

JULY 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 7:00 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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: Joel Lepel (NNO), Jeannie Stumpf, Susanne Couval Templin, Ron Templin, Jason Schroeder, Deputy Darrell Caturia, John Schauer, Tony Schauer, Amanda Schauer, Bob Sonnenberg, Doug Falk

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Joel Lepel presented before Council to provide an update on the planning for National Night Out. Council will deliver invites door to door in city limits the week prior.

Jason Schroeder presented before Council regarding the adoption of the Code of Ordinances.

John Schauer, Tony Schauer, Amanda Schauer, and Bob Sonnenberg presented before Council regarding the burying of large animals within city limits. There is not a City Ordinance in this regard, so need to follow County or State guidelines. NE and KS to visit with Mr. Wood to discuss.

**Motion:** by KS to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024, regular City Council Meeting. Second by PF. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission – The PPC met on June 24. It was determined that the PPC will meet once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30p. One council member (on a rotating basis) will attend that meeting. Next meeting will be July 16. PF will attend that meeting. The PPC also discussed the Zoning Administrator (PPC Chairperson) position with Lloyd resigning. GS is exploring some different options including advertising in the newsletter.

Council was also provided a copy of the zoning map in the process of updating. GS asked them to review the map and advise of any changes they may like to see on it.

Plato Fire Department – none

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Walk/Bike/Crossing Plan – Meeting scheduled for earlier today was postponed. Now set for July 22.

Website/Social Media – The .gov domain has been requested. PF presented the recommendation to proceed with Municipal Impact as the new website service provider for the City and provided an estimate of the associated costs. PF has volunteered to get the new site set up and to also handle the updates with GS. **Motion:** by KS to proceed with establishing a new website with Municipal Impact as recommended. Second by SS. All in favor.

Liaisons – Lions: SS reported the golf tournament is August 5. Legion: DO states a donation is coming to cover more of the park shelter expenses.

**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 June 2024 timesheets.

**Approve Claims –** The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16198	7/8/2024	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$23,473.91
16199	7/8/2024	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$629.00
16200	7/8/2024	98	POSTMASTER	\$836.80
16201	7/8/2024	272	QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC	\$800.00
16202	7/8/2024	348	TEAM LAB CHEMICAL CORP	\$249.50
16203	7/8/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$289.68
16204	7/8/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,155.24
16205	7/8/2024	547	CENTURYLINK	\$324.09
16206	7/8/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$76.97
16207	7/8/2024	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$756.13
16208	7/8/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16209	7/8/2024	611	ZIEGLER INC	\$912.65
16210	7/8/2024	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$938.75
16211	7/8/2024	769	THALMANN SEEDS INC	\$164.00
16212	7/8/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$232.79
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
4430	7/8/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$162.04
4431	7/8/2024	640	MN FIRE SERVICE CERT BOARD	\$25.00
4432	7/8/2024	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4433	7/8/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$193.18
<b>INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:</b>				
16184	6/24/2024	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$75.65
16185	6/24/2024	17	CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	\$105.95
16186	6/24/2024	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$20.00
16187	6/24/2024	67	LMCIT	\$149.00
16188	6/24/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$75.24
16189	6/24/2024	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,403.91
16190	6/24/2024	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$129.86
16191	6/24/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,271.89
16192	6/24/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16193	6/24/2024	732	VISA	\$732.30
16194	6/24/2024	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$167.96
16195	6/24/2024	767	CROW RIVER CONSTRUCTION	\$1,413.60
16196	6/24/2024	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
16197	6/24/2024	818	OVERLINE & SON, INC	\$2,380.00
			US Treasury (online) June payroll tax deposit	\$1,472.16
			PERA contribution (online) for 6/1-15/24payroll	\$513.99
			PERA contribution (online) for 6/16-30/24payroll	\$490.88
			MN Dept of Revenue (2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr Withholding)	\$652.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
4427	6/24/2024	17	CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	\$151.10
4428	6/24/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$49.61
4429	6/24/2024	91	PERA	\$10,000.00

**Motion:** by KS to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Gopher State One Call for \$10.80, MNSPECT for \$646.18, and Brau Motors for \$57,104.69. Second by PF. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Luke Lemmer – GS presented an Agreement drafted from the discussions at the last council meeting. Luke has now requested a start period of June 15 to accommodate the timing of the garlic. **Motion:** by KS to enter into the Agreement presented with Luke Lemmers for his temporary building, noting that this Agreement is good for 2024 and must be “renewed” each year. Second by SS. All in favor.

Joe Hunt – Mr. Hunt was unable to attend the council meeting. He has requested to meet with the Mayor. It was determined another City Council member needed to be there also. PF stated she would attend. GS to coordinate this meeting as soon as possible. Discussion on the current status of his ED loan and on the status of his property. GS to research information on doing a mortgage foreclosure and on the removal of the salvage cars.

Grimm, et al. v. State of Minnesota, et al. – GS attended the Zoom motion hearing on June 13, 2024. There was no objections to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order for Judgement and Judgement presented by the Plaintiffs. Basically this is the same as the initial Complaint with the only change being the State retained the mineral rights of the property. The case is now closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

GS presented the drafted Ordinance to adopt and enact the Code of Ordinances as published. **Motion:** by KS to adopt “An Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the City of Plato, Minnesota, Revising, Amending, Restating, Codifying and Compiling Certain Existing General Ordinances of the City of Plato Dealing with Subjects Embraced in Such Code of Ordinances, and Providing Penalties for the Violation of the Code of Ordinances”. Said Code will be effective upon the date of publication of this Ordinance in the McLeod County Chronicle. Second by PF. All in favor.

Discussion on the procedure for Ordinance Enforcement. GS to draft a policy/procedure of ordinance enforcement. Generally, ordinance violations will be addressed once a formal complaint has been received, unless there is a dangerous or immediate offense that needs to be addressed.

GS advised that a claim for damages has been given to the McLeod County Emergency Management Director. It depends on the total amount claimed by the County as to how much/if any relief will be granted. Initial claim was for \$13,200 in flood related damages.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

KS advised that the truck will be ready for pickup tomorrow. Once the new truck is ready for service, **Motion:** by KS to take the old truck and plow to the September auction at Jeff Martin in Glencoe. Second by SS. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Storm Sewer/flooding: SG provided an update on the storm water issues and drainage after the large rain. **Motion:** to start jetting and to camera lines with known issues first. SG would like to try “Tyrone” for jetting of the lines. He charges \$350 per hour with a 4 hour minimum. **Motion:** by DO to proceed with the four hours of jetting at \$1400 to start. Second by SS. All in favor.
- Water shut off valve at 208 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE – valve is near house and a bush. DO and SG will give it another try. If no success, then a new curb stop may need to be installed there.
- Barga was in town last week to do street repair per quote. They needed to do some extra work on a couple of spots. It will be an extra \$800 from the previous quote.
- SG advised there are events in hall for next 3 weekends. Due to set up and clean up times, there will be no pickleball for the month of July. Council approved.

CLERKS REPORT:

- McLeod County is offering the City to receive property tax payments electronically (ACH). **Motion:** by KS to receive the property tax payments from the County by ACH. Second by PF. All in favor.
- GS advised of a “dispute” with a permit fee with MNSPECT.
- GS will be out of town July 10-12. She would like to use 8 hours of PTO. Council approved.
- A draft of the Summer newsletter was provided to Council for review.

OTHER:  
none

**Motion:** by DO to adjourn meeting. Second by KS. Meeting adjourned at 9:58pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer