

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2013**

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:32 p.m. Those present for roll call were: Mitch Antonsen, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra. Councilmember Joel Foxley was absent. Others present were: Lawrence Cole, Gary Drews, Darrin Erickson, Russ Hendricks, Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Ralph Nachtigal, Jackie Olson, Eric Reiser, David Sarne, Brent Veurink, and Brad Wilson.

AGENDA.

MINUTES. Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to approve the August 5th regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hoppe. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

REPORTS.

Councilmembers: No report.

Mayor Gustad: Reported that there was an accident at the airport. An out-of-town pilot was taxiing from the east side across the grass hay field to the runway when his front tire went in a hole. The plane will be out there for an unknown duration of time. No other details were known at the time.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) The pool is closed for the season as of Saturday August 17th. 2) Budget committee meetings will be set in the next couple of weeks. 3) The Airport will be closed on Tuesday August 20th for a short period of time for asphalt testing. 4) Meyerink distributed a copy of the 2011-2012 audit completed by Schoenfish Co.

Police Department. Officer David Sarne reported on the following topics: 1) Sarne will be attending certification training the week of September 16th – 20th in Pierre.

Public Works. City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) Submitted a wastewater sample requesting to discharge the lagoons. Results had not yet been received. 2) Chip seal project is complete. 3) The lead and copper samples have been completed. All samples except one had good results which is well within our permit. 4) The landfill bury pile has been covered. There is approximately two-thirds of the pit left. 5) Northwestern Energy will be installing an alternate power line from the substation to the East alley behind Main Street. 6) Kuiper requested permission to attend the Water/Wastewater Conference in Aberdeen in September. Council granted permission for Kuiper to attend the conference. 7) Councilmember Overweg questioned why the chip and seal was not completed by BJ Weins's. Kuiper reported that he requested quotes which were never received and no contact was made while the crew was in town for the chip and seal project. Councilmember Lang questioned how things went this year with the project. Kuiper reported that they provided notice that they would arrive in town on Wednesday but actually showed up Tuesday. Due to weather, the crew was unable to run on Wednesday but decided to run Wednesday night. They did not provide any notice to Kevin that they would be running in the evening. Consequently there was not a City employee on site due to no notification. 8) Patch oil is again available in our distributor.

PUBLIC FORUM.

BUILDING PERMITS.

CLAIMS.

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

OLD BUSINESS.

Bull Expo: Councilmember Lang explained he had the opportunity to speak with Dave Mason regarding the bull expo. Lang stated that there will be individual pens set up for each bull with additional panels set up around the exterior for extra security. Lang further explained that the bulls on display that day will be bulls which are used to crowds and noise of sort; much like a show bull. Councilmember Antonsen questioned if the committee will clean up the parking lot afterwards. Yes they would. **Councilmember Spoelstra moved and Lang seconded to approve the request from the Cowboy Christmas and Bull Expo committee to have the Bull Expo in the North West parking across from the school armory on November 30th. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS.

Public Hearing (Starbanks Coffee & Wine, the Platte Flower Shop): Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m. for the consideration of an on-off sale malt beverage and SD farm wines license for Starbanks Coffee & Wine, the Platte Flower Shop. Jackie Olson was present to inform the council of her intentions with the license. Olson stated that the license would be used to offer non-traditional and specialty malt beverages. The wine would be available for purchase but would primarily be used during private parties at the facility. With no further comments, Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. **Councilmember Spoelstra moved and Antonsen seconded to approve an on-off sale malt beverage and SD Farm Wine license for Starbanks Coffee and Wine, the Platte Flower Shop. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.**

Public Hearing (DeGroot Variance Request): Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. for the consideration of a variance request from Rod and Karen DeGroot. Councilmember Hoppe stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of said variance request. With no further comment before the Board of Adjustment, Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:11 p.m. Councilmember Spoelstra questioned if the variance request would cover any utilities; it would not. **Councilmember Overweg motioned to approve the variance request for Rod and Karen DeGroot at 300 Indiana Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilmember Spoelstra. Motion carried on a Board of Adjustment roll call vote of 6-0.**

Eric Reiser (Water Service Request): Eric Reiser was present to request permission to tap into City Water at 660 West North Street. Reiser stated he submitted the water bill application and deposit already. There are currently no Randall Water lines in the vicinity. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to approve the request of Eric Reiser to tap onto City water at 660 West North Street. Motion carried on a voice vote of 5-0.**

Work Comp Insurance: Two quotes were received for the work comp insurance. Brent Veurink submitted a quote of \$2,554.00 for the remainder of 2013 and \$7,642.00 for 2014 through the SDML Work Comp Fund. Darrin Erickson, BW Insurance submitted a quote of \$14,804.00. Councilmember Hoppe informed the council the finance committee recommended the acceptance of the Work Compensation Policy from SDML Work Comp Fund. **Councilmember Overweg motioned to accept the Work Comp quote from Brent Veurink with the SDML Work Comp Fund in the amount of \$2,554.00 for the remainder of 2013 and \$7,642.00 for 2014. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hopper. Motion carried on a voice vote of 4-1 with Councilmember Spoelstra opposing.**

General Liability Insurance: Two quotes were submitted for the General Liability Insurance request. Brent Veurink submitted a quote of \$17,559.06 through the SD Public Assurance Alliance. Darrin Erickson of BW Insurance submitted a quote of \$16,468.00. Councilmember Hoppe explained the finance committee recommended renewing the General Liability policy with BW Insurance. **Councilmember Lang motioned to renew the General Liability insurance policy with BW Insurance, Darrin Erickson, in the amount of \$16,468.00. Motion carried on a voice vote of 5-0.**

Lawrence Cole: Lawrence Cole was present to discuss a water bill with the council. Cole stated that he purchased the house at 312 South Illinois two years ago. Cole stated he has been in the process of remodeling the house and therefore has not been living there permanently. Cole declared he had shut the water valve off in the basement. Cole stated that Meyerink called him in February regarding his water reading due to high consumption. Upon investigation, it was noticed the valve went missing and the water line was running wide open. A police report was filed. There was also an insurance claim filed. The insurance claim was paid due to vandalism. Cole requested the permission to pay the City's cost of water of \$1.90 per thousand for the 639,320 gallons of water which went through the meter. The total cost would come to an approximate \$1,200.00 Cole stated. Councilmember Spoelstra informed Cole that the request put the council in a difficult position as they have not forgiven any water bills thus far. Councilmember Lang questioned why the insurance company did not pay the bill. Cole explained that they cover the damage done by the water but not for the water itself. **Councilmember Overweg motioned accept the request from Lawrence Cole to pay the 639,320 gallons of water usage at the \$1.90 rate due to vandalism. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hoppe. Motion carried on a voice vote of 4-1 with Councilmember Lang opposing.**

Riverside Acres Lot: Meyerink explained to the council the options available according to state law regarding Lot 47 of Riverside Acres. The council can reappraise the lot and try to sell via sealed bid again following state law procedures, sell it for a minimum of 90% of the appraised value, or contact licensed realtors to list the property with. The council can also choose to wait a one year time period and sell the land through an auction. Meyerink was asked to contact local realtors regarding listing guidelines and rules. No further action was taken at this time.

Advertise for Garbage & LP Quotes: Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to advertise for garbage and propane quotes with quotes due in the office of the City Finance Officer by Tuesday September 10th at 5:00 p.m. with quotes to be awarded at the September 16th meeting. Motion seconded by councilmember Lang. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Overweg moved and Lang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote of 6-0.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer