

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING  
June 15, 2015**

**Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order at Platte City Hall at 7:30 p.m. Those present for roll call were: Tom Boltjes, Steve Christensen, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Scott VandenBerge. Councilmember Foxley was absent.** Others present were: Sharon Huizenga, , Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Brandon Semmler, and Ross VanZee.

**AGENDA.**

**MINUTES.**

**Councilmember Lang moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the June 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**REPORTS.**

**Councilmember Overweg:** Reported that it had been brought to his attention that there is a boat being launched into the pond at South Park. Overweg was concerned if the boat should be in the pond as that was not the initial intent of the pond. Superintendent Kuiper stated the concrete boat ramp is used to install and remove the fountain. Council deemed there should be no boats on the pond and to have a “no boats allowed” sign installed. Council also asked Chief Semmler to monitor the situation and visit with anyone with a boat.

**Mayor and Remaining Councilmen:** No reports.

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Thanked the council for the opportunity to attend Finance Officers and HR school in Pierre the previous week. 2) Informed the council of a meeting with Helms regarding the new pool set for June 30<sup>th</sup>. 3) Reminded the council of the budget training and elected officials workshops in July. 4) Meyerink stated the May financial report will be included with the July 6<sup>th</sup> packet due to being gone for school. 6) Finance Officer Meyerink also reminded the council that the two year audit will be June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 7) The carpet in the community center is in the process of being replaced.

**Police Department.** Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) Informed the council that a notice was sent for publishing addressing underage moped drivers. 2) Semmler also stated that a reminder about the fireworks policy will be published with the Fourth of July approaching. 3) Semmler informed the council he has been authorized to work the Sturgis Rally.

**Public Works.** City Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) Bryce Foxley’s excavator was rented to crush and cover the burry pit. Kuiper stated there was an excess amount of burnable wood and mattresses in the burry pit. The burnable wood should be in the burn pile. Kuiper stated that perhaps the rate schedule should be addressed to award those separating their loads while charging more for those with mixed loads. 2) The contaminated soil site has been aerated and well samples taken. 3) Street sweeping was completed around town. 4) Cold mix was purchased and street patching has begun. 5) Kuiper reported that town was fogged three times the previous week. 6) Kuiper also stated things were going well at the pool. 7) The maintainer is still having problems Kuiper reported. RDO estimated the repairs at \$3,600.00. There is a problem with the valve on the cylinder that controls the vertical motions of the blade causing it to settle out. There is also question if there is metal in the hydraulic system. Kuiper stated an eight year old machine had been traded in to RDO and would cost approximately \$120,000.00. Kuiper was directed to pull the filters and have them cut to look if there was metal in them.

## **PUBLIC FORUM.**

### **BUILDING PERMITS.**

#### **CLAIMS.**

Finance Officer Meyerink requested the addition of the registration fees for budget training and elected officials workshops in the amount of \$250.00. **Councilmember Lang motioned to approve all claims as presented with the addition of \$250.00 for elected officials workshop training registration and budget training registration. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hoppe. Motion carried on roll call vote of 5-0. (Attached as separate document)**

#### **OLD BUSINESS.**

**Water/Wastewater Engineer:** Mayor Christensen stated the council needed to provide direction in which the City should proceed on the water/sewer study and compliance schedule of the sanitary sewer system. Finance Officer Meyerink stated that during a conversation with Helms, the rate structure was discussed. The rate structure would be similar to how the pool and airport projects are done. Councilmember Lang stated that he would suggest Helms as they are currently completing other projects in town. Councilmember Boltjes suggested HR Green as they are a nationwide company with a number of resources available. **Councilmember Overweg motioned to begin negotiations with HR Green for the wastewater study/compliance schedule for the City of Platte. Motion seconded by Councilmember VandenBerge. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**City Engineer:** The council tabled the city engineer discussion until a later date. No action was taken.

#### **NEW BUSINESS.**

**Public Hearing – Malt Beverage License – PFC:** Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m. for the discussion of a malt beverage license for the Platte Food Center. With no comments, Mayor Christensen closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m. **Councilmember VandenBerge motioned to approve the malt beverage license for the Platte Food Center. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lang. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Surplus Property – Lot by Rick Plooster:** Finance Officer Meyerink informed the council that following a question regarding the legal description of said lot, the lot has not been surveyed therefore no legal description was available. Councilmember VandenBerge stated he had concerns of selling city property as it is always an unknown of what that property may be needed for in the future. Superintendent Kuiper showed the council that the lot is still part of the East Railway Street which has not yet been sold or vacated. Council deemed it would not be wise to sell one section of the East Railway in the center as no other sections have been or intend to be sold at this time. No further action was taken.

**Award Hay Bids:** Finance Officer Meyerink presented to hay bids: Brad Pranger quoted \$25.00 per bale and Six J's Jinglebell Belgians quoted \$1.50 per small square bale and \$11.00 per large round bale. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Boltjes seconded to award the hay bid to Brad Pranger at \$25.00 per bale. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Landfill – Shingles:** Councilmember Lang provided the council with a memo explaining the shingle program. They would be able to take shingles and shingles with felt still attached. Items that could not be accepted include wood, metal flashings, gutters, nails, plastic wrap buckets, paper waste, and other garbage trash or dirt. The recycled shingles are used for road asphalt. A corner of the landfill could be designated to store the shingles until they are hauled to Sioux Falls. The committee will discuss the issue to provide the remaining council with a recommendation.

**First Reading of Supplemental Ordinance No. 334:** Finance Officer Meyerink presented Supplemental Ordinance No. 334 transferring \$35,000.00 from the water departments capital reserve to special projects under the water department for the repair of the frost jacket on the water tower. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded giving first reading to Supplemental Ordinance No. 334, which supplements the water department from capital reserves in the amount of \$35,000.00. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.**

**Appoint to Pool Committee:** Mayor Christensen requested the approval of the council to add Craig Pettit to the Pool Committee as an advisor. **Councilmember Overweg moved and Lang seconded to approve the Mayoral appointment of Craig Pettit to the Pool Committee. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Street Closure Request:** Finance Officer Meyerink stated the choir would like to host a car wash fundraiser at the school this summer. Darrin Erickson requested the council's approval to close either 4<sup>th</sup> Street on the north side of the Armory or Iowa on the west side of the armory. **Councilmember VandenBerge motioned to approve the request to close 4<sup>th</sup> Street on the north side of the armory during the choir fundraiser later this summer. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hoppe. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Executive Session:** Councilmember Lang moved and Boltjes seconded to enter into executive session at 8:52 p.m. for the discussion of personnel. Motion carried on voice vote. Mayor Christensen declared an end to executive session at 8:53 p.m. No action was taken following the executive session.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Boltjes moved and Lang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Christensen  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer