

JANUARY 8, 2018
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Bob Becker at 7:01p.m. on the 8th day of January 2018, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Stacy Sohns Tracy Montgomery, VeeAnn Wood, and Dennis Oltmann

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

Guests: Lloyd Graupmann (PPC), Joe Ehrke (PFD), Eugene Ehrke, Ryan Neubarth (PFD), Ryan Engelmann (PFD), Mike Eggers and family (PFD), and Tony Schauer (PFD)

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

Fire Department:

GS reported on the selection committee process. The Committee interviewed for the position of Fire Chief 3 on December 19. It is the committee’s recommendation that Ryan Engelmann be appointed to Fire Chief 3 position.

Motion: by DO to accept the recommendation of the selection committee and appoint Ryan Engelmann to the position of Fire Chief 3. Second by SS. All in favor.

Motion: by DO to approve Tony Schauer as Captain. He ran unopposed for the position. Second by TM. All in favor.

The Oath of Office was administered to: Joe Ehrke (new firefighter), Mike Eggers (Fire Chief 1), Ryan Engelmann (Fire Chief 3), Tony Schauer (Captain), and Ryan Neubarth (Treasurer). Nathan Bruch (Fire Chief 2) was unable to attend.

Motion: by DO to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017, regular City Council Meeting. Second by TM. All in favor.

Motion: by SS to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017, special budget meeting. Second by TM. All in favor.

REPORTS

Park and Recreation

GS provided an accounting update on the stadium/dugout renovation project and BB provided an update on the project.

Sheriff – none

Plato Planning Commission

- Lloyd presented with some additional information in regard to ordinances governing chickens. Discussion held.
- Lloyd also advised the lot at 212 2nd Street NE (directly to the East of the Fire Hall) has been sold and he is working with the new owners on a footprint for how the house can be placed on that lot. There is some question as to where the water stub is at and if there is a sewer stub.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by DO to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Second by VW. All in favor.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
13704	1/8/2018	8	BARGEN INCORPORATED	\$15,799.60
13705	1/8/2018	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$4,619.07
13706	1/8/2018	65	LITZAU EXCAVATING	\$3,800.00
13707	1/8/2018	74	MCLEOD PUBLISHING INC	\$20.00
13708	1/8/2018	91	PERA	\$50.81

13709	1/8/2018	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$460.00
13710	1/8/2018	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$4.05
13711	1/8/2018	490	OMNI-SITE	\$828.00
13712	1/8/2018	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$1,268.39
13713	1/8/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$311.64
13714	1/8/2018	547	CENTURYLINK	\$294.17
13715	1/8/2018	556	DVS RENEWAL	\$16.00
13716	1/8/2018	556	DVS RENEWAL	\$16.00
13717	1/8/2018	652	CREEKSIDE SOILS	\$716.25
13718	1/8/2018	703	STAR GROUP LLC	\$52.33
13719	1/8/2018	710	ENGELMANN DEAN	\$340.00
13720	1/8/2018	718	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	\$85.50
13721	1/8/2018	736	MCLEOD CTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$158.00
13722	1/8/2018	737	SCHNEIDER EXCAV & GRADING INC	\$6,825.00
13723	1/8/2018	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$434.29

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

3602	1/8/2018	219	JERRY'S TRANSMISSION SERVICE	\$277.54
3603	1/8/2018	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$335.60
3604	1/8/2018	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$18.43
3605	1/8/2018	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$455.00
3606	1/8/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$68.48
3607	1/8/2018	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$336.00
3608	1/8/2018	702	CUSTOMIZED FIRE RESCUE TRAIN	\$352.60
3609	1/8/2018	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
3610	1/8/2018	739	EHRKE JOE	\$755.42

INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:

13693	12/22/2017	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$5.00
13695	12/22/2017	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,472.31
13696	12/22/2017	91	PERA	\$152.45
13697	12/22/2017	92	PLATO C STORE	\$109.15
13698	12/22/2017	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$93.19
13699	12/22/2017	474	+T++MOBILE	\$49.08
13700	12/22/2017	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$905.09
13701	12/22/2017	732	VISA	\$295.45
13703	12/22/2017	734	CENTURY FENCE COMPANY	\$6,235.00
13694	12/22/2017	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$318.81
13702	12/22/2017	733	LARSEN AUTOMOTIVE	\$41.33
	01/04/2018		US Treasury – online – December payroll tax deposit	\$710.90
	01/04/2018		Minnesota Revenue – online – 4 th Quarter Withholding	\$388.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

3598	12/22/2017	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$187.16
3599	12/22/2017	92	PLATO C STORE	\$112.22
3600	12/22/2017	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$5,210.00
3601	12/22/2017	735	BDS LAUNDRY SYSTEMS	\$395.19
3597	12/22/2017	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$206.07

Motion: by TM to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Valley View Electric for \$560.39, Wm Mueller & Sons for \$137.00, Mini Biff for \$117.56, Ken’s Excavation for \$464.00 and Hawkins for \$5.00. Second by VW. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MnSpect Contract Amendment – A revised Contract Amendment was presented to council. This revised Contract Amendment removed the technology fee the Council had been questioning. **Motion:** by DO to approve the revised Contract Amendment as presented. Second by VW. All in favor.

A suggested Building Code Fee Schedule was reviewed and discussed. **Motion:** by SS to adopt the Building Code Fee Schedule as presented, effective 1/1/2018. Second by VW. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The issue of sump pumps discharging on the street in the winter and creating an ice hazard was discussed. Lloyd Graupmann on behalf of St. Paul's church is requesting that during the winter months the sump pump could be discharged into a floor drain. Discussion held and further research will be conducted.

The Appointment and Fees schedule for 2018 was reviewed. **Motion:** by TM to adopt the Appointment and Fee schedule with updates and water/sewer rate increases. Second by DO. All in favor. (**Resolution 2018-01 and Resolution 2018-02**)

Review of the Holiday Schedule. **Motion:** by VW to keep the holiday schedule the same as 2017. Second by DO. All in favor.

An example of a complaint form was provided for council to review. Along with the form needs to be a policy on how this form will be handled. GS to draft policy and present at next meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG received a blight complaint in regard to the number of vehicles at a residence. SG did a check and the vehicles/trailers in question all have current registration/license.
- **Motion:** by VW to fix the community hall exit lights per Valley View Electric's quote and to fix the fire hall lights per quote from Valley View Electric. Second by TM. All in favor
- A bracket broke on the overflow pipe on the water tower. Maguire Iron will be coming to look at it.
- SG requested approval to order 10 of the plastic tables for the community hall at a cost of \$105 per table as discussed at budget meeting. **Motion:** by SS to purchase 10 of the plastic tables for the community hall as budgeted. Second by DO. All in favor.
- SG provided some additional information in regard to the new lawn mower he would like to purchase. Following the budget meeting he questioned the trade in value for the following year and he was advised it would be approximately \$6 per hour. The model at the top of his list would be approximately \$6349, with the trade-in of the current mower. **Motion:** by VW to purchase the lawn mower SG suggested for approximately \$6,349 with the trade-in of the current mower. Second by SS. All in favor.

CLERKS REPORT

- GS received a request to hold an auction in the Community Hall. It would take place in the Spring and they would need the hall for two days. Council was fine with this under certain conditions: the cost would be \$500 for two days of rental for the upstairs of the hall only; nothing can be placed on the grass area around the hall (could possibly block off a portion of the street if needed); hall needs to be cleaned back up to pre-auction condition; and all "left-over" items need to be removed, not placed in the dumpsters.
- GS advised she has a pre-audit meeting tomorrow. The engagement letter has been received. It states the audit cost will not be more than \$12,250. **Motion:** by VW to enter into the audit agreement with CDS. Second by DO. All in favor.
- GS provided an update as it relates to the property taxes being charged on the piece of land where the cell tower is situated.
- There has been some discussion in regard to Plato history, the memorabilia in the hall, and the continued documentation. A suggestion was to form a history committee. Council agreed this would be a good idea. GS will put it in the next City newsletter and see if there would be a few volunteers.

OTHER

None

Motion: by VW to adjourn meeting. Second by SS. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Bob Becker
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer