

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING  
August 4, 2014**

Mayor Gustad called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:36 p.m. Those present for roll call were: Mitch Antonsen, Joel Foxley, Rick Gustad, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Todd Spoelstra. Others present were: Dr. Jerome Bentz, Lisa Brumbaugh, Mark Burket, Cindy Deadrick, Sadie Hanson, Kevin Kuiper, Duane Meyerink, Shauna Meyerink, Ralph Nachtigal, David Sarne, Laura Vanden Berge, and Todd Van Maanen.

**AGENDA.**

**MINUTES.** Councilmember Overweg moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the July 21<sup>st</sup> special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on voice vote. Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to approve the July 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.

**REPORTS.**

**Councilmember Overweg:** Reported on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Delaware a young girl was almost hit by a vehicle. This is not the first close call of the summer. Mayor Gustad requested that Officer Sarne evaluate the intersection and determine if something shall be addressed.

**Councilmember Antonsen:** Reported that the City is tentatively approved from the National Guard to demolish the existing pool. There is a large amount of paperwork to be completed yet for final approval. Antonsen will complete the required paperwork. Mayor Gustad questioned if there was a timeline the work must be completed by. Councilmember Antonsen stated he is researching the deadline date.

**Remaining Councilmembers and Mayor:** No report.

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) The surplus auction held on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> brought in a revenue total of \$10,357.34. 2) The grant application for designing the reconstruction of the runway has been signed and sent in. 3) Meyerink stated she received an email with an attachment of a resolution for a LWCF grant application to aid in the expenses of the new swimming pool. Upon contacting PDIII to get additional information on the grant, Meyerink was informed that someone from Platte made the request. Meyerink also stated the following information is needed to complete the application: the project cost, project funding, project justification, and a resolution that the sponsor (the City) will dedicate the land where this project is located for park and outdoor recreation purposes in perpetuity. Based on the information needed, Finance Officer Meyerink was directed to not proceed with the grant application at this time, as most of the required information to apply for the grant has not yet been determined. As this is an ongoing funding opportunity, it will be pursued when the needed information is complete.

**Police Department.** Chief Semmler provided the following report for the month of July 2014.

**AGE RELATED ISSUES**

<b>JUVENILE CONTACTS</b>	<b>Nos.</b>	<b>ADULT CONTACTS</b>	<b>Nos.</b>
Verbal Warnings	0	Verbal Warnings	31
Written Warnings	0	Written Warnings	0
Written Citations (1 stop)	0	Written Citations	5
Traffic Complaints Received	0	Traffic Complaints Received	7
Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	0	Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)	53

<b>Open Container Citations</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Underage Tobacco</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>DWI Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DWI Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Open Container Warnings</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Underage Consumption (-18)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Open Container Citations</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Underage Consumption (+18)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Field Sobriety Tests Only</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Alcohol Related Contacts</b>	<b>0</b>

**NON-AGE DELINEATED CONTACTS**

<b>Property Related Issues</b>	<b>Nos.</b>	<b>Family Violence</b>	<b>Nos.</b>
<b>Vehicle Accidents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Warrant Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Protective Custody</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Drug Reports/Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Domestic Violence Calls</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Welfare Checks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Dog Issues</b>	
<b>Robbery Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Theft Reports</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Dogs Captured</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Vandalism Reports</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Dogs Terminated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Owners Warned</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Assaults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Owners Issued Tickets</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other Complaints/Misc. Calls</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>Dog Bite</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other Arrests</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Other Animals – Complaints</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>911 Calls</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Terminated</b>	<b>1</b>

**GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS**

<b>Miles Driven on 2011 Dodge</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>Ambulance Assists</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Miles Driven on Ford Crown Vic 09</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>Community Service Performed</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Time Vehicle Out of Service</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Training Sessions Attended</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Hours Spent in Court</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Business Alarms</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funeral Escorts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Motorist Assists</b>	<b>3</b>

Officer Sarne also reported that the new police vehicle has arrived and is currently having equipment installed at B&L Communications.

**Public Works.** City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) Justin Boltjes began work on August 4<sup>th</sup>. 2) There was a water leak issue addressed. 3) The 2014 chip and seal project is scheduled to begin August 18<sup>th</sup>. Commercial Asphalt does not currently have any cold mix on hand nor any hot mix. Daily calls are being made to see if the plant is running. 4) Upon researching the difference of placing concrete versus hot mix behind the hospital, it was determined there was an insignificant difference. Therefore, a 6” layer of concrete will be poured versus a 4” layer of hot mix. Coordination is being worked out with the hospital.

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

**BUILDING PERMITS.**

**CLAIMS.**

**Councilmember Lang motioned to approve all claims as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Foxley. Motion carried on roll call vote of 6-0. (Attached as separate document)**

## OLD BUSINESS.

## NEW BUSINESS.

**Public Hearing – Yellow Rose Temporary Liquor License (RMEF Banquet):** Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. for the consideration of a temporary liquor license for the RMEF Banquet on August 16<sup>th</sup>. With no public comments, Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. **Councilmember Foxley moved and Lang seconded to approve the temporary liquor license for the Yellow Rose for the RMEF Banquet on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Public Hearing – Yellow Rose Temporary Liquor License (Wedding Reception):** Mayor Gustad opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. for public comment on the temporary liquor license for the Yellow Rose during the wedding reception on September 13<sup>th</sup>. With no public comments, Mayor Gustad closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. **Councilmember Hoppe motioned to approve the temporary liquor license request from the Yellow Rose for a wedding reception on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Councilmember Antonsen. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Curb and Gutter in Sunset Acres:** Todd Van Maanen of Eisenbraun and Associates was present to discuss the recent request for curb and gutter in Sunset Acres. Van Maanen explained that in 2007 the subdivision and Montana Avenue from Highway 44 South had road grades set and determined for curb and gutter. There is currently eight inches of gravel laid, with no fabric. Van Maanen requested direction from the council in order to provide more accurate number for the requested curb and gutter project. It was agreed that Van Maanen would provide cost estimates based on the installation of curb and gutter with leaving the existing gravel in place.

**Westside Drainage:** Van Maanen also discussed the Westside drainage project with the council. The council currently has \$20,000.00 budgeted for the connection of Wisconsin and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Van Maanen stated a pipe project is possible to allow for the connection of Wisconsin and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Drainage beyond that point would be costly and ineffective. Councilmember Foxley expressed his desire to complete Wisconsin and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street but address the drainage issue at a later date. **Councilmember Foxley moved and Spoelstra seconded to request preliminary plans for the placing of the culverts to extend the drainage and connect Wisconsin and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Pool Committee:** Jerome Bentz, Lisa Brumbaugh, Mark Burket, Cindy Deadrick, Sadie Hanson, Melanie Sondgeroth, Duane Meyerink, and Laura Vanden Berge were present to discuss the recent issues regarding the new pool. They began by presenting the following letter:

*We appreciate the opportunity to come together with the city council. We know that this pool is a huge project and feel it is vital that both the city council and pool committee works together to make this happen. At this point it appears we are on opposing sides – this will not work. There have been negative things from both sides. We feel it is time to clean the slate. We as a committee have no personal agenda nor should you as the city council-this is the cities pool-personal agendas aside.*

*Our agenda as a committee is to support the city council and to help raise money to aid the city in funding this project. Some of the things we would like the city council to consider are:*

- 1. Have the RFP interview committee investigate concerns with Helms in regards to the Winner and Britton pools.*
- 2. Going forward we would like to have open lines of communication for example we request one person from your pool committee to attend our monthly meetings which are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the museum unless otherwise notified and then have that committee person report to all of the council on our meeting at the next city council meeting during their committee report.*

*Again, we thank you for your time and support of our committee and the work we do. We truly feel it is necessary to expedite the process of awarding the engineering contract to enhance our fundraising efforts and move forward together on this project.*

*Platte Area Pool Committee,  
Lisa Brumbaugh, Dr. Jerome Bentz, Melanie Sondgeroth, & Sadie Hanson*

Councilmember Spoelstra stated he had talked to City Attorney Tim Whalen and the committee's purpose is to advise the council of their opinions; Spoelstra stated he never heard a recommendation from the committee. Spoelstra also said he contacted Helms and Associates to arrange a meeting for July 31<sup>st</sup>, but received notification they would not be attending without first getting details on the specific questions to be answered. Burket informed the council that he did not understand why they were being asked to come and also that he had contacted Corey Helms regarding the concerns. Based on information received that Winner's pool was closed for a period of time due to a leaking pipe, the committee strongly feels the need to research the issue prior to proceeding forward with negotiations with engineers. Prior to learning of their concerns, both Finance Officer Meyerink and Mayor Gustad independently contacted the City of Winner to discuss the issue of the leaking pipe. Both were informed the pipe was for sure leaking and a section of the pool floor was removed so the pipe could be repaired. Finance Officer Meyerink specifically questioned if the leak was a result of anything specific or if there were any concerns of the engineering of the Winner pool. Mayor Gustad contacted Corey at Helms and Associates and was informed by Corey that Helms was never contacted regarding the issue and was unaware of the problem. Under the recommendation from the RFP Committee consisting of three councilmembers and three pool committee members and Finance Officer Meyerink, the council made a motion to begin negotiations with Helms and Associates on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The council makes decisions which affect the community based on research and having the best interest of the community in mind. Due to the issues that have arisen, the meeting to begin preliminary design, location, and cost was not scheduled. Therefore, a contract has not been presented by Helms and Associates nor approved by council. Following the discussion, Mayor Gustad informed the council that Helms has requested the following positions/personnel be included in the committee to meet with them: the Mayor, the City Superintendent, the Finance Officer, two or three additional councilmembers, 2,3, or 4 pool committee members, and 1 person at large if needed. With said request, members of the Pool committee and council recommended that Mayor Gustad, City Superintendent Kuiper, Councilmembers Mitch Antonsen, Todd Spoelstra, and Jarrod Lang, Pool Committee Members Melanie Sondgeroth, Laura Vanden Berge, Dr. Jerome Bentz, and Sadie Hanson will consist of the committee to begin negotiations with Helms and Associates, and Finance Officer Meyerink agreed to be present for recording purposes only.

**Executive Session.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Lang moved and Hoppe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Gustad  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer