights have been shot out in town. Because the lights are a different model, there has been some difficulty in obtain new covers for these lights. 4) The water stained ceiling tiles have been replaced in the community center. 5) There are currently approximately ten volunteers to paint the inside of the community center the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>. 6) A representative from MARC was in town today to offer ideas for the community center floor. Kuiper requests direction from the council before proceeding any

further. Councilmembers Dalldorf and Spoelstra inquired what issue there is with the floor. Kuiper reported that after the floor was stained by Bumblebee, a cleaner has been used which stripped some of the stain from the floor. Bumblebees does not want to guarantee the work because of the cleaner used. Councilmember Spoelstra questioned if the cleaner to be used was stated in the contract at all and requests that the contract be reviewed by City Attorney Whalen. Councilmember Lang questioned who did the schools floors if high traffic areas are a concern. Meyerink was asked to send the contract to Whalen for review and further consultation before any decisions are made. 7) Kuiper reported that the maintenance department has been busy trimming trees in the Northeast corner of town. An average of one street a day is completed. With the safety issues of trimming trees with a chainsaw from a tractor bucket, Kuiper requested permission to purchase a pole saw. After using the pole saw from Midwest Ag, it became apparent all the pros to owning one. The pole saw would cost \$700.00. Councilmember Hoppe motioned to purchase a pole saw from Noteboom Implement for \$700.00. Motion seconded by Spoelstra. Motion carried on roll call vote of 4-0.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM.**

None

#### **CLAIMS:**

**Councilmember Dalldorf motioned to approve the claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on roll call vote of 4-0. (Attached as separate document)**

#### **BUILDING PERMITS.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS.**

**Planning District III:** Mayor Gustad informed the remaining council members that Brian McGinnis has been sent a list of the concerns discussed at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. No information has been received as of this time.

**Spillway:** Mayor Gustad reported that Planning District III has been contacted to request ideas of how to proceed with the concerns of the spillway.

#### **NEW BUSINESS.**

**STOP Grant:** Pam Hein requested the council's continued support for the 2013 STOP Grant. Hein reminded the council that a \$1,000.00 donation has been contributed the last couple of years. The grant program is used in domestic violence cases which have become extremely difficult to process. The funding is also used for child care services, shelter, or to move an individual out of a community due to domestic violence. The contribution applies toward the 2013 Grant year but would not be paid until the fall of 2012. **Councilmember Spoelstra motioned and Hoppe seconded to donate \$1,000.00 toward the 2013 STOP Grant. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Temporary Liquor License: Councilmember Dalldorf motioned to approve the temporary liquor license for Fergies Pub & Barrister for a wedding reception/dance on February 25, 2012. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Recommendation from Planning Commission:** No recommendation from the planning commission as the Planning Commission meeting was rescheduled.

**Set Public Hearing Date:** Public hearing date could not be set due to no recommendation being able to be presented to the council.

**Summer Help:** City Superintendent Kuiper requested two summer employees for the Maintenance Department. An individual has contacted Kuiper indicating interest in working with the City during the summer months. Mayor Gustad informed Kuiper to have the individual submit an application and it will be reviewed at the same time as all other applicants. **Councilmember Lang motioned to advertise for summer employment position including both the maintenance department and swimming pool department with applications due February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the office of City Hall. Motion seconded by Hoppe. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Spolstra moved and Lang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

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

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer