

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

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:31 p.m. Those present for roll call were: Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Lorraine Plooster. Others present were: Kirk Jensen, Marc King, Mark Mount, Shauna Meyerink, Ralph Nachtigal, David Sarne, and Brandon Semmler.

AGENDA.

MINUTES. Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve the February 4, 2013, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.

REPORTS.

Councilmember Lang: 1) Reported that he has received a complaint regarding the landfill. It had been brought to his attention that there are shingles, wood, sheetrock, and other items all being dumped into the bury pile rather than being sorted out. It was also stated that batteries were being disposed of at the dump which is prohibited.

Councilmember Overweg: Inquired what has been raised thus far for the new swimming pool. Meyerink reported that there is currently approximately \$900,000.00 in the bank with the budgeted \$250,000.00 for 2013; that would of course change if the full amount is not transferred. Overweg stated he commends the pool committee and community for their efforts and support in raising money for the new pool.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Reminded the council that petitions are due this Friday by 5:00 p.m. 2) Informed the council that the Airport Conference that Doug & Linda Sly were approved to attend was March 27 & 28th at Cedar Shores Resort. 3) Reported that Meyerink is working on setting a time with Brian McGinnis of Planning & Development District III to begin working on language concerns to the Platte Zoning Ordinance. 4) Meyerink, Lang, and the Pool Committee met with Eric Ambrosion of Planning and Development District III last week to discuss options for the new pool. There were some new ideas that were shared and will be researched but at this time there is not much available for grants for a pool. 5) Meyerink requested permission to attend a Discharge Monitoring Report Training in Centerville on February 21st as the reports will now be required to be filed online. Council granted permission for Meyerink to attend.

Police Department. Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) That both officers will be in Lake Andes on Friday, February 22nd for tazer training. Officer Sarne is currently certified in Minnesota and will be certified in South Dakota after Friday. 2) Requested permission to send Officer Sarne to the 2013 Transportation Safety Conference in Pierre on March 6th & 7th. The council granted permission for Sarne to attend the Transportation Safety Conference. 3) Informed the council Chief Semmler will need to attend a Grant training class on March 18th. In order for Semmler to apply for any grants for the Police Department he must take this training. Council agreed to allow Chief Semmler to attend the grant training course.

Public Works. No report.

PUBLIC FORUM.

Mark Mount appeared before the council and informed them that the gravel taxi-way to his hangar location was muddy and had standing water. Mount asked the council to pave the gravel portion of the taxi-way to his hanger. Mount also indicated that he would be interested in paving an apron area directly in front of his

hangar. Mayor Gustad explained that Federal and State Funding assistance for engineering, paving and on-going maintenance of that area is not available due to its location. Mount stated that maintenance of the taxi-way serving his structure must be maintained. Mayor Gustad indicated that more information would be collected and it would be brought to the next meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Mayor Gustad explained that Meyerink presented the enclosed building permit application for Paul's Barber Shop. The application is for a 1 foot addition to the height of the roof; the request does not meet the 8' side yard set-back. The Board of Adjustment approved the requested permit through an administrative review.

CLAIMS.

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

OLD BUSINESS.

None

NEW BUSINESS.

STOP Grant: State Attorney Tom Deadrick approached the council to request their continued support for the STOP Grant. Deadrick explained the council has supported the Grant over the past couple of years with a \$1,000.00 donation. The program is used to in domestic violence cases. Deadrick stated that a victim's advocate program is available to support those individuals who are willing to come forward to report the abuse. The program is also designed to help bring law enforcement together on such cases along with providing child care programs for these situations. **Councilmember Overweg moved and Plooster seconded to donate \$1,000.00 toward the 2014 STOP Grant. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.**

Melcher Museum Monetary Request: Mark King and Kirk Jensen were present on behalf of the Melcher Museum. King stated that he was present to request a \$35,000.00 contribution from the City to the Melcher Museum to be used in paying off the loan for the building. King stated the \$35,000.00 would get the building debt free which would allow the museum to survive on its own. King explained they have been diligently working on different displays including the Main Street room, a doll room, an Ag display, the old school, and a country church. They plan to change the room periodically. Councilmember Lang suggested the idea they break the payments down to a three year period. No action was taken on the request and further information will be provided.

Monetary Request from Platte Area Pool Foundation Committee: Meyerink stated she received a request from the Platte Area Pool Foundation Committee for \$750.00 to be paid toward the 501c-3 application process. Mayor Gustad asked if all the donations are still being deposited to the City's account. Meyerink replied that the Committee has recently opened their own checking account and any donations under \$75.00 have been kept by them while the larger donations are coming to the City. Meyerink also informed them the Dancing with the Stars event the money was split between the accounts; the Calcutta checks were brought to the City while the remainder went toward their account. Mayor Gustad stated it appears to be a wash to pay the \$750.00 request when they have the funds available which will ultimately be given back to the City when it is time to begin building the pool. Councilmember Lang questioned what type of audit trail it would present if the City paid the fee and then was given the money back in the end with the remainder of the funds. Meyerink suggested she contact the Committee for additional information before any further action is taken. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Plooster seconded to table the request until additional information is provided by the Platte Area Pool Foundation Committee. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.**

Annual Report Extension Request: Meyerink requested an extension for completion and filing of the 2012 Annual Report. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded allowing an extension for completion and filing of the 2012 Annual Financial Report. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.**

Correction to Chip and Seal Bids: Meyerink explained the proper notice did not get sent for publish and is therefore requesting the bid opening date be moved to Monday, March 4th at 4:00 p.m. **Councilmember Hoppe motioned to amend the request for Chip and Seal bids to have bids due Monday, March 4, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Overweg. Motion carried on voice vote 5-0.** Councilmember Overweg questioned if the road around Weins Sales Connection could be included in the Chip and Seal project this summer. City Superintendent Kuiper will be informed of the request and the topic will be discussed at a future date.

Advertise for Summer Help Positions: Councilmember Hoppe motioned to advertise for summer employment positions including both the maintenance department and swimming pool department with applications due Thursday, March 14, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. to the Finance Office, Platte City Hall. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lang. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

New Swimming Pool: Councilmember Lang suggested he feels the council should begin talking to engineers about the new swimming pool. This would give the council some firm figures and plans for the new pool stated Lang. Mayor Gustad stated the thought might be a little premature. Mayor Gustad asked Meyerink to find out what kind of lead time is normal for such project and what costs might be associated. Meyerink will research the requests and report back to the council at a later date. No further action was taken at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Lang moved and Plooster seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote of 6-0.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer