

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2014**

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 Todd Spoelstra. Councilman Jerry Overweg arrived at 7:35 p.m. Councilmember Joel Foxley was absent. Others present were: DeWayne Kaemingk, Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Ralph Nachtigal, Tonna Reiser, Brandon Semmler, Melanie Sondgeroth, and Bill Tooley.

AGENDA.

MINUTES. Meyerink reported that a correction to Semmler's police report was made prior to the meeting. Meyerink changed the statement that the weather spotting classes was due to technical problems not weather. **Councilmember Lang moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the April 7th regular meeting minutes with said correction of the police report. Motion carried on voice vote.**

REPORTS.

Mayor Gustad and Councilmembers: No report.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) John Clem's has requested participation in the updating of the Charles Mix County Disaster Mitigation Plan. A meeting is scheduled for May 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the County Administrative Building which is located on Fourth Street in Lake Andes. The proposed agenda will be to discuss why the plan needs updated, the scheduled process and assigning of responsibilities. Mayor Gustad expressed interest in attending said plan. 2) The library has budgeted \$1,000.00 for equipment and have found a HP Elite 800G1 series PC from HP of Omaha, Nebraska. Meyerink questioned the council if the pc could be ordered as it was a budgeted item; council approved said request. 3) Meyerink informed the council that title insurance has been requested for Lot 47 of Riverside Acres as the purchase agreement was signed.

Police Department. Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) The conference in which Semmler attended the week of April 29 – May 1 was very informative. There was a speaker from the Boston Marathon bombing task force. Several statistics were provided throughout the conference. The nation's police force will be concentrating on lowering the "killed on duty" stats to be below 100. There were 105 officers lost on duty during 2013. 2) Todd Hiedcamp will be presenting the weather spotting class on May 12th at 7:00p.m. in the Platte Community Center.

Public Works. City Superintendent reported on the following topics: 1) Al Vanderheiden will begin working within the week. 2) The pool will be drained, cleaned and filled within the month as weather permits. 3) Stockwell Engineers sent Gabe Laber to Platte on Friday, May 2nd, during which time Kuiper showed Laber the water and wastewater systems along with future plans. 4) The mosquito fogger calibration day had to be rescheduled with the date yet to be determined. 5) Kuiper reported the City was approved to begin discharging. The levels fell within permitted limits for a slow discharge. Because the discharge is slow it may take a little longer but will still accomplish the same results.

PUBLIC FORUM.

BUILDING PERMITS.

CLAIMS.

Finance Officer Meyerink requested the addition of two claims: \$193.28 payable to Rich Hoppe for mileage to the airport conference and \$100.00 payable to SD Secretary of State for the 2012 and 2013 Community Center annual report filing fees. **Councilmember Lang motioned to approve all claims in addition to \$193.28 to Rich Hoppe and \$100.00 to SD Secretary of State. Motion seconded by Councilmember Overweg. Motion carried on roll call vote of 5-0. (Attached as separate document)**

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS.

Public Hearing – DeWayne Kaemingk: Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. for the consideration of a 2' variance request at 600 South Delaware Avenue. Councilmember Hoppe state the Planning Commission originally recommended the denial of said permit, but have since changed their minds due to additional information. It was not understood as the drawing does not indicate it, but Kaemingk plans to align the garage with the South side of the house and enter the garage from the alley. Kaemingk explained the 2' request, would allow the garage to jog out for curb appeal. Councilmember Spoelstra clarified that garage would not intrude onto the City right-of-way, which it does not. Councilmember Overweg questioned how far the garage would be from the alley. Kaemingk did not know exact measurements, but explained it will be further than the old garage that was there. With no further comments, Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 7:57 p.m. **Councilmember Spoelstra motioned to approve the two foot variance request from DeWayne Kaemingk at 600 South Delaware for a 26'x28' garage. Motion seconded by Councilmember Antonsen. Motion carried on a Board of Adjustment roll call vote of 6-0.**

Swim Team: Sondgeroth addressed the council to inquire about the expectations and understanding of how the swim team should be ran. Sondgeroth inquired if there was any funding available, which she understood as there was none. Mayor Gustad explained to Sondgeroth and Reiser that historically the City did not fund swim team. Gustad further explained the City did a one time bail out to the swim team but made it very clear that teams rates need to be adjusted as the City could not provide and support in the future, especially being there are several other summer sports held in the City. Sondgeroth stated the swim team is not requesting funding but are requesting two lifeguards to be on duty during practice each day and to instruct. One would be on deck while one would be in the water. Mayor Gustad replied the City deoes not fund coaching and to even be considered it would need to be addressed during budget time (July and August the year prior) which it was not. Councilmember Hoppe stated the swim team needs to find and provide a coach for the team and charge accordingly as does the summer rec program. Finance Officer Meyerink was instructed to contact insurance representative Darrin Erickson about liability concerns. The request was tabled until May 19th.

Ryan Ringling – Airport Use for Drainage Pipe: Finance Officer Meyerink told the council the agenda item would need to be tabled until further notice at Ryan's request. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Spoelstra seconded to table the request until further notice. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Recommendation from Planning Commission: Mayor Gustad explained the planning Commission meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m., May 5th, had to be postponed due to a lack of quorum. Gustad stated the meeting will be held prior to Wednesday May 7th by 10:00 a.m. The recommendation will be included in the packet for the May 19th meeting.

Set Public Hearings – Lorensen and Nydam Variance Requests: Councilmember Overweg moved and Lang seconded to set the public hearing for the Lorensen variance request for Monday, May 19th at 7:50 p.m. and the Nydam variance request for Monday, May 19th at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried on voice vote.

Set Public Hearing for Temporary Liquor License: Councilmember Hoppe moved and Antonsen seconded to set the public hearing date of Monday, May 19th at 7:45 p.m. for the consideration of a temporary liquor license to the Yellow Rose for a wedding reception on June 7th. Motion carried on voice vote.

Oath of Office – Mitch Antonsen: Finance Officer Meyerink administered the Oath of Office for Mitch Antonsen, elected Ward III alderman.

Bill Tooley – Sewer Lagoon Proposal: Tooley presented the council with a proposal from The eXpert Company, which deals with odor and ammonia issues every day. The floating solar circulators are available to the City on a temporary basis. Three circulators were recommended for the third pond. The cost would be the transportation from Sioux Falls, installation on the lagoon and a rental fee of \$50.00 per unit per day, billed monthly in advance. Tooley stated it is anticipated that three months may be required to resolve the issue. Services could be discontinued at any time on a thirty day notice. Upon the three month completion period, the City would be offered a proposal to purchase permanently installed circulators on all three lagoons. Eight units would be needed for the lagoon system. Councilmember Overweg questioned if the rental fees would be applied to the purchase price should the City choose to do so. Tooley explained there are also electric units available which are more efficient and move more water. Those described units would require electricity be provided to each pond but during the trial process the solar units are used. The proposal was tabled and will be considered during budget time.

Executive Session – Personnel: No executive session held.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Spoelstra moved and Lang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Rick Gustad
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer