

MAY 13, 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 13th day of May, 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

Guests: Lloyd Graupmann (PPC); Stephanie and Tony Stepien; Joel Lepel (PPC), Luke Lemmers, Joe Hunt, Jeannie Stumpf, Tyler Miller, Lois Wilkens (PPC), Ron Templin; Susanne Couval Templin, Dan Peterson

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Luke Lemmers – presented before council in regard to a bulk water meter at 105 McLeod Avenue and the construction of a 20x30 temporary structure to dry garlic at 16 Main Street E. **Motion:** by KS to allow a 1” line before the existing meter to meter outside/garden water; continue to pay the summer bulk water rate of \$7.00 per month for the 5 month period; Luke is responsible to have water turned off and meter disconnected at the end of the period; SG to check that is completed; and GS to set up a separate utility account for the meter. Second by SS. All in favor.

-As it relates to the temporary structure, Luke must first discuss the structure with MNSPECT and then report back on his findings to the council before approval.

Motion: by PF to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission – Stepien Land Detachment – It is the PPC’s recommendation to allow the Stepiens to detach the acreage on the East side of the drainage ditch only. All land on the west side will remain within City limits and continue to be zoned R1, and Ag Use for property tax. **Motion:** by PF to accept the PPC recommendation and allow the detachment of the land on the east side of the drainage ditch from the City limits per the agreement outlined by the PPC. Second by DO. All in favor.

Plato Fire Department – There is a recruitment event on Tuesday, May 14, and again on June 4.

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Ordinance review – GS advised she has reached out to American Legal Publishing as there are few requested changes that were not completed. She expects to have the final document within the next week or so. Council will need to determine how they wish to adopt/implement.

Park and Recreation – Discussion on pickleball. GS advised to purchase another net would be approximately \$460, with equipment it will be approximately \$550. **Motion:** by KS to purchase another net, but to wait on equipment. Second by SS. All in favor.

Walk/Bike/Crossing Plan – GS advised the County Engineer just got back to her and now they need to have another group discussion.

Website/Social Media – PF continues to research and do online demonstrations. Discussion on the .gov account. Council felt PlatoMN.gov would be a good domain name.

Liaisons – Lions: SS reported the garage sale event went well; proceeds going to scholarships. Legion: DO reported the Memorial Day program will be at 9am at cemetery and on radio, with refreshments after in the park shelter.

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 April 2024 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16135	5/13/2024	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$11,861.49
16136	5/13/2024	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$1,943.00
16137	5/13/2024	58	KOHL'S SWEEPING SERVICE	\$1,260.00
16138	5/13/2024	68	MAGUIRE IRON	\$1,600.00
16139	5/13/2024	90	MNSPECT, LLC	\$152.04
16140	5/13/2024	113	TC & W RAILROAD	\$453.34
16141	5/13/2024	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$21.60
16142	5/13/2024	348	TEAM LAB CHEMICAL CORP	\$194.50
16143	5/13/2024	476	CONWAY, DEUTH & SCHMIESING	\$8,250.00
16144	5/13/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$289.68
16145	5/13/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,134.18
16146	5/13/2024	547	CENTURYLINK	\$324.09
16147	5/13/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$188.05
16148	5/13/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16149	5/13/2024	696	HERALD JOURNAL PUBLISHING	\$32.00
16150	5/13/2024	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$2,973.84
16151	5/13/2024	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$458.08
16152	5/13/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$329.70
16153	5/13/2024	863	GIESE'S PLUMBING & SERVICES	\$2,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4416	5/13/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$8,273.02
4417	5/13/2024	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$264.34
4418	5/13/2024	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4419	5/13/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$71.62
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16123	4/22/2024	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$20.00
16124	4/22/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$319.29
16125	4/22/2024	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$292.22
16126	4/22/2024	98	POSTMASTER	\$136.00
16127	4/22/2024	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$107.56
16128	4/22/2024	328	USA BLUE BOOK	\$166.51
16129	4/22/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,294.64
16130	4/22/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16131	4/22/2024	732	VISA	\$199.95
16132	4/22/2024	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$820.24
16133	4/22/2024	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$106.80
16134	4/22/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$92.05
			US Treasury (online) April payroll tax deposit	\$1,471.18
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/1-15/24payroll	\$518.19
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/16-30/24payroll	\$486.68
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4412	4/22/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$149.05
4413	4/22/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$602.53
4414	4/22/2024	604	MED COMPASS - MOBILE HEALTH	\$135.00
4415	4/22/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$101.39

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Shelter – The park shelter is complete! Landscaping will occur after Memorial Day.

Residential smoke complaint – have not heard anything

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt/JKH Holding – lengthy discussion on the status of the property, cleaning it up, catching up on ED loan payments, paperwork on land use. Per KS, Joe should attend the June council meeting and report on the following items: bringing the ED loan payments up to date or have a specific plan to accomplish that; completion of land use documentation to be reviewed by PPC; a timeline for straightening up the area; and what progress he has made in the last month. If these items have not been done, the Council will explore the remedies available to them.

Motion: by KS to approve the gambling permit for the Plato Baseball Club. Second by PF. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Lead Service Line Inventory – GS provided a brief update. Per SG there are about 12 inspections that need to be completed. Three residents have declined the inspection but agreed to provide photos. To date, no lead pipes have been found.
- There is storm sewer repair needed by the ballfield entrance. Quote provided by Litzau’s in the amount of \$5,325.00. This does not include possible curb and roadway repairs. **Motion:** by DO to proceed with the repair as quoted. Second by KS. All in favor.
- There is a water main valve that needs to be moved from the curb into the street by PWW. Quote provided by Litzau’s in the amount of \$8,750.00. This does not include curb and roadway repair. **Motion:** by KS to proceed with the repair as quoted. Second by SS. All in favor.
- **Motion:** by KS to proceed with all of the street repairs as quoted by Barga Inc for a total amount of \$13,164.00. Second by PF. All in favor.
- **Motion:** by KS to proceed with the generator maintenance as quoted by Ziegler Companies for \$800.00. Second by SS. All in favor.

CLERKS REPORT:

- The King Pin Pub would like to have a street dance on July 20. Second Avenue would be blocked from Main Street to the alley by the post office. Band will be facing south. KPP will have mini biffs. Dance to run from 8:00pm to Midnight. **Motion:** by DO to allow closure of the street and having the street dance. Second by KS. All in favor. GS advised that there is also an event at the community hall that night.
- GS questioned if the council was to be paid “special meeting pay” for the street workshop and/or the PPC meeting. After discussion: **Motion:** by PF to pay special meeting pay as one event since on same night. Second by DO. All in favor.
- **Motion:** by PF to pay Dennis Oltmann \$20 per hour while covering for Scott when out and when providing assistance. Second by SS. All in favor – DO abstained from voting.

OTHER:

DO has arranged for recycling pickup for the three old printers that were in the community hall meeting room. Cost is \$30.00 plus half of the pickup up fee for a total of \$33.50 to be reimbursed to DO. Council approved.

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

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer