

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING
August 5, 2013**

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:30 p.m. Those present for roll call were: Mitch Antonsen, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, and Jerry Overweg. Councilmembers Joel Foxley and Todd Spoelstra were absent. Others present were: Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Ralph Nachtigal, Brandon Semmler, and Brad Wilson.

AGENDA.

MINUTES. Councilmember Lang motioned to approve the July 15 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Overweg. Motion carried on voice vote of 4-0.

REPORTS.

Councilmember Antonsen: Reported that he received a complaint that there was debris from the removal of Randal Brumbaugh’s buildings along Highway 45 going North and along the road to the dump site just north of town. Antonsen stated he investigated the situation and did not see a need for action from Mr. Brumbaugh.

Councilmember Lang: Reported that Todd Strand had approached him again regarding the drainage ditch bordering his property in the Fox Run Addition. With the recent heavy rains, the ditch has a hard time sustaining the water load. City Superintendent Kuiper stated the ditch has not been dug out yet as previously planned and will be done as time, weather, and schedules permit. Councilmember Lang also reported that Tony Schrank inquired on the status of the land previously discussed for the East River Sportsmans Club. Schrank feels there is enough room on the South side of the creek for their intentions. Further research and size will be determined before further action is taken.

Remaining Councilmembers & Mayor: No report.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Attended a meeting in regards to the health care reform and the forth coming changes. Based on the meeting, Meyerink asked if a separate committee could be established to review the changes and options for further recommendation to the council when the time comes. Mayor Gustad stated the finance committee could review these changes, options, and make said recommendations. 2) Charles Mix Electric is in the process of replacing the electric in Sunset Acres. The new install will consist of LED style lighting which takes 1/5 of the energy as a standard light. The cost will be \$9.00 per light. 3) Meyerink informed the council that no bids were received for the lot at Riverside Acres. Meyerink was instructed to contact City Attorney Whalen regarding additional options. 4) Meyerink explained that due to forecasted weather and the cold temperature of the pool the remainder of swimming lessons were cancelled. Attempts had been made to move the classes to the evenings but those too were also cancelled due to weather.

Police Department. Chief Semmler presented the following report for the month of July

AGE RELATED ISSUES

JUVENILE CONTACTS	Nos.	ADULT CONTACTS	Nos.
Verbal Warnings	7	Verbal Warnings	17
Written Warnings	0	Written Warnings	15
Written Citations (1 stop)	0	Written Citations	5
Traffic Complaints Received	0	Traffic Complaints Received	3

Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	7	Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	37
Open Container Citations	0		
Underage Tobacco	0	DWI Arrests	0
DWI Arrests	0	Open Container Warnings	0
Underage Consumption (-18)	0	Open Container Citations	0
Underage Consumption (+18)	1	Field Sobriety Tests Only	0
Total Alcohol Related Contacts	1	Total Alcohol Related Contacts	0

NON-AGE DELINEATED CONTACTS

Property Related Issues	Nos.	Family Violence	Nos.
Vehicle Accidents	4	Complaints	1
Warrant Arrests	2	Arrests	0
Burglary Complaints	1	Protective Custody	0
Drug Reports/Complaints	0	Domestic Violence Calls	0
Welfare Checks	3	Dog Issues	
Robbery Arrests	0	Complaints	10
Theft Reports	1	Dogs Captured	9
Vandalism Reports	0	Dogs Terminated	0
Auto Thefts	0	Owners Warned	5
Assaults	0	Owners Issued Tickets	0
Other Complaints/Misc. Calls	37		
Other Arrests	6	Other Animals – Complaints	2
911 Calls	1	Terminated	1

GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS

Miles Driven on 2011 Dodge	1500	Ambulance Assists	1
Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 09	1300	Community Service Performed	0
Time Vehicle Out of Service	0	Training Sessions Attended	0
Hours Spent in Court	5	Business Alarms	1
Funeral Escorts	1	Motorist Assists	0

Mayor Gustad questioned Semmler if there have been any complaints of badgers in town. Semmler stated he has not received any.

Public Works. City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) Had a meeting with Alvin VanZee to review the site for the Rural Water bypass to be installed sometime in the next couple of weeks. 2) Received good results on the recent well samples submitted for the landfill. 3) The ammonia levels are continuing to be monitored. Recent tests have showed an increase in ammonia from pond one to pond three which is being researched. The level is still well within the permitted levels. A discharge request will be submitted soon. 4) Street patching has been completed for the year. The City’s supplier is out of tack oil and no set plan to refill it exists at the time. Other suppliers have been contacted and plans are being arranged for future uses. 5) The flow monitors are still being monitored by engineers. They are seeing a result of more water leaving town than what is reaching the lagoons. 6) Additional sidewalk, benches, and swings have been placed at South Park. 7) Questioned the status of the RFP for the new pool. Meyerink informed Kuiper that Planning District III is still in the process of making adjustments for recommendations.

PUBLIC FORUM.

BUILDING PERMITS.

CLAIMS.

Councilmember Lang motioned to approve all claims as presented. Motion seconded by Hoppe. Motion carried on roll call vote of 4-0. (Attached as separate document)

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS.

Insurance Quote – Veurink Insurance Agency: A quote from Veurink Insurance Agency was submitted for both the Work Comp. and Commercial Liability policies. Brad Wilson was present to explain a few highlights of the Work Comp policy. The employer limit was quoted at two million which is higher than the current policy. Councilmember Overweg questioned that with only one quote received and a letter of requests sent out, why would the council wait to consider a second quote from another agent regardless if it is the renewal policy. Mayor Gustad stated that the council may so choose to either take action on the presented policy or they may choose to take a couple of weeks and review the quote. No action was taken by council and a decision should be made at the August 19th meeting.

Set Public Hearing – Liquor License (Starbanks Coffee & Wine, the Platte Flower Shop): Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to set the public hearing date of August 19th at 8:00 p.m. for the consideration of a On-Off sale Malt Beverage & SD Wine license for Starbanks Coffee & Wine, the Platte Flower Shop. Motion carried on voice vote of 4-0.

Bull Expo: Meyerink explained to the council that a request was submitted to host the Bull Expo in the Northwest parking lot of the Armory. The school has granted the group permission but would like to present the request to the City. The bulls would be on display for the day of November 30th only. Councilmember Overweg moved and Antonsen seconded to table the request until the August 19th meeting for further information and to allow time to think about the request. Motion carried on voice vote of 4-0.

Midland Contracting Retainage Reduction Request: Midland Contracting submitted a written request to reduce the retainage of the Taxiway and Apron Project from the 10% down to two times of the work to be completed. Mayor Gustad explained that he researched the request through communication with Helms & Associates. The council deemed there to be little concern in reducing the retainage as 95% of the project is complete. Councilmember Overweg motioned to approve the retainage reduction from 10% to 2% for Midland Contracting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lang. Motion carried on voice vote of 4-0.

Pay Request #4 (Midland Contracting): Pay request number four was submitted in the amount of \$83,900.73 which does include the new retainage amount. Councilmember Hoppe moved and Antonsen seconded to approve pay request number four from Midland Contracting. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4-0.

Recommendation from Planning Commission: Councilmember Hoppe informed the council that a recommendation of approval is suggested for the variance request of Rod and Karen DeGroot.

Set Public Hearing for Variance Request: Councilmember Lang motioned to set the public hearing for the variance request from Rod and Karen DeGroot for Monday, August 19th at 8:05 p.m.

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