

NOVEMBER 12, 2024  
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:00pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Stacy Sohns, Dennis Oltmann, Kyle Strobel and Peggy Flusemann

City Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Gerri Scott

Guests: Jeannie Stumpf, Andrew Fasching, Susanne Couval Templin, Ron Templin,

**Motion:** by KS to approve the revised agenda as presented. Second by SS. All in favor.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

None

**Motion:** by KS to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2024, regular City Council Meeting with one correction. Second by PF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by SS to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, special closed City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- GS advised a metal roof has been approved at 1 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Residents provided the color which meets ordinance requirements
- The next PPC meeting is tentatively set for November 19. This will be an “organizational” meeting for how the PPC will operate going forward. NE and GS will attend.

Plato Fire Department

- GS provided information relating to the PERA SVF Pension account. The Department would like to increase their benefit amount. Discussion on the account and the amounts. **Motion:** by KS to raise the benefit level to \$2300 effective January 1, 2025, and then look at doing another increase next year. Second by PF. All in favor. **Resolution 2024-09**
- GS advised that a workers compensation claim was filed for Jon Amaral who was injured responding to a call on October 31, 2024.

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Holiday Lights/Decorating – Committee has started decorating. Event is November 30.

Walk/Bike/Crossing Plan

- GS advised the product has been ordered. The demonstration project will be set up in the Spring 2025.

Liaisons: Lions – SS reported the blood drive went well and the next one is February 20, 2025.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by SS to approve the Treasurer’s Report presented. Second by DO. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report and October 2024 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

| Check No.                   | Date       | Vendor | Name  | Amount     |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|---|------------|
| 16314                       | 11/12/2024 | 19     | CITY OF GLENCOE                                   | \$7,807.38 |
| 16315                       | 11/12/2024 | 36     | GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW &                          | \$116.00   |
| 16316                       | 11/12/2024 | 38     | GLENCOE CO-OP ASSN                                | \$1,376.84 |
| 16317                       | 11/12/2024 | 46     | HAWKINS, INC                                      | \$620.04   |
| 16318                       | 11/12/2024 | 90     | SAFEbuilt LLC                                     | \$108.75   |
| 16319                       | 11/12/2024 | 156    | MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER                      | \$2,341.50 |
| 16320                       | 11/12/2024 | 272    | QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC                          | \$2,912.50 |
| 16321                       | 11/12/2024 | 342    | GOPHER STATE ONE CALL                             | \$13.50    |
| 16322                       | 11/12/2024 | 370    | MENARDS   | \$453.33   |
| 16323                       | 11/12/2024 | 544    | GERALDINE A SCOTT                                 | \$1,165.11 |
| 16324                       | 11/12/2024 | 547    | CENTURYLINK                                       | \$341.84   |
| 16325                       | 11/12/2024 | 562    | GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY                              | \$166.42   |
| 16326                       | 11/12/2024 | 598    | GRAUPMANN SCOTT                                   | \$1,569.89 |
| 16327                       | 11/12/2024 | 742    | TRIMARK MARLINN LLC                               | \$409.34   |
| 16328                       | 11/12/2024 | 748    | CORE AND MAIN LP                                  | \$453.68   |
| 16329                       | 11/12/2024 | 797    | CLABO THOMAS                                      | \$277.05   |
| 16330                       | 11/12/2024 | 818    | OVERLINE & SON, INC                               | \$4,167.50 |
| 16331                       | 11/12/2024 | 861    | SNAK ATAK #36                                     | \$223.95   |
| 16332                       | 11/12/2024 | 871    | SOUTHWEST PAVING INC                              | \$2,500.00 |
| <b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>     |            |        |   |            |
| 4470                        | 11/12/2024 | 453    | CITY OF PLATO                                     | \$1,095.23 |
| 4471                        | 11/12/2024 | 601    | MN STATE FIRE DEPT ASSOCIATION                    | \$175.00   |
| 4472                        | 11/12/2024 | 715    | BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV                      | \$300.00   |
| 4473                        | 11/12/2024 | 861    | SNAK ATAK #36                                     | \$106.25   |
| <b>INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:</b> |            |        |   |            |
| 16303                       | 10/28/2024 | 46     | HAWKINS, INC                                      | \$20.00    |
| 16304                       | 10/28/2024 | 79     | CENTERPOINT ENERGY                                | \$58.47    |
| 16305                       | 10/28/2024 | 88     | XCEL ENERGY                                       | \$1,059.46 |
| 16306                       | 10/28/2024 | 239    | MCLEOD CO-OP POWER                                | \$96.57    |
| 16307                       | 10/28/2024 | 499    | MOEHRING JOHN                                     | \$502.00   |
| 16308                       | 10/28/2024 | 504    | MINI BIFF, LLC                                    | \$144.84   |
| 16309                       | 10/28/2024 | 544    | GERALDINE A SCOTT                                 | \$1,369.79 |
| 16310                       | 10/28/2024 | 598    | GRAUPMANN SCOTT                                   | \$1,569.89 |
| 16311                       | 10/28/2024 | 732    | VISA  | \$1,006.81 |
| 16312                       | 10/28/2024 | 738    | POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC                      | \$946.96   |
| 16313                       | 10/28/2024 | 870    | AMKA GLOBAL LLC/AMKA SAFETY                       | \$4,722.40 |
|                             |            |        | US Treasury (online) October payroll tax deposit  | \$1,555.02 |
|                             |            |        | PERA contribution (online) for 10/1-15/24payroll  | \$532.88   |
|                             |            |        | PERA contribution (online) for 10/16-31/24payroll | \$492.99   |
| <b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>     |            |        |   |            |
| 4468                        | 10/28/2024 | 79     | CENTERPOINT ENERGY                                | \$31.83    |
| 4469                        | 10/28/2024 | 453    | CITY OF PLATO                                     | \$398.61   |

**Motion:** by SS to approve payment of the above-stated claims. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – GS provided an update received from the City Attorney.

Yard Waste Site – SG to obtain quotes with different options to present at budget meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

SAFEbuilt/MNSPECT would like to extend their current contract for another year, ending December 31, 2025. **Motion:** by KS to enter into the Agreement with SAFEbuilt/MNSPECT for a one year extension. Second by PF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to issue a one-day malt liquor license to the Plato Baseball Club for the Poultry Party on November 22 in the Community Hall. Second by PF. All in favor.

SHIP grant funds have been received in the amount of \$4,722.40 for product for the County 9 demonstration project.

**Motion:** by DO to accept the grant funds to cover the cost of product for the County 9 traffic calming demonstration project. Second by KS. All in favor.

The Glencoe Cub Scouts would like to do their annual camp-in in the Community Hall starting 5pm on December 6 to 10am on December 7. They will work with SG for a community service project in lieu of the hall rental. PF stated they would like to have the scouts help with taking down Holiday lights if that can be coordinated.. **Motion:** by PF to waive the hall rental fee for the Cub Scout camp-in. Second by SS. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to approve the 2025 Emergency Services Contracts for Young America Township and Helen Township. Second by DO. All in favor.

Stephen Tusha at Great Oak Equine would like to borrow an additional \$20,000 as working capital from the Economic Development fund. The loan amount would extend his current loan by approximately three years, keeping the payment the same. GS provided the status on the current loan and information on the extension. Mr. Tusha has agreed to create an additional job for the additional funds. **Motion:** by KS to loan Stephen Tusha/Great Oak Equine an additional \$20,000 with the same agreement as the previous loan, with an additional job created. Second by DO. All in favor. GS to draw up the documents and have attorney review.

Council was provided with the election results abstract received from the County. **Motion:** by PF to accept the 2024 election results as presented. Second by KS. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

KS presented a quote by Rickert Excavating for liquid de-icing for the upcoming winter season. Will be discussed at budget meeting.

PF presented in regard to pickleball and possibly extending the hours. Council agreed to extend the Tuesday hours until 8pm. The Council will consider additional hours if requested.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- GS presented a request from SG to purchase an 8 foot snow bucket for the skid steer. He received a verbal quote of \$2,500. KS to get a written quote for next meeting.
- GS presented a map where SG is suggesting the FFA Community signs be installed. Per PF research, additional signs are not to be placed on caution type signage posts. GS to contact the County to see their thoughts on where 2 posts can be installed and also to request new "Watch for Children" signs.
- GS presented a request from SG to rent space from Door Power to store the dump trailer for the winter, approximately 4-5 months. After discussion, council suggested an offer of \$300 for the season. GS to contact Door Power to see if that is agreeable.
- Per SG, the transducer at lift station #1 failed and Quality Flow was contacted to replace it.
- Per SG, the chlorine switch-over valve failed and Hawkins was contacted to replace it.
- GS provided some information about the letter sent to residents in regard to the lead line inspections.
- DO reported they are almost done with the insulated "box" at the well house.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS presented a draft of the Sump Pump Discharge – Winter Months Policy for the Council to review. This policy and form were approved in January 2024, but GS realized a formal policy was not drafted.
- GS advised her last meeting with FEMA was on October 31. The Federal side of the process is done and has been forwarded to the State. GS completed the State paperwork and they are now processing for payment.
- In follow-up to the discussion last month on the \$20 late fee for utility bills, neither the ordinance or the policy state that water usage is required to be assessed a late fee; it is the software that links the two. It will require a manual entry when that happens.
- Discussion on the potential smoke issue. Mr. Tusha would like confirmation from the council that it is ok for him to install a smokeless boiler. Council would like the City Attorney to send out a letter to surrounding neighbors advising of Mr. Tusha's intent to install a new boiler and giving them 10 days to voice any comments/concerns. GS to work with City Attorney.
- SS had previously questioned whether the City could do some sort of recognition banquet/gathering for local businesses. Per Auditor, the City is not allowed to directly use public funds for such an event. He did bring up the organization of a Chamber of Commerce that the City could fund and then they could host an event. Must be a separate entity and must promote the City.
- GS questioned if she could use the Dell rewards credit and purchase a new monitor. Council approved. Susanne Couval Templin stated she had a monitor that she would donate for GS to try.

OTHER:

None

**Motion:** by KS to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer