

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2013**

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 8:00 p.m. Those present for roll call were: Joel Foxley, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra. Councilmember Lorraine Plooster was absent. Others present were: Cindy Deadrick, Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Matt & Heather Mushitz, Ralph Nachtigal, and Mel VandenBos.

AGENDA.

MINUTES. Councilmember Foxley motioned to approve the March 4, 2013, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Lang. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

REPORTS.

Mayor & Councilmembers: None

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) As a follow up from the March 4th discussion about the sewer funds budget, the fund is currently budgeted at \$6,220.00 under budget. Meyerink questioned the council for direction with the C-Arrow fencing proposal. The council informed Meyerink to include it in the 2014 budget. 2) Meyerink informed the council the Paint South Dakota information has arrived and will be available at the office if anyone should be interested. The council asked Meyerink to inform the Ministerial Association. 3) Reminders of the District 4 meeting on April 11th and the Planning and Development District III event on April 18th. 4) The Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. in Yankton.

Police Department.

Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) The class Semmler was scheduled to take on Monday, March 18th was canceled. Semmler will now be attending the same class in Pierre on Thursday. 2) Officer Sarne will be out of town all week. 3) The car has had the fuel filter changed which helped some with the problem but the car will go back to Platte Ford within the next week.

Public Works. City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) Kuiper requested permission to send Tyler Veurink to Asphalt Conference in Pierre on April 3rd & 4th. Kuiper stated the conference would be beneficial to Veurink. Council granted permission for Veurink to attend the Asphalt Conference. 2) Kuiper reported there was an accident during the last snow fall. It was reported as a no fault accident. Veurink was going North, was going take a wide right turn and hit a car who attempted to pass the truck on the right side as Veurink was turning. No one was injured. 3) Councilmember Lang questioned how the conversation went with the employees at the landfill. Kuiper reported that it went as usual. Kuiper stated it was a more in depth conversation than he has given in the past. Kuiper was also asked if there has been any more thought to the idea of moving the shack. Kuiper doesn't think that should be necessary because in order to move the shack all power and electrical lines will then need to be moved. Councilmember Spoelstra questioned the idea of the cameras. The cameras will be discussed during the budget setting for 2014.

PUBLIC FORUM.

Cindy Deadrick was present on behalf of the Charles Mix Republican Women to invite the council to a luncheon on Thursday April 4th at 11:45 a.m. to meet First Lady Daugaard. The luncheon will be held at the First Reformed Church in Platte.

BUILDING PERMITS.

CLAIMS.

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

OLD BUSINESS.

Melcher Museum Monetary Request: Marc King was going to gather documentation of the Museums legal status. For the City to donate funds to an organization, the organization must be 501c-3 non-profit. The Museum is currently listed as a 501c-3 in the state of South Dakota but is not listed that way federally. King had requested permission from the Development Corporation to transfer the funds through them until the Museum can get all their paperwork finalized. Mayor Gustad stated he wants to help, but doesn't know if that's where tax payer dollars should be spent. Councilmember Lang stated he would like to see a log of he amount of out-of-town traffic through the museum. Councilmember Foxley stated that there are a number of individual that do pass through there at times. Mayor Gustad also commented that he didn't have a problem going through the Development Corporation but that it doesn't look right as a by-standers point. It just doesn't look appropriate. Councilmember Spoelstra stated that the City is also trying to build a pool and that priorities need to be remembered. Mayor Gustad stated the Museum took on the debt before and without any consideration of City funding and the council has a responsibility to provide the equipment, tools and training necessary for the employees to perform their tasks to the best of their ability. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Spoelstra seconded to table the request until the Melcher Museum has finalized their 501c-3 status with the federal government and visitation records can be provided at which time the request can be re-discussed. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS.

Public Hearing for Off-Sale Liquor License: Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. for public comment. Heather Mushitz explained the off-sale request is to establish a liquor store at 506 South Main. A purchase agreement has been signed contingent upon the approval of the liquor license and obtaining lending resources. Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 8:12 p.m. Mayor Gustad opened the floor for opposition statements at 8:13 p.m. Mel VandenBos stated that he is in opposition of the request. VandenBos also commented that there are enough licenses already held in Platte and too many wrecks are caused by alcohol. Mayor Gustad suspended the public hearing until 8:30 p.m. Mayor Gustad re-opened the public hearing at 8:36 for public comment. After no further comments, Mayor Gustad declared an end to the public hearing at 8:40 p.m. Mayor Gustad explained the council can only deny a liquor license request if there are statutory reasons and that personal opinions should not be considered. Councilmember Spoelstra commented that the government has made it legal to drive and legal to drink but illegal to drink and drive. Councilmember Overweg stated that VandenBos has seen the results and that is the reason for his opposition and appearance to the hearing. Mushitz explained that she is not trying to compete with the bars and plans to be closed on Sundays. **Councilmember Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the Off-Sale Liquor license for Heather Mushitz, owner of The Liquor Cabinet, for 506 South Main, contingent upon receiving financing and ownership of the building. Motion carried on a voice vote of 4-1 with Councilmembers Foxley, Hoppe, Lang, and Spoelstra all in favor, and Councilmember Overweg opposing.**

Resolution of Plat Approval: Meyerink informed the council the item will need to be tabled as there are changes being made to the plat.

Recommendation from Planning Commission – Olson Variance: Councilmember Lang informed the council the Planning Commission recommends the approval of the variance request by Travis & Kari Olson.

Set Public Hearing for Olson Variance: Councilmember Lang moved and Foxley seconded to set Monday April 1st at 8:00 p.m. as the public hearing date for the Olson Variance request. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

Irregular Tract along East Railway: Mayor Gustad explained that he had been approached by an individual interested in purchasing the two tracts owned by the City along the Railway ditch and 4th Street. Mayor Gustad explained to the individual that the City cannot legally sell anything without surplussing it and either selling it through an auction or sealed bid. The individual understood that. Mayor Gustad asked the council if they would have any interest in selling the property or not. Kuiper stated that it is a great opportunity and the City doesn't really have a need for the ground. Kuiper also explained that he and Meyerink had researched all the records and it appears that there is a portion of the tract that was never platted out. The council all agreed it was a good idea and more information will be gathered prior to the property being surplused.

Temporary Liquor Licenses – Kuip's Lounge (3); Fergie's Pub & Barrister (1-transfer request): Councilmember Lang moved and Spoelstra seconded to approve the temporary liquor license for Kuip's Lounge for a pool fundraiser on May 4th. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0. Councilmember Hoppe moved and Foxley seconded to approve the temporary liquor license for a wedding dance on June 8th for Kuip's Lounge. Motion carried on voice vote. Councilmember Lang moved and Foxley seconded to approve the temporary liquor license request by Kuip's Lounge for a wedding dance on June 22nd. Motion carried on voice vote. Meyerink requested the previously approved temporary liquor license for Fergie's Pub be transferred from March 16th to April 13th as the Fashion Show was rescheduled due to the boys making it to the State tournament. Councilmember Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the transfer of the temporary liquor license date for Fergies Pub & Barrister from March 16th to April 13th for a Fashion Show. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

Appointment of Election Workers: Councilmember Overweg motioned to appoint Elsie Tronvold as Election Superintendent and Glenna Kimball and Cheri VanDusseldorp as Election Deputies. Motion seconded by Councilmember Foxley. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.

Summer Maintenance Positions: The public works committee recommended hiring Turner Antonsen, Michael Buitenbos, and Al Vanderheiden for the summer maintenance positions. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to hire Turner Antonsen, Michael Buitenbos, and Al Vanderheiden for summer maintenance positions each at \$8.00 per hour based on a 40 hour work week. Motion carried on voice vote of 5-0.**

Pool Manager Position: The public works committee recommended offering the pool manager position to Tami Smit. **Councilmember Spoelstra moved and Hoppe seconded to hire Tami Smit as Pool Manager for the 2013 season at \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Lifeguard Positions: The public works committee recommended the following proposals for lifeguards:

Denise Dertien	\$7.50
Jenna Erickson	\$7.25
Alex Gerlach	\$7.75
Kiera Hubers	\$7.50
Payton Porter	\$8.00
Aubrey Rabenber	\$7.25
Shelby Rabenberg	\$8.25

Councilmember Lang motioned to approved the public works committee's recommendation to hire the above listed lifeguards. Motion seconded by Foxley. Motion carried on voice vote 5-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Overweg moved and Lang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote of 5-0.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer