

DECEMBER 9, 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 9th day of December, 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 and Public Works Director Scott Graupmann

Guests: Jeannie Stumpf, Andrew Fasching, Susanne Couval Templin, Ron Templin, Sargent Darrell Caturia, Jason Schroeder

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Susanne Couval Templin presented to council in follow-up to her previous request. Mayor Engelmann advised that council packets are available upon request, approved minutes are available within a few days, and he is not going to do a quarterly report.

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024, regular City Council Meeting. Second by PF. All in favor.

Motion: by PF to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024, special City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- Discussion on the number of commission members and how they vote.
- The next PPC meeting is set for December 17. KS and GS will attend.

Plato Fire Department

- Chief Schlechter presented before council: he advised that Chief 3/Training and Captain 1 terms were up. There was one applicant for Chief 3 – Steve Vinkemeier and one applicant for Captain 1 – Ryan Neubarth. With Steve Vinkemeier moving to Chief 3, it left a vacancy for Captain 3. There was one applicant to complete Captain 3 term – Jake Siewert. **Motion:** by KS to approve the selections of Steve Vinkemeier as Chief 3/Training, Ryan Neubarth as Captain 1, and Jake Siewert as Captain 3. Second by DO. All in favor.
- From December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2024 they responded to 95 calls, the highest amount on record.
- Fish fry is February 21.

McLeod County Sheriff

- Sargent Darrell Caturia presented before Council to answer questions. He will follow-up on call reports and investigation on vandalism.

Holiday Lights/Decorating – PF reported the lighting event went well.

Equipment/Building Inventory/Replacement Plan – KS reported that the City should be looking at 2025-26 on replacement of the skid loader.

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

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16341	12/9/2024	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,331.73
16342	12/9/2024	45	LLOYD GRAUPMANN	\$599.00
16343	12/9/2024	58	KOHL'S SWEEPING SERVICE	\$1,120.00
16344	12/9/2024	65	LITZAU EXCAVATING	\$15,035.00
16345	12/9/2024	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
16346	12/9/2024	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$4.05
16347	12/9/2024	441	DIANE SCHRADER	\$58.00
16348	12/9/2024	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$341.70
16349	12/9/2024	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$461.75
16350	12/9/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$144.84
16351	12/9/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,091.85
16352	12/9/2024	547	CENTURYLINK	\$341.84
16353	12/9/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$70.59
16354	12/9/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16355	12/9/2024	719	SOHNS STACY L	\$461.75
16356	12/9/2024	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$725.55
16357	12/9/2024	765	ENGELMANN, NEIL	\$877.33
16358	12/9/2024	772	McCARTHY WELL COMPANY	\$590.00
16359	12/9/2024	840	STROBEL KYLE R	\$461.75
16360	12/9/2024	845	FLUSEMANN PEGGY	\$461.75
16361	12/9/2024	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$80.25
16362	12/9/2024	874	4TH PLATO LLC	\$300.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4477	12/9/2024	146	MICHAEL EGGERS	\$590.00
4478	12/9/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$170.92
4479	12/9/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$48.99
4480	12/9/2024	592	WOOD JAY	\$510.00
4481	12/9/2024	592	WOOD JAY	\$600.00
4482	12/9/2024	593	NEUBARTH RYAN	\$740.00
4483	12/9/2024	593	NEUBARTH RYAN	\$250.00
4484	12/9/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,040.00
4485	12/9/2024	655	BRUCH NATHAN	\$380.00
4486	12/9/2024	674	SCHLECHTER JAMIE	\$680.00
4487	12/9/2024	674	SCHLECHTER JAMIE	\$1,200.00
4488	12/9/2024	697	COHRS JAIDYN	\$440.00
4489	12/9/2024	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4490	12/9/2024	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$890.00
4491	12/9/2024	739	EHRKE JOE	\$370.00
4492	12/9/2024	744	HARVEY, RYAN	\$390.00
4493	12/9/2024	744	HARVEY, RYAN	\$600.00
4494	12/9/2024	764	LEWIS, MIKE	\$680.00
4495	12/9/2024	784	SIEWERT JAKOB	\$510.00
4496	12/9/2024	784	SIEWERT JAKOB	\$285.00
4497	12/9/2024	829	STAPIEN STEPHANIE	\$640.00
4498	12/9/2024	829	STAPIEN STEPHANIE	\$600.00
4499	12/9/2024	841	JOHNSON TYLER	\$930.00
4500	12/9/2024	852	TERLINDEN RYAN	\$870.00
4501	12/9/2024	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$180.32

4502	12/9/2024	875	LILIENTHAL ROGAN	\$470.00
4503	12/9/2024	876	SCHUETTE TIMOTHY	\$430.00
4504	12/9/2024	877	ZELLMANN CHAD	\$1,200.00
4505	12/9/2024	878	THOM MATTHEW P	\$410.00
4506	12/9/2024	879	AMARAL II JON J	\$510.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16333	11/25/2024	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
16334	11/25/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$91.56
16335	11/25/2024	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,015.79
16336	11/25/2024	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$99.21
16337	11/25/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$144.84
16338	11/25/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,389.54
16339	11/25/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16340	11/25/2024	732	VISA	\$539.21
			US Treasury (online) November payroll tax deposit	\$1,993.00
			PERA contribution (online) for 11/1-15/24payroll	\$537.08
			PERA contribution (online) for 11/16-30/24payroll	\$474.08
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4474	11/25/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$48.94
4475	11/25/2024	596	MCLEOD CTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSN	\$427.80
4476	11/25/2024	873	RUSH CREEK SERVICES	\$78.35

Motion: by SS to approve payment of the above-stated claims along with Hiperline for \$10,987.40, McCarthy Well Company for \$325.00, Gopher State One Call for \$17.55, and Gavin, Janssen, Stabenow & Moldan, LTD for \$780.00, \$785.25, and \$166.75. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – GS provided a brief update.

Yard Waste Site – GS provided some historical costs associated with the yard waste site. It was determined to wait a year on changing anything (other than additional signage). After receiving 2024 bill from Creekside, GS to have conversation with them on 2025 costs.

ED Loan Request – GS advised the documents have been received from the Attorney and the money can be disbursed this week. GS to schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

Quality Flow provided a new three (3) year contract for annual inspection of the lift stations and the ARV service at a rate of \$800 per year. **Motion:** by KS to enter into the Agreement with Quality Flow for three years as presented. Second by PF. All in favor.

GS provided the calculations and the letter sent to the resident at 3 4th Avenue NE in regard to the water charges missing from the utility bills. To date, no response has been received.

Motion: by KS to approve the 2025 Emergency Services Contracts for Camden Township and Bergen Township. Second by DO. All in favor.

On December 2, 2024 there was vandalism at the well house. SG reported on event and damages. Council would like to be reimbursed for the repair costs. SG/GS to prepare itemization, send itemization to Sargent Caturia and then determine how the City will proceed.

Final discussion on the 2025 proposed budget. **Motion:** by KS to accept the 2025 proposed budget as presented. Second by SS. All in favor.

Motion: by KS to set the 2025 Tax Levy at \$287,875 (with \$237,875 for general, \$30,000 for sewer, and \$20,000 for water). Second by DO. All in favor.

GS advised the Clerk/Treasurer PTO policy needs to be updated to conform with the ESST requirements. **Motion:** by SS to update the Clerk/Treasurer PTO policy as presented. Second by KS. All in favor.

Two complaints (from the same residence) have been received in regard to smoke complaints from Great Oak Equine. GS also provided a log of calls and some emails provided by the complainants.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

Discussion on the trimming/removal of large trees along/near streets. SG to advise trimmers to give advance notice to him, check to make sure properly barricaded, and to check street condition before and after trimming.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- A quote for a new snow bucket was presented from Arnolds in the amount of \$2500.00. **Motion:** by KS to purchase the snow bucket as quoted. Second by DO. All in favor.

CLERKS REPORT:

- The old city pickup truck and plow sold at the Jeff Martin Auction on November 14, 2024. Sale price was \$8,250.00. With commission, the City received \$7,425.00.
- Discussion on the placement of the FFA signs. GS provided information from the County relating to the signs and also the Watch for Children signs. Per Council, the FFA signs can be hung on the same posts as the Watch for Children signs.
- There was a very small response to the poll on additional pickleball hours – 4 for Saturday mornings, 1-for Monday nights, 1-for Wednesday nights, and 1-for Saturday or Sunday afternoons. After discussion, council agreed to add pickleball hours on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm and some additional days over the Holidays.
- GS spoke with Door Power and they are agreeable to storing the dump trailer in their cold storage building for five months for \$300.
- Following the budget meetings, GS checked on the special meeting pay. The Council was not paid for the meeting with the Attorney in February. GS to do separate checks in next run.

OTHER:

Council would like to thank Stacy Sohns and Dennis Oltmann for their years of service on the City Council.

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by DO. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer