

**CITY OF PLATTE
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APPROVED REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 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 Vanden Berge. Councilmember Joel Foxley was absent. Others present were: Jerome Bentz, Sadie Hanson, Sharon Huizenga, Marcus King, Kevin Kuiper, Shauna Meyerink, Brandon Semmler, Melanie Sondgeroth, and Laura Vanden Berge.

AGENDA.

MINUTES.

Councilmember Vanden Berge requested amending the minutes of the new pool discussion from reading “Councilmember Vanden Berge asked the council, when will the City take the responsibility and just build the pool for the community. Vanden Berge also stated the City should consider doing a three year opt out on property taxes or take out another loan for the difference needed” to “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.” **Councilmember Overweg moved and Hoppe seconded to amend the October 5th regular minutes as requested by Councilmember Vanden Berge. Motion carried on voice vote.**

REPORTS.

Mayor and Councilmembers: No report.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Meyerink reported on the following topics: 1) Reminder that fall clean up will be until November 15th. 2) Received an email from Todd VanMaanen at Eisenbraun & Associates/Stockwell Engineering that he began working on the curb and gutter project last week. 3) Northwestern Energy has contacted the City regarding the eight poles on the north end of town given to them by the City. With the poles being within the State’s right-of-way, Northwestern Energy has agreed to maintain the lights but the poles will need to remain the property of the City.

Police Department. Chief Semmler reported on the following topics: 1) The radio extender feature in the pickup is not working. The unit was sent to Motorola for repair. The department has been utilizing the Explorer in place of the pickup as it is not worth risking the inability to communicate over the radio if needed.

Public Works. Superintendent Kuiper reported on the following topics: 1) A portion of the City has been jet and televised as previously decided. The video will be available upon the completion of HR Green compiling all the data. 2) Composite and ammonia samples continue to be taken. 3) A discharge was started in October. 4) 5) While InfraTrack was here jetting and televising, the lines on the Pipal property were also jet and televised with measurements recorded. The maintenance department will use the measurements to locate and cap the two sewer lines, one water line, and the water pit. The hydrants will also be removed. Kuiper will check on the availability of Bryce’s excavator to do the work in preparation should the pool be built in 2016. 6) Kuiper reported that H&H Contracting is currently in Minnesota working on several water towers and is concerned they may not get to Platte before the end of the year. Finance Officer Meyerink was asked to research the options. 7) Councilmember Lang questioned if the maintenance department intends to do another sweep across the chip and seal project. Kuiper stated there will be a final sweep of town to clean up the leaves that have fallen.

PUBLIC FORUM.

BUILDING PERMITS. Finance Officer Meyerink provided the council with the following list of approved building permits: 1) Vondish LLC – DBA Twilight Vista Assisted Living – 501 E 3rd St: Remove brick structure north of existing building. 2) Sharon Foxley – 208 S Nebraska Ave: Add a deck to the rear of the house. 3) Janet Strickland – 900 S. Pennsylvania Ave: Move in a 20’x24’ storage shed. 4) David & Vickie King – 513 E 7th St: Remove existing structures on property. 5) Bryce Foxley – 101 5th St: Replace privacy fence. 6) Steve Erickson – 401 W 4th St: Construct a new two car garage.

CLAIMS.

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

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS.

Pool Committee: Sadie Hanson, Melanie Sondgeroth, Jerome Bentz, Laura Vanden Berge and Marcus King were present to discuss the new pool. Hanson thanked the council for their support and time dedicated to the new pool. Hanson also recognized the community of Platte for the generosity provided for this project as other communities have had to rely heavily on City funds alone. The pool committee is in their fifth year of fundraising and in an effort to meet the final product the committee has put together plans and ideas to try to build in 2016. Several ideas were suggested that evening but will require input from the engineer prior to moving forward.

Financial Review: Finance Officer Meyerink explained the constitutional debt limit calculation. The 2016 City of Platte’s assessed valuation is \$61,261,661.00. According to state statute the City is allowed to borrow up to five percent of the assessed valuation for a total of \$3,063,083.05. The City currently has approximately \$340,000.00 loaned at the Bank of the West for a sewer loan issued in 2004 with a scheduled payoff of January 1, 2021. The quarterly loan payment is \$19,270.00. The City also has a water loan at First National Bank in the amount of approximately \$8,260.00 with a quarterly payment of \$8,305.28. The scheduled payoff for the water loan is January 1, 2016. With the state issued compliance schedule of the City’s sanitary sewer system, the City has requested \$1,075,000.00 in state water funds for 2016, and \$2,500,000.00 in state water funds for 2017. This is \$511,916.95 over the constitutional debt limit which does not include the current debts of the City. Meyerink also stated that while at the municipal league conference, she spoke with Dougherty and Company regarding the upcoming projects and loans. Meyerink understood that the City most definitely needs to see what grant/loan package the state water board offers as their rates are hard to beat. Meyerink also checked with City Attorney Tim Whalen regarding the debt information, and should the City decide to pursue a loan, normal procedures requires the attorney to sign off on said requested debt. Therefore, with the potential \$3,575,000.00 in upcoming debt with the City’s current debt, City Attorney Whalen would not be able to approve such request. Meyerink also provided the council with information regarding tax limitation and opt-out information. An opt-out must be filed before July 15th of the year prior to the year the taxes would be payable. The resolution must specify the number of years the excess tax levy will be applied.

NetDMR Subscriber Agreement: Finance Officer Meyerink requested the council’s approval to authorize Finance Officer Meyerink with signatory authority for NetDMR filings and authorize Mayor Christensen to sign said agreement. **Councilmember Hoppe moved and Overweg seconded to authorize Finance Officer Meyerink with signatory authorization for NetDMR filings and to authorize Mayor Christensen to sign said agreement. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Temporary Liquor License Change – Kuip’s Lounge: Finance Officer Meyerink requested the previously approved temporary liquor license for Kuip’s Lounge be amended as the date was wrong. The date of the PVA banquet and temporary liquor license approval should have been requested for Friday November 6th. **Councilmember Boltjes moved and Hoppe seconded to amend the temporary liquor license approval from November 11th to November 6th. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Executive Session: Councilmember Overweg moved and Lang seconded to enter into executive session at 8:37 p.m. for the discussion of personnel. Motion carried on voice vote. Mayor Christensen declared an end to executive session at 9:09 p.m. Councilmember Lang motioned to extend an offer of employment to Dale Troll on a six month probation period for part-time at the landfill. Motion seconded by Councilmember Boltjes. Motion carried on voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS. There being no further business before the City Council, **Overweg moved and Lang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion passed on voice vote.**

DATED: _____

By: _____
Steve Christensen
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shauna Meyerink
City Finance Officer