

MARCH 11, 2024
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Kyle Strobel at 7:00pm on the 11th day of March, 2024, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Stacy Sohns and Peggy Flusemann

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

Guests: Lloyd Graupmann (PPC); Troy Kendrick; Matt Solmonson; Doug Falk; Jason Schroeder

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Doug Falk presented before council with some general follow-up questions from last council meeting: how current pickup will be sold, landscaping around park shelter, bike/walk trail, speed through town on County Road 9.

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

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- LG presented in regard to a conditional use permit for Troy Kendrick at 14 First Avenue NE for an auto service garage with storage confined to within the building. **Motion:** by PF to accept the recommendation of the PPC and approve a conditional use permit for Troy Kendrick at 14 First Avenue NE with the conditions set forth by the PPC. Second by SS. All in favor.
- LG presented with Matt Solmonson of Fabric Solutions LLC in regard to a permitted business use at 9 First Avenue NE. Mr. Solmonson gave a brief overview of his business. His purchase of the building is not final.

Plato Fire Department – none

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Ordinance review – GS advised she, LG, NE and KS have completed a review of the proposed codification of ordinances. Several error corrections/additions/clarifications are needed. Questions to be answered: Does the City ban the use of outdoor wood furnaces/boilers in City limits? *Per Council*, yes. What is the number of complaints required to constitute a public nuisance? LMC recommends a minimum of ten. *Per Council* – ten formal complaints allowing one formal complaint for each residence/business/parcel and the Complainant must reside at the residence/parcel or own the business on a parcel. Who determines “unreasonable”? *Per Council* – a majority determination by Council and Council may rely on/refer to the opinions/research solicited from experts/organizations/companies in making the determination.

Walk/Bike/Crossing Plan – PF and GS presented a very preliminary map of the potential walk/bike path. This is focusing on the crossing of County 9, but may be expanded. More information will be forthcoming.

Website/Social Media – PF is working on quotes and looking at different sites.

Liaisons – KS gave brief PFD report; SS stated Lions blood drive went well and next event is garage sales.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by SS 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 February 2024 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16087	3/11/2024	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,383.33
16088	3/11/2024	36	GAVIN, JANSSEN & STABENOW LTD	\$203.00
16089	3/11/2024	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
16090	3/11/2024	90	MNSPECT, LLC	\$2,715.59
16091	3/11/2024	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$1,052.50
16092	3/11/2024	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$5.40
16093	3/11/2024	456	TAPCO	\$482.48
16094	3/11/2024	476	CONWAY, DEUTH & SCHMIESING	\$8,500.00
16095	3/11/2024	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$221.64
16096	3/11/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$160.14
16097	3/11/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,401.42
16098	3/11/2024	547	CENTURYLINK	\$325.52
16099	3/11/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$10.32
16100	3/11/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.98
16101	3/11/2024	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$270.75
16102	3/11/2024	830	STEPIEN TONY	\$3,675.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4395	3/11/2024	97	PLATO WOODWORK	\$66.33
4396	3/11/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$121.69
4397	3/11/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$35.99
4398	3/11/2024	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$50.00
4399	3/11/2024	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$834.50
4400	3/11/2024	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4401	3/11/2024	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$624.58
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16078	2/26/2024	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$20.00
16079	2/26/2024	67	LMCIT	\$5,014.00
16080	2/26/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$703.08
16081	2/26/2024	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,417.92
16082	2/26/2024	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$104.03
16083	2/26/2024	525	ST OF MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$100.00
16084	2/26/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,635.72
16085	2/26/2024	732	VISA	\$1,218.40
16086	2/26/2024	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
			US Treasury (online) February payroll tax deposit	\$1,276.56
			PERA contribution (online) for 2/1-15/24payroll	\$296.11
			PERA contribution (online) for 2/16-29/24payroll	\$539.19
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4390	2/26/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$433.42
4391	2/26/2024	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$110.00
4392	2/26/2024	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$351.00
4393	2/26/2024	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$2,166.04
4394	2/26/2024	829	STEPIEN STEPHANIE	\$218.98

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Shelter – construction is almost completed – needed some additional pieces. Donation/expense spreadsheet provided to council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Residential smoke complaints – formal complaint received. Letter has been provided by Attorney to resident about the complaint.

The Plato Baseball Club has donated \$1,800.00 to the City to be used to offset additional charges for electricity at the stadium. **Motion:** by SS to accept the donation and apply as requested. Second by KS. All in favor.

Discussion in regard to the Grimm vs. State of MN et al lawsuit with the City listed as a defendant. This litigation relates to the dry Kennison Lake bed and is only related to the land abutting the property owned and claimed by Grimm. After discussion, it was determined the City has no interest in that property and the City Attorney should advise the same. **Motion:** by PF to have attorney advise that the City has no interest in the property in question. Second by SS. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

SS report to council on the training she attended through the League of MN Cities was tabled until next month.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG reported on the annual water conference he attended in St. Cloud through MN Rural Water
- Quote for 2024 dust control was received from Crow River Construction. After discussion, **Motion:** by KS to enter into a contract with Crow River Construction for dust control application for \$1,486 as calculated by SG. Second by SS. All in favor.
- An email from Clarke Mosquito Service for the cost of the 2024 season was received. Cost will increase to \$2,268.39.
- SG and GS reported regarding the meeting with the City Engineer on the Lead Line Service Inventory and the procedure being used.
- Two stumps need to be ground by the E/W field and some grinding of a small stump by the warming/storage building. SG received a quote of \$200 from Warrick Hallett. Council gave approval to proceed.
- Sidewalk by 16 2nd Street NE was discussed. Sidewalk is moving where septic tank use to be. The septic tank and area was the responsibility of the homeowner when sewer was installed.
- SG advised he would still like to schedule a workshop for the Council to hear about street repair from Bargaen. SG to get some dates between April and May meeting.
- As an FYI, SG found a curbstop that will not turn and will probably need to be repaired.
- Short discussion on pickup replacement.

CLERKS REPORT:

- District 108 Booster Club would like to hold a fundraiser in the Community Hall on October 5. They are requesting a discount in the rental rate for the event. **Motion:** by SS to charge \$200 for use of the hall and they must pay for the security officer. Second by PF. All in favor.

OTHER:

SS had a resident question about doing an appreciation dinner for the businesses and having pickleball year-round upstairs in the community hall in addition to the pickleball court outside.

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Kyle Strobel
Acting Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer