

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING  
March 19, 2012**

**Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:44 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: Sydney Antonsen, Joel Bailey, Jerome Bentz, Jaysee Biehl, Mari Biehl, Brain Biehl, Tommy Biehl, Addyson Boltjes, Vickie Boltjes, Camryn Boltjes, Lisa Brumbaugh, Kylie Burket, Brevin DeJong, Jennifer DeJong, Jim Duba, Roger Duba, Julius Elam, Kari Elam, Nate Ellens, Colin Engebretson, Jeff Engebretson, Ghena Ferguson, Jaeden Ferguson, Xander Ferguson, Royce Finney, Caden Foxley, Steve Foxley, Grayson Hanson, Sadie Hanson, Maggie Huizenga, Tana Huizenga, Jayden Johnson Jay Johnson, Marcus King, Kevin Kuiper, Joseph Kuipers, Mike Kuipers, James Larson, Stacey Larson, Taylor Larson, Colette Mesman, Taylor Mesman, Shauna Meyerink, Alisa Nachtigal, Cade Nachtigal, Ralph Nachtigal, Courtney Neuman, Jackson Neuman, James Neuman, Elizabeth Olsen, Tom Olsen, Corey Rabenberg, Hayes Rabenberg, Reggie Ringling, Ross Ringling, Brandon Semmler, Abby Spawn, Steve Spawn, Karen Stekly, Ashton Summerville, Leon Summerville, Roxanne Summerville, Erin VandenBos, Hannah VandenBos, Chase Varilek, Garret Varilek, and Kelly Varilek.

**AGENDA.**

**MINUTES.** Councilmember Lang motioned to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Foxley. Motion carried on voice vote.

**REPORTS.**

**Council Members:** No report.

**Mayor Gustad:** No report.

**Finance Officer.** Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Notification has been received in the office regarding the Paint South Dakota Program. Meyerink asked the council if there were any property recommendations that could be considered for the project. Meyerink was informed to contact the Ministerial Association. 2) William Arwood, NFIP Coordinator has resigned from his position with the State of South Dakota. 3) There is interest in building a new home on Kansas Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Would the City wish to install a street light where 4<sup>th</sup> Street would be should it run through? The only fee associated with the new light would be the monthly rate we are currently billed for on all street lights. The council said as of the present time they would say a light should go in, but this can be addressed in more detail when a building permit has been submitted for a new house. 4) South Dakota Municipal League's Annual District 4 meeting is Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> in Gregory. Meyerink invited any council members to attend and requested permission to attend the meeting as well. Permission was granted by the council. 5) Laura is in the process of updating information for the new website and Meyerink questioned if there was any additional information the council would like published or addressed on the new website. Following little discussion, it was determined the different departments will be listed under the City with contact information attached. 6) SD Association of Rural Water Systems has asked the council to nominate an individual to the SDARWS Board of Directors. No delegates were named during the meeting.

**Police Department.**

Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) Both Chief Semmler and Officer Ellens will be at the Farm & Home Show on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> to do fingerprinting for the youth. 2) Officer Ellens has a check-up with the Doctor on Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. If all checks well, it is understood that Ellens will be able

to transition out of the walking boot soon. 3) Officer Ellens will be attending the SD Transportation Conference April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works.** City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) The spectacular weather this spring has allowed the department to get several items accomplished ahead of schedule. The fountain and circulator have both been installed at South Park. All bathrooms have been opened and water turned on for use. The irrigation at the recreation complex has been the recent project verifying the system is ready for use as soon as it's needed. 2) Getting the pool cleaned out and preparations started for the season is on the agenda next. 3) Kuiper informed the council about a water main leak directly north of the hospital on Memorial Drive. Kuiper stated that leak has been assessed and it is determined to be just a valve at this point. The parts to repair the leak were ordered and have arrived. Kuiper requested the council's permission to have Berens Excavating assist with the water main repair for both their equipment and additional man power which would decrease the length of time the water is shut down to the residences on Memorial Drive. The council was in favor of Berens assisting in the project. Councilmember Lang questioned Kuiper what the expected shut down time was. Kuiper replied as long as it is just the valve, he would not expect to have the residences shut down much longer than half a day.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM.**

Ghena Ferguson questioned Meyerink if the insurance quote submitted was efficient enough to proceed further with the fishing tournament. Meyerink explained to Ferguson that she had submitted the proposal to BW Insurance for their review and had been in contact with Lee from Ferguson's insurance carrier as to what else was required. Lee was to contact Ferguson's about the requirements and quote.

#### **CLAIMS.**

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

#### **BUILDING PERMITS.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Platte Geddes North Park Butterfly Garden:** Following research, a variety of studies and now beginning with experiments the Platte Geddes second graders and fifth graders posed a request to establish a butterfly garden in North Park. Mrs. Biehl and Mr. Neuman presented a slide show prepared by the classes to the council. The power point explained the research completed by the students and their desire to increase the Monarch butterfly population. The map prepared by the fifth graders showed the new butterfly garden in the northeast part of North Park. The council questioned Superintendent Kuiper if he had any concerns with the proposed idea. Kuiper in turn questioned Mrs. Biehl and Mr. Neuman if this is something they would establish and then ask the City to maintain or if the students would continue the upkeep of the garden as part of the project. Both Biehl and Neuman replied that as part of the project based learning, the students would continue with the project next year and upcoming classes would assist as well. It was also noted that volunteers from the community have offered to help maintain the new garden at North Park. Mayor Gustad asked the classes if the idea was granted would they be willing to name the garden. The students agreed they could come up with a name for it. Councilmember Lang complimented the students on the thought, readiness and idea of the proposal. **Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve the Platte Geddes North Park Butterfly Garden. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on roll call vote of 6-0.** Mayor Gustad complimented the students again on their efforts and accomplishments and thanked the classes for attending.

**Pool Committee:** Lisa Brumbaugh provided a box of information to Councilmember Lang as the newly appointed council representative. Brumbaugh apologized for the misunderstanding of the committee reporting back to the council. It was brought up that it would be beneficial if the committee met before the council periodically to report upcoming events and concerns the committee has. Councilmember Lang informed Bentz, Brumbaugh, and King, all three from the pool committee, that the diagram needs to better represent what is currently in the pool fund. King questioned the council if a pool is wanted at all. The council replied they absolutely would like to have a new pool however; the funds need to be raised to pay for the pool. King then asked if it would be an option to build just the pool with no toys or extras. Mayor Gustad questioned the committee what would happen to the overall cost if no toys or extras were added. Brumbaugh stated that is something the council would need to determine. Mayor Gustad explained to the committee that the cash needs to be raised because the city cannot pay for items based on pledges. Brumbaugh questioned if the money currently on hand is enough to begin soil testing so a definite place for the new pool can be determined. Mayor Gustad explained his concerns in doing such on a project of this magnitude. This project will need to follow proper bid laws before any construction or phases may start. King stated that the committee is at a stale deal and asked how long can the City wait before taking any steps. Mayor Gustad declared full council commitment however, there are a few items that must be resolved prior to any action; such as bonds and funds on hand for the project. King requested a letter in the Platte Enterprise from the City be published explaining the steps necessary before any work shall begin so the community understands the City is in support of this project. Councilmember Spoelstra suggested selling lots on the west side of Lake Platte. Hats off to the Pool Committee for their continued effort of fundraising and the City is very lucky to have such an active group stated Kuiper. Kuiper also expressed how impressed he is with Brumbaugh's, Bentz's, and King's enthusiasm and effort they have put forth for the new pool since the beginning. Kuiper advised the council that if the committee is concerned about progress to please consider helping them with the submission of a letter to the paper.

**Lifeguard Applications:** Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to extend employment to Denise Dertien, Kiera Hubers, and Ty Wilkins at \$7.25 per hour as lifeguards for the summer of 2012. Motion seconded by Dalldorf. Motion carried on voice vote.

**Pool Manager:** Councilmember Hoppe motioned to hire Tami Smit as Pool Manager for the 2012 season at \$10.00 based on forty hours a week. Motion seconded by Spoelstra. Motion carried on voice vote. Councilmember Hoppe motioned to offer employment to Melanie Sondgeroth and Lisa Brumbaugh as swimming lesson instructors for a total of \$750.00 for the summer. Motion seconded by Foxley. Motion passed on voice vote.

**Recommendation from Planning Commission:** Councilmember Overweg reported that the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the variance of Rob and Cindy Reiser is to approve the variance request for the building to be built across interior lot lines but that the remainder of the building must meet Zoning Ordinance Guidelines.

**Set Public Hearing for Variance Request:** Councilmember Foxley motioned to set the public hearing for the Reiser variance request on Monday April 2, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.

**Restrictive Covenant & Declaration Preservation Restrictions:** Mayor Gustad explained to the remaining council that the document outlines the restrictions and obligations of the City by accepting the grant through the Historic Preservation Office of the State of South Dakota. **Councilmember Foxley motioned and Spoelstra seconded authorizing Mayor Gustad to sign the Restrictive Covenant and Declaration of Preservation Restrictions. Motion passed on voice vote.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Supplemental Ordinance No. 325:** Supplemental Ordinance No. 325 will provide annual appropriation to conduct the indispensable functions of the Auditorium of the General Fund. This will transfer funds from donations and reserves to the general fund auditorium department in the amount of \$24,000.00. **Councilmember Spoelstra motioned and Dalldorf seconded approving first reading of Supplemental Ordinance No. 325. Motion carried on roll call vote of 6-0.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

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

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer