

APRIL 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Lloyd Graupmann (PPC); Stephanie and Tony Stepien; Justin McGraw (CDS); Jason Schroeder, Doug Falk, Joel Lepel

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Justin McGraw (CDS) presented the 2023 audit results to the council.

Doug Falk presented to council with questions on water line inspection, water service line ownership, and water meters.

**Motion:** by PF to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, regular City Council Meeting with noted changes. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission – see New Business

Plato Fire Department – none

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Ordinance review – GS provided a brief update in regard to the committee meeting relating to the nuisance ordinance. GS is working on a final draft which she will send out for review prior to submitting.

Park and Recreation – Discussion on pickleball. Council approved having the pickleball court set up in the community hall all year round. This will require purchasing another net as well as a plan for storage of the equipment. GS and SG to report back.

Walk/Bike/Crossing Plan – GS gave a brief update in regard to her discussions with the County Engineer and the current status of the project.

Website/Social Media – PF continues to research and is scheduling meetings with website providers.

Tree Management – SG advised an arborist will be going around town and preparing a study of his findings and recommendations.

Liaisons – SS reported on the recent Plato Baseball Club meeting.

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

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16112	4/8/2024	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$9,163.01
16113	4/8/2024	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$480.00
16114	4/8/2024	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$659.66
16115	4/8/2024	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$4.05
16116	4/8/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$160.14
16117	4/8/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,183.29
16118	4/8/2024	547	CENTURYLINK	\$325.52
16119	4/8/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$73.09
16120	4/8/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16121	4/8/2024	696	HERALD JOURNAL PUBLISHING	\$30.40
16122	4/8/2024	789	VADIM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC	\$2,284.19
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
4407	4/8/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$162.76
4408	4/8/2024	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$101.15
4409	4/8/2024	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4410	4/8/2024	724	180 COLLISION, INC	\$527.97
4411	4/8/2024	809	BATTERIES + BULBS	\$110.88
<b>INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:</b>				
16103	3/25/2024	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$20.00
16104	3/25/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$517.48
16105	3/25/2024	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$101.78
16106	3/25/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,165.11
16107	3/25/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16108	3/25/2024	732	VISA	\$1,094.29
16109	3/25/2024	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$553.87
16110	3/25/2024	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
16111	3/25/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$87.55
			US Treasury (online) March payroll tax deposit	\$1,424.34
			MN Dept of Revenue – 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr withholding tax	\$635.00
			PERA contribution (online) for 3/1-15/24payroll	\$492.99
			PERA contribution (online) for 3/16-31/24payroll	\$484.59
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
4402	3/25/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$265.31
4403	3/25/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$162.76
4404	3/25/2024	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$84.71
4405	3/25/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$88.40
4406	3/25/2024	862	COBORN'S INC	\$126.67

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Shelter – DO advised that additional parts are on order.

Residential smoke complaint – brief discussion on the status of the complaints.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt/JKH Holding – Mr. Hunt was unable to make the meeting. Discussion on items relating to his property.

Stephanie/Tony Stepien – presented to the Council in regard to a petition to detach their 23 acres (or a portion thereof) from the City limits. They presented three options. LG and JL presented on behalf of the PPC with their recommendation to deny the detachment request. After a lengthy discussion, the Council believes that a public hearing needs to be completed pursuant to the Zoning Ordinances and to obtain more information before making a final decision. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 25, at 7:30pm. LG will provide notice to the paper and will work with GS on a letter to the residents.

**Motion:** by KS to accept the 2023 audit as presented. Second by PF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to renew the liquor license for the King Pin Pub, upon receipt of insurance certificate. Paperwork and fees have been received. Second by DO. All in favor. The King Pin Pub no longer wishes to obtain a tobacco license.

**Motion:** by KS to renew the liquor and tobacco licenses for Snak Atak Liquor. Required paperwork, insurance and payment of fees have been received. Second by SS. All in favor.

**Motion:** by SS to renew the tobacco license for Snak Atak. Payment of fee has been received. Second by KS. All in favor

**Motion:** by DO to approve a beer/malt liquor license for the Plato Baseball Club for concessions at the Stadium from April 15 – September 15 at a cost of \$25. Second by KS. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

SS reported to council on the training she attended through the League of MN Cities.

PF reported to council on the training she attended through the League of MN Cities.

KS reported on the status of the new pickup purchase. He obtained three quotes – Brau’s \$57,036, North Country GM \$51,961, Dodge of Burnsville \$54,594 plus tax . As previously discussed the truck at Brau’s is scheduled to build mid June, available by August, seems the best choice because it fits the specifications outlined, is a local dealer, and possession could take place yet this year. The others could not promise a delivery date. **Motion:** by DO to proceed with the truck purchase from Brau. Second by KS. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG provided an update relating to the Lead Service Line Inventory.
- There is a storm sewer repair needed by the ballfield entrance; he is getting a quote from Litzau
- There is a water shut off access that got hit by something by PWW. He will talk to Karl at PWW about its repair.
- Discussion on a workshop with Jerry from Bargaen regarding road maintenance/repair. Workshop will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:00pm.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS advised the voter turnout for Plato for the Presidential Primary was 34.05%. The County average was 12%.
- GS provided some information on potential meeting changes to alleviate the long meetings.

OTHER:

none

**Motion:** by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by DO. Meeting adjourned at 10:32pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer