

MARCH 10, 2025
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 10th day of March, 2025, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Peggy Flusemann, Kyle Strobel, Andy Fasching and Jeannie Stumpf

City Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Gerri Scott and Public Works Director Scott Graupmann

Guests: Annette Ahlfs and Stacy Sohns (Plato Lions), Sargent Darrell Caturia, Jason Schroeder, Ron Templin, Susanne Couval Templin

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Annette Ahlfs and Stacy Sohns presented before council on behalf of the Plato Lions. They would like to have an Easter egg hunt in the park/community hall (depending on weather) on April 19. Council is fine with them using the park shelter or the upstairs of the community hall.

Motion: by JS to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- February 18, 2025, meeting minutes (unapproved) were provided for review
- The next PPC meeting is set for March 18. PF will attend.
- GS presented two determination forms she drafted for the PPC to use.

Plato Fire Department – Scott Graupmann submitted his letter of resignation effective April 7. Scott has served 26 years on the Department. Tyler Johnson joined the military and so is on an extended leave. Fish fry went well.

McLeod County Sheriff – Sargent Caturia discussed the status of the vandalism claim. The County Attorney sent it back to them for additional investigation which appears to be stalled. He will follow up, but the charges will probably not be brought.

Comprehensive Plan – moving forward. Next meeting is March 20.

Plato Legion Liaison – discussion on electrical service to the new park shelter. SG to get a quote.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by KS to approve the Treasurer's Report presented. Second by AF. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report and February 2025 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16445	3/10/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$7,513.23
16446	3/10/2025	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
16447	3/10/2025	85	MN DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY	\$73.40
16448	3/10/2025	324	FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS INC	\$400.00

16449	3/10/2025	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$1.35
16450	3/10/2025	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$160.14
16451	3/10/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,173.17
16452	3/10/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	\$342.27
16453	3/10/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$36.26
16454	3/10/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16455	3/10/2025	696	HERALD JOURNAL PUBLISHING	\$56.10
16456	3/10/2025	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$486.01
16457	3/10/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$163.00
16458	3/10/2025	881	DAKOTA ROBINSON TRUCKING	\$600.00
16459	3/10/2025	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$283.60
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4539	3/10/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$171.13
4540	3/10/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16433	2/24/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW &	\$362.50
16434	2/24/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
16435	2/24/2025	67	LMCIT	\$4,096.00
16436	2/24/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$923.17
16437	2/24/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,746.13
16438	2/24/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$129.27
16439	2/24/2025	525	ST OF MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$100.00
16440	2/24/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,274.60
16441	2/24/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16442	2/24/2025	732	VISA	\$90.00
16443	2/24/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.00
16444	2/24/2025	881	DAKOTA ROBINSON TRUCKING	\$700.00
			US Treasury (online) February payroll tax deposit	\$1,526.36
			PERA contribution (online) for 2/1-15/25 payroll	\$521.46
			PERA contribution (online) for 2/16-28/25 payroll	\$491.10
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4537	2/24/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$700.10
4538	2/24/2025	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$540.00

Motion: by PF to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Bolton & Menk for \$4,584.50 and Gavin, Janssen, Stabenow & Moldan for \$1,759.60. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – The Summons and Complaint were served on February 25. The City Attorney has also filed a Lis Pendens.

Vandalism at Well House – Addressed by Sargent Caturia.

Complaints – discussion as to the status and the log of complaints received. Review of email from Attorney Moldan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open forum policy – GS presented a draft of an updated policy, sign-in form and instructions. **Motion:** by KS to adopt the policy, sign-in form, and guidelines as presented. Second by AF. All in favor.

Motion: by KS to enter into the contract presented with Frontline Warning Systems for service of the warning sirens. Second by JS. All in favor.

Motion: by PF to approve the Premises Permit Application for the Glencoe-Silver Lake Trapshooting to conduct lawful gambling at the King Pin Pub, 132 Main Street, Plato. Second by KS. All in favor. **RESOLUTION 2025-07**

GS presented a Lawful Gambling ordinance for review. She advised of the changes received today from the City Attorney. She will incorporate the changes and re-present at the next council meeting.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

JS and AF reported on the new elected official class they attended.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG presented a quote from Kohl's Sweeping Service to repaint the lines on the outside court. Quote needs to be clarified.
- SG presented a quote from Crow River Construction for dust control. **Motion:** by KS to contract with Crow River Construction for dust control as quoted. Second by PF. All in favor
- SG presented two quotes from Summit Infrastructure for lining of manholes. One is for one manhole and the other is for two. After discussion: **Motion:** by AF to contract with Summit Infrastructure to complete as many manholes as possible within the budgeted amount of \$16,000. Second by KS. All in favor.
- SG touched on water tower painting/washing and street maintenance

CLERKS REPORT:

- Discussion relating to variance and CUP fees. Tabled to next meeting.
- Discussion on CUP for gravel mining west of town filed with the County. There is a public hearing on March 26 in Hutchinson. KS to attend.
- GS provided some information relating to the Housing Institute. No action was taken.
- A draft of the Spring newsletter was provided. Discussion on possible additions.
- GS advised there is a gentleman looking for community service hours, nights and weekends. Council could not come up with any projects right now, but would have some in the summer.

OTHER:

none

Motion: by PF to adjourn meeting. Second by KS. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer