

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2012**

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:31 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: Dave Johnson, Marcus King, Shauna Meyerink, Mark Mount, Ralph Nachtigal, Allen Polly, Brandon Semmler, Doug Sly, Linda Sly, Duane Strand, Laura VandenBerg, and Tim Whalen. Regg Hagge took part via teleconference.

AGENDA.

MINUTES. Councilmember Lang motioned to approve the October 1st regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Hoppe. Motion carried on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Councilmember Dalldorf: Reported that he has received a complaint about a grey car parked on 5th Street that has not moved for several months. Chief Semmler was asked to look into the situation.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Asked if the council would like to install a street light by the track. The council decided to have the Public Works Committee (Councilmen: Dalldorf, Spoelstra, and Lang) and Chief Semmler to assess the area and determine if more than one light is needed. A decision will be made at the November 5th meeting. 2) Requested permission to draft a letter of support for the Rise Up grant application by the Platte/Geddes School. Mayor Gustad stated he would write the letter of support. 3) Reported that Mike Schmit from Helms and Associates informed Meyerink the punch list for the lighting project is complete. A control board for the Runway 32 PAPI was not working properly and has been replaced.

Police Department. Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) Chief Semmler stated he would like to order new winter coats for the department. Council approved the order of new winter coats.

Public Works. None

Chamber of Commerce: Chamber Executive Laura VandenBerg reported on the following topics: 1) This past summer the Chamber hosted a bus tour from Worthington, Minnesota who came to visit Platte. VandenBerg gave them a tour of Platte, took them to the Golf Course and a few other places around town. The bus tour company has mentioned they will consider Platte in the future for the tours as it was a success and enjoyable experience. 2) The Chamber of Commerce has been awarded a \$500.00 grant from Rooster Rush. With the grant, forty orange caps were purchased for the upcoming hunting season. 3) The Platte Brochure is being updated and will be given a new refreshed look. Once the updates are complete three thousand brochures will be printed for disbursement. 4) A new billboard on Interstate-90 was installed near White Lake. 5) VandenBerg furnished the council with a couple example pages of the new website which should be ready to go live in a couple of weeks. 6) Mayor Gustad asked where the live web-cam is. VandenBerg explained there is currently only one which is on top of Pranger Feed Mill. VandenBerg questioned if it would be possible to add a second web-cam on the flagpole at the boulevard. 7) Cordially invited the councilmembers to the annual chamber banquet on Saturday December 1st. 8) Thanked the council for the approval of the funding proposal for the Chamber during the 2013 year. Beginning in January the Chamber office will be open from 8:30 – 3:00 Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC FORUM.

BUILDING PERMITS.

CLAIMS.

Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve all claims as presented with the addition of \$206.31 to SD Department of Revenue for the 2012 swimming pool sales tax. Motion seconded by Spoelstra. Motion carried on roll call vote of 5-0. (Attached as separate document)

OLD BUSINESS.

Airport Board: City Attorney Tim Whalen began by explaining the difference between an ordinance and a resolution because an airport board must be established through an ordinance. Whalen also explained the previous motion to draft a resolution establishing an airport board does not have to be rescinded if the council chooses to begin the process to draft an ordinance to establish the airport board. An airport board is defined under South Dakota Codified Law 50-6. An airport board shall have the power to establish, improve, care for, regulate, and manage any municipal airport and erect buildings and structures thereon and, with the approval of the governing body, acquire land for airport purposes; SDCL 50-6-10. Whalen explained that an airport board is not funded by the City but rather they submit a budget to the City by July 15th each year which would be partly what sets the tax levy for the ensuing year. Hagge questioned how the airport is currently funded. Mayor Gustad told Hagge the airport is currently supported through the general fund which is mostly funded through sales tax and property tax. Hagge shared that the City of Canton who has established an airport board still regulates all construction of buildings. As Hagge compared Canton to Platte, Whalen pointed out that a City Manager form of government is much different than the form of government in Platte. Hagge requested the council and airport committee come to an agreement in the middle using the SD Codified Laws as a guide yet not implementing them to the fullest. Whalen stated he cannot draft an ordinance that would be controversial to state law. Duane Strand shared that he was asked to be on the airport board and asked to attend the meeting. Strand stated he did not want to attend the meeting however, he reluctantly came. Strand spoke to a couple of pilots about their recommendation of an airport board and where the airport should be going. Strand said that because of the length of the runway larger aircrafts are unable to land here. Strand also commented that he would only recommend an advisory board, not an airport authority board. Mayor Gustad stated that he had contacted some individuals who were unable to name a city the size of Platte that has established an airport board according to SDCL 50-6. Mayor Gustad also stated that he has no hesitations with forming a committee but feels the City is not ready for an airport tax levy. Councilmember Lang questioned what would be the intentions of the board after the runway, hangar space, and taxiway projects are complete. Hagge responded that one major intention would be to get the remaining projects to be completed in a shorter period of time. When asked how he planned to accomplish such, Hagge commented that persistence would make a difference or the squeaky wheel gets the grease. **Councilmember Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded to rescind the October 1st motion to establish an airport board. Motion carried on voice vote.** Mayor Gustad will work on language, the intent of, and the appointments of an Advisory Airport Committee for the November 5th council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS.

Public Hearing – Operating Agreement for Dakota Food & Fuel, LLC: Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing for comment at 8:32 p.m. Finance Officer Meyerink stated she prepared the agreement with a three year term as are the other operating agreements. City Attorney Whalen explained the 5% which is payable to the City by all off-sale liquor licenses. Mayor Gustad declared an end to the public hearing at 8:36 p.m. with no further comments. **Councilmember Lang motioned to approve the operating agreement with Dakota Food & Fuel, LLC for three years commencing on October 15, 2012. Motion seconded by Councilmember Spoelstra. Motion carried on voice vote.**

44 Road Stop Off-Sale Liquor License Operating Agreement: City Attorney Tim Whalen explained to the council that because someone else is interested in the license, this topic must be discussed. State statute

prohibits anyone from holding a license so another individual may not use it. If the council decides to cancel the agreement, a ninety day written notice will be sent to 44 Road Stop's owners. The city council approves all liquor licenses. **Councilmember Spoelstra motioned giving notice to Jeff & Rhonda Engebretson, owners of 44 Road Stop, of termination of operating agreement due to closure of 44 Road Stop. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Temporary Liquor Licenses (Kuip's Lounge): Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to approve the temporary liquor license for Kuip's Lounge for the PVA Hunt on Friday November 9th. Motion seconded by Hoppe. Motion carried on voice vote. Councilmember Lang moved and Dalldorf seconded to approve a temporary liquor license for Kuip's Lounge for the Annual Chamber Banquet on December 1st. Motion carried on voice vote.

Recommendation from Police Committee: Chief Semmler stated there are two of the five candidates that he and the police committee would like to interview.

Set Interview Date for Police Officer: Chief Semmler will contact the two applicants for an interview either on Tuesday, October 23rd or Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Spoelstra moved and Dalldorf seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer