

**CITY OF PLATTE  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING  
October 5, 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, Joel Foxley, Rich Hoppe, Jarrod Lang, Jerry Overweg, and Scott Vanden Berge. Others present were: Sharon Huizenga, Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, and David Sarne.

**AGENDA.**

**MINUTES.**

Councilmember Lang moved and Hoppe seconded to approve the September 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on voice vote. Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to approve the September 22<sup>nd</sup> special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.

**REPORTS.**

**Councilmember Overweg:** Stated he has received some questions regarding the sewer rate increase.

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

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) reminded the council that she will be out of the office the remainder of the week for the SDML annual conference in Watertown.

**Police Department.** Chief Semmler presented the following report for the month of September 2015.

**AGE RELATED ISSUES**

<b>JUVENILE CONTACTS</b>	<b>Nos.</b>	<b>ADULT CONTACTS</b>	<b>Nos.</b>
Verbal Warnings	4	Verbal Warnings	22
Written Warnings	0	Written Warnings	0
Written Citations (1 stop)	0	Written Citations	1
Traffic Complaints Received	0	Traffic Complaints Received	4
<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total Traffic Stops (Non-Alcohol)</b>	<b>27</b>
Open Container Citations	0		
Underage Tobacco	0	DWI Arrests	0
DWI Arrests	0	Open Container Warnings	1
Underage Consumption (-18)	0	Open Container Citations	0
Underage Consumption (+18)	0	Field Sobriety Tests Only	0
<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>
Vehicle Accidents	4	Complaints	1
Warrant Arrests	0	Arrests	1
Burglary Complaints	1	Protective Custody	0

<b>Drug Reports/Complaints</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Domestic Violence Calls</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Welfare Checks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Dog Issues</b>	
<b>Mental Health Committals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Theft Reports</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Dogs Captured</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Vandalism Reports</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Dogs Terminated</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Owners Warned</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Assaults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Owners Issued Tickets</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Complaints/Misc. Calls</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Dog Bite</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Arrests</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Other Animals – Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>911 Calls</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Terminated</b>	<b>0</b>

**GENERAL OPERATIONS STATISTICS**

<b>Miles Driven on 2011 Dodge</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>Ambulance Assists</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Miles Driven on Ford Interceptor</b>	<b>2179</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>0</b>
<b>Hours Spent in Court</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Business Alarms</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funeral Escorts</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Motorist Assists</b>	<b>0</b>

Councilmember Vanden Berge questioned if they were still using mainly one vehicle. Officer Sarne replied that they were due to an extender that was broke.

**Public Works.** Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) Lawrence Cole started the position on Monday. Kuiper stated they did orientation items the first day and will continue to familiarize Cole with the tasks of the maintenance department. 2) Kuiper requested permission to send Cole to the basic wastewater class December 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls. Council granted permission. 3) HR Green has received two quotes thus far for jetting and televising a portion of the sewer system. Infratrack quoted: \$4,265.00 for approximately 2,345 feet of lines and A-1 Sewer & Drain quoted \$4,180.30 for approximately 2,345 feet of lines. The quotes show a mobilization discount as they are both already in the area. Kuiper requested permission to double the amount of lines to be jet and televised as \$9,000.00 was budgeted. Kuiper also requested permission to discuss the quotes with Finance Officer Meyerink and HR Green upon receiving the additional two quotes that were requested to make a decision and proceed forward to not miss the opportunity to save on the mobilization cost. Council granted permission to add additional footage to the initial quote as well as to work with Meyerink and HR Green to select the firm to do said project.

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

**BUILDING PERMITS.**

**CLAIMS.**

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

**OLD BUSINESS.**

**NEW BUSINESS.**

**Temporary Liquor License: Councilmember Hoppe moved and Lang seconded to approve the temporary liquor license request for Kuip’s Lounge for the PVA Banquet to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Fall Clean Up:** Finance Officer Meyerink stated that last year the clean up was held the month of October. **Councilmember Foxley moved and Hoppe seconded designate fall clean up from October 6<sup>th</sup> until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**Health Insurance Renewal:** Meyerink presented the 2016 Avera Health Plans Group Rates for the City. The city received an 18.99% rate increase. The current rate would be \$467.59 and the renewal rate will be \$556.38 per family. Meyerink stated a 25% increase was budgeted for 2016. **Councilmember Boltjes moved and Vanden Berge seconded to renew the health insurance group policy with Avera Health Plans at a new rate of \$556.38 per employee effective December 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried on voice vote.**

**New Pool Discussion:** Councilmember Lang stated the committee recently received the new drawings of the new pool after a very in depth and long meeting in July where cuts were made. In an effort to not cut any additional items, the City and committee are going to plan an informational meeting and fundraiser on November 17<sup>th</sup> in an effort to decrease the spread between the \$1,446,764.00 cash on hand, which includes the 2016 city contribution, and the estimated \$2,593,150.00 needed to construct the pool. During the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting or any time before, contractors wishing to be added to the list for pool work, should notify the City office, a councilmember or a pool committee member. Finance Officer Meyerink stated the City has the opportunity to still bid the project at the beginning of next year; however, if the bid comes in higher than the cash available, the council will have to determine at that time their next steps. Due to the state required compliance schedule with the sewer system, the city has had to request funding in the amounts of \$1,075,000.00 on the 2016 state water plan and an additional \$2,500,000.00 on the 2017 state water plan. Meyerink stated the council would be able to make a more defined decision regarding the ability to borrow money for the pool after the remainder of the studies are complete. Those studies will potentially be complete by midsummer 2016. Therefore, by budget time next year, the council will have an idea of how much they are going to have to spend on the sewer system. Councilmember Vanden Berge entered into a discussion on what the City Council's next steps may be depending on the shortfall, if any, between the current amounts raised and the estimated cost of the pool. Options which may need to be investigated further may include a possible opt out on real estate taxes or entering into a loan for the difference needed. Meyerink was asked to gather information on the opt-out program and to calculate the constitutional debt limit. The topic will be addressed at the October 19<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.

**Executive Session:**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.** There being no further business before the City Council, **Vanden Berge moved and Hoppe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

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

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

ATTEST:

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Shauna Meyerink  
City Finance Officer