

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

**President Foxley 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, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg. Councilmember Todd Spoelstra arrived at 7:40 p.m.** Others present were: Sharon Huizenga, Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Brandon Semmler, Linda Sly, and Cheryl VanZee.

**AGENDA. Councilmember Dalldorf moved to approve the agenda as presented with no additions. Motion seconded by Hoppe. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**MINUTES. Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve both the July 2<sup>nd</sup> first and second meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**REPORTS.**

**Councilmember Hoppe:** Reported that an individual requested permission to discharge blank shells into his trees to scare away the numerous birds. The council denied the request but suggested trying to hang CDs from the branches or an owl.

**Councilmember Dalldorf:** On July 8<sup>th</sup> the pool closed for a private party at 3:00 p.m. and it was one of the warmer days of the summer. Dalldorf would like to review the policy on pool closings. Dalldorf stated that it is an injustice to those who purchased a season pass. The pool committee will meet to discuss the topic and let the council know at the next agenda of what they decided to do.

**Finance Officer.** Meyerink reported that she is currently out on maternity leave; however, if needed she can be contacted via phone.

**Police Department.** Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) the new bulletproof vest have arrived. 2) Both officers are scheduled for Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> with Play In Platte. 3) Questioned the council how it has been handled in the past regarding alcohol at the ballfield. Semmler stated that with people bringing in alcohol he has been allowing it during the game but asks them to leave when the game is over. If they resist to leave and continue drinking then he will cite them. The council agreed. 4) The Sheriff has requested assistance on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> and Semmler asked if the council was okay with him assisting. The council agreed as long as Ellens would be on duty in Platte.

**Public Works.** City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) That Duane Meyerink wants to put curb & gutter on North Street where he is building his new home. To determine where the curb and gutter should go the City engineers have been contacted to stake it out. Kuiper questioned the council as to how wide they would like North Street to be on the East side of Alberda's. Normal width is 32' of driving space and North Street is currently 25'. The council all agreed to extend it to the 32' of driving surface. 2) All lots on the West side of Sunset Acres have been replatted. Jarod & April Veurink's driveway will be on 13<sup>th</sup> St. They have asked Superintendent Kuiper if 13<sup>th</sup> Street can be extended to the West edge of their lot. The excess clay soil from their lot will be given to the City for use of extending the street. Kuiper stated that minimal costs will be associated with extending with the request. Councilmember Overweg questioned if the extension will need to be to grade, packed, and whatever else should be required for a street. Kuiper indicated that this would be the bare minimum which would not be much more than what is currently there. The council was okay with extending the street using the excess dirt from Veurink's lot. 3) The maintenance department has slowly been in the process of patching street in the northeast corner of town in preparation

for the chip and seal project. 4) Dakota Pump has been contacted to repair the water pump troubles. The water has been switched over to a direct feed from Rural Water until the pump is repaired. Over the weekend it did overrun a couple of times. 5) Shorty's is set to come down within a couple of weeks. There will be approximately 40 loads hauled to the dump. Kuiper was asked if the council would consider giving a break on the dump fees associated with the tear down. The request was denied. 6) Kuiper requested permission to send Tyler Veurink to a wastewater conference in Watertown August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. Council granted permission for Tyler to attend the conference. 7) Alvin Vanzee has been contacted regarding putting in a new 8' bypass in the event of another fire on Main Street. The project would cost approximately \$5000.00 to install. The council was in agreement with the project. 8) Councilmember Lang questioned Kuiper about a soft spot in the roads. Kuiper is aware of the spot which is going to require the spot be dug out and refilled. 9) The rifle range has the new mats installed. Councilmember Dalldorf stated that since the publicity of the rifle range it is much cleaner and reports to him indicate that no parties have been held there recently.

## **PUBLIC FORUM.**

### **CLAIMS.**

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

## **BUILDING PERMITS.**

### **OLD BUSINESS.**

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Public Hearing – Vanderham Appeal:** President Foxley opened the public hearing for comment at 8:15 p.m. on whether or not to appeal the zoning administrator decision to deny the building permit for Jerry and Joyce Vanderham. The building permit was denied because the square footage of all accessory buildings exceeds the 75% square footage of the principle dwelling. Jerry Vanderham explained to the council that the new addition would have matching siding and follow the current roof line. Councilmember Lang questioned Vanderham's if they foresee wanting any more additions in the future. Vanderham's replied they do not at this time. Spoelstra expressed that how the ordinance is written, needs to be enforced. Vanderham asked in return about other around town comply with the ordinance. Councilmember Dalldorf stated as in the past the variance should only be granted in the case of a hardship. Joyce Vanderham stated the new addition would improve the looks of the backyard, improve the esthetics, and may be very appealing to someone if they ever sold the property. Jerry Vanderham said the hardship is that the second garage is considered an accessory building in addition to his main garage but that it would be very expensive to attach the main garage. Jerry also commented that he does not see where it is going to hurt to put on the addition and that none of his neighbors have expressed any concern with the proposal. President Foxley closed the public hearing at 8:23 p.m. Meyerink reported that Frank Larsen had contacted her and he was in favor of allowing Vanderham's to build the addition. Larsen also stated that it would be an asset to Vanderham's to have the addition with Vanderham's business. **Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to uphold Zoning Administrator Meyerink's decision to deny Vanderham's building permit for a 16x16' addition to the east side of the garage. Motion seconded by Dalldorf. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 3-3 with Dalldorf, Lang, and Spoelstra in favor and Foxley, Hoppe, and Overweg opposing.**

**Cheryl VanZee – South Central Water Development District:** Cheryl VanZee informed the council that South Central Water Development District can fund water and sewer projects. Engineering is not required on lake projects. SCWDD has given Platte \$53,000.00 over the past years and would appreciate the opportunity to help again. With the spillway project, Vanzee stated the SCWDD needs to get involved before work begins. Shrubs and trees that are considered a problem will need to be removed. The Conservation District has a program (EPA Funding) available but it needs to start at the county level. With

South Central Water Development District being funded by tax money, they would like to give funds back to the tax payers through such projects. VanZee also stated that if the council or anyone should have any questions please feel free to contact them. Kuiper asked if VanZee could recommend anyone who is familiar with or has an expertise in these type of projects. SCWDD cannot recommend anyone.

**Fireworks Policy:** Councilmember Spoelstra stated that the current City ordinance prohibits individuals from discharging fireworks inside City limits. If families want to set off fireworks over the 4<sup>th</sup> they will need to do so in alternative locations. Spoelstra stated that he is not concerned with how the police department handled things this year. Spoelstra also commented on how the fire department goes out of their way to put on such a display while protecting the City from a fire. Spoelstra would like to see the policy addressed and what can be done to enforce the ordinance. The police committee will meet and decide on a solution.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Hoppe moved and Overweg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

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

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer