

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING  
October 1, 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, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra. Councilmember Joel Foxley was absent. Others present were: Regg Hagge, Will Hagge, Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Ralph Nachtigal, and Brandon Semmler.**

**AGENDA.**

**MINUTES. Councilmember Lang motioned to approve the September 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Spoelstra. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**REPORTS.**

**Councilmember Overweg:** Reported that he had received a couple of inquiries about the land at the airport previously used by the National Guard unit. It was explained that the Fire Department has been granted permission to use the area for fire training.

**Councilmember Spoelstra:** Asked if the council has ever considered having council meetings earlier in the evening. It was discussed to move the meetings to 7:00 p.m. but no action taken to do such change. Spoelstra also questioned if anything had been decided on the greenhouse along Highway 44. Meyerink reported that a building permit was just submitted and upon reviewing it, she had a few questions and therefore has not approved or denied anything at this time.

**Mayor Gustad:** Reported that he and Finance Officer Meyerink met with Helms & Associates to finalize the “punch list” items from the lighting project at the airport. AllPhase Electric did not have anyone present for the meeting, and the items listed to be finished were not complete as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Gustad reported that it was determined that AllPhase Electric would have until Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> to complete the punch list or liquidated damages will be discussed. A letter was also sent to AllPhase Electric informing them of the decision.

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Informed the council that there may be multiple applicants for the off-sale package liquor license that is currently obtained by 44 Road Stop. 2) After discussing some questions

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

**AGE RELATED ISSUES**

<b>JUVENILE CONTACTS (&lt;18)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>	<b>ADULT CONTACTS (Over 18)</b>	<b>Nos.</b>
<b>Verbal Warnings</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Verbal Warnings</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Written Citations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Written Citations</b>	<b>02</b>
<b>Charged By Warrant</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Arrest by Warrant</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Traffic Complaints Received</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Traffic Complaints Received</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Field Sobriety Tests Only</b>	<b>0</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>0</b>

<b>Underage Consumption Cit.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Underage Consumption Cit.</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>1</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>2</b>
<b>Vehicle Accidents (over \$250)</b>	<b>3</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>0</b>	<b>Dogs Captured</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Vandalism Reports</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Dogs Terminated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Auto Thefts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Owners Warned</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Assaults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Owners Issued Tickets</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Complaints</b>	<b>38</b>		
<b>Other Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Other Animals – Complaints</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>911 Calls</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Terminated</b>	<b>1</b>

**GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS**

<b>Miles Driven on 2011 Dodge P/U</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>Ambulance Assists</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 09</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>Community Service Performed</b>	<b>1</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>4 hrs.</b>	<b>Business Alarms</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funeral Escorts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Motorist Assists</b>	<b>0</b>

Chief Semmler also reported on the following topics: 1) Officer Ellens last day will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. 2) Three applications have been received so far for the officer position. 3) Chief Semmler will be out of town from Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> for his wedding. 4) Mayor Gustad told Chief Semmler that he may find part-time help until the officer position is filled.

**Public Works.** City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) The irrigation at the complex is well underway. 2) The maintenance department has been assisting with the bridge project at Lake Platte. 3) The barricades around the wind cone have been dismantled and out of the construction site at the airport. 4) The chip rock has been swept up from the chip and seal project. 5) The dump has been pushed in by Keegel. 6) Lead and copper samples were collected and mailed out with results coming back soon. 7) The contaminated soil site sample will be collected and mailed within the next week. 8) If weather permits, the plan is to pour more sidewalk at South Park yet this fall. 9) Mayor Gustad asked how things went with the Ti-Zak, the company who did all the ADA radiuses along Highway 44 & 45. Kuiper stated that the company was good to work with. They kept Kuiper very informed through the duration of the project. 10) Councilmember Hoppe asked if the work has been completed on the rural water pit yet. Kuiper replied that it has not been done, and a phone call will be made.

**PUBLIC FORUM.** Sara Kuehler of River Counseling Services addressed the council to inform the City of their counseling services offered locally. Kuehler and her colleague are currently working out of First Reformed Church but are actively looking for office space.

**BUILDING PERMITS.**

**CLAIMS.**

**Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to approve all claims as presented along with the addition of the Petty Cash in the amount of \$251.91 and two water deposit refunds each in the amount of \$100.00 to Edna Hennings and Tonya DeLange. Motion seconded by Hoppe. Motion carried on roll call vote of 5-0. (Attached as separate document)**

**OLD BUSINESS.**

**Water Rates:** Mayor Gustad explained to the council that the previously approved Resolution to increase water rates proposed a 40% increase. The City is currently paying a base rate of \$3,650.00 plus \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons which was an 11% increase from Randall Water. Various rates were suggested and discussed. **Councilmember Hoppe moved to rescind the motion to approve Resolution #91712-01. Motion seconded by Councilmember Overweg. Motion carried on voice vote. Councilmember Lang moved and Spoelstra seconded to approve Resolution No. 100112-01 which will increase the per gallon water rates by 9%. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**CITY OF PLATTE  
RESOLUTION NO. 100112-01**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the water department needs additional funds to sustain its own maintenance and operation, and

WHEREAS, the last water rate increase implemented by the City Council was in 2012, and

WHEREAS, the City Council proposes raising water rates as stated below, and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed rate increases, where no public comment was offered,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Platte that following rate structures and rules shall become effective with water and sewer bills issued at the beginning of January for payment by January 15, 2013.

Residential Water Rate	\$15.00/month base charge \$0.005750/gallon for first 2,000 gallons \$0.005178/gallon for remaining gallons
Water Only Inside City	\$15.00/month base charge \$0.005750/gallon for first 2,000 gallons \$0.005178/gallon for remaining gallons
Commercial Water Rate	\$15.00/month base charge \$0.005750/gallon for first 2,000 gallons \$0.005178/gallon for next 8,000 gallons \$0.004169/gallon for remaining gallons
Multiple Use Dwellings	\$15.00/month base charge \$0.006894/gallon for first 2,000 gallons \$0.006322/gallon for next 3,000 gallons \$0.005750/gallon for next 5,000 gallons \$0.005521/gallon for next 4,000 gallons \$0.005406/gallon for next 6,000 gallons \$0.005178/gallon for next 5,000 gallons \$0.003746/gallon for remaining gallons
Water Only No Minimum	\$0.005793/gallon for first 2,000 gallons \$0.005178/gallon for remaining gallons

Water Only Outside City

\$27.50/month base charge

\$0.005750/gallon for first 2,000 gallons

\$0.005178/gallon for next 3,000 gallons

\$0.004605/gallon for next 5,000 gallons

\$0.003945/gallon for next 4,000 gallons

\$0.004262/gallon for next 6,000 gallons

\$0.004033/gallon for next 5,000 gallons

\$0.003746/gallon for remaining gallons

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October , 2012.

/s/

Rick Gustad  
Mayor

/s/

Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer

**Resignation of Officer:** All of the council were contacted when the resignation was submitted but Meyerink is now requesting action on the resignation. **Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to accept the resignation of Officer Ellens effective October 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Hoppe. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Advertise for Officer:** Meyerink requested permission from each councilman when they were contacted about the resignation of Officer Ellens to begin advertising immediately. **Councilmember Dalldorf moved and Lang seconded to advertise for a full-time officer with applications due by October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried on voice vote.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Hangar Request:** Mayor Gustad informed the council that Steve Christensen has requested to build a temporary hangar on the current. Said hangar would be taken down this spring when the new side is complete. Additional details about the building such as materials being used or foundation type were not submitted. Also, to the City's knowledge, the paperwork that must be processed through the FAA has not been completed. It is the City's understanding that it is an approximate 30 – 50 day time frame for FAA to review and approve or deny the request as well. **Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to deny the request by Steve Christensen to build a temporary hangar on the current side. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Airport Board:** Regg Hagge presented a slide show of Clark County Airport versus the Platte Municipal Airport to the council. Hagge addressed several differences in the two airports. Hagge requested the council discuss cleaning up the airport and how a lounge can be added with better restroom facilities. Hagge also informed the council that he has had someone comment to him that Platte has a wonderful community but what happened to the airport. Hagge then presented a poster showing a representation of entitlements due to the City. Mayor Gustad reminded Hagge that there are currently two projects going on at the airport that between local, state, and federal funding is totaling approximately \$839,000.00. The lighting project will be complete very soon and the new apron and taxiway project that already has a significant amount of work done. Councilmember Spoelstra admitted he does not understand the day to day operations for an airport. Hagge stated he would like to have council representation that will be in favor of the airport and will help find ways to continue the growth of the airport along with cleaning up the airport. Councilmember Spoelstra asked Hagge how many representatives he is thinking would be needed. Hagge replied that he would suggest five with scattered terms. Councilmember Spoelstra asked if Hagge would be willing to find five members to serve on an airport board. Councilmember Overweg asked if he would be look for financial

backing. Hagge replied that he would be using Hillsborough, ND as a guide for an airport board, as that is what he has to follow. Hagge asked if this airport board would be an advisory board or an authoritative board. "If this would just simply be an advisory board then the conversation is over", stated Hagge. **Councilmember Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded to draft a resolution creating an airport board for the Platte Municipal Airport. Motion carried on voice vote. No resolution drafted for said board as this was an illegal motion according to SDCL 50-6-1 which states that an airport board must be created through an ordinance.**

**Cleaning at the Airport:** Hagge also requested that the council take action in trying to clean up the airport before the pheasant hunting season begins by permitting a cleanup day. Would the weeds and other materials lying around be considered a nuisance according to City Ordinances, Hagge asked. He also requested that the planes owned by Doug Sly be moved to the end of the airport to be more out of sight. Mayor Gustad stated that with Sly being an airplane mechanic it is no different for him to have parts and planes parked around his shop as do any other mechanic in town. No action taken at this time.

**Electrical Service at Airport:** Mayor Gustad explained that when Meyerink and himself met with the Guard Unit to finalize all paperwork and terminate the lease, the guard left a credit on the electrical services for the land at the airport. As Fire Chief, Gustad asked the council if they would like the electrical service put into the fire stations name or the City's name. All agreed to put it under the Fire Station.

**Designate Fall Cleanup: Councilmember Lang moved and Spoelstra seconded to set October as the month for fall cleanup. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Set Public Hearing for Operating Agreement: Councilmember Dalldorf motioned to set Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. for a public hearing for the off-sale liquor license operating agreement between the City of Platte and Dakota Food and Fuel, LLC. Motion seconded by Spoelstra. 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 8:58 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

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

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer