

APRIL 9, 2018  
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Bob Becker at 6:59p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Josh Eckstein (Bolton & Menk), Justin McGraw (CDS), Darrell Caturia (McLeod County Sheriff's Office), Kyle Jorgenson (McLeod County Sheriff's Office), Mike Eggers (Plato Fire), Ryan Engelmann (Plato Fire), and Doug Krueger (McLeod County Commissioner)

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Josh Eckstein from Bolton & Menk presented before council to answer questions relating to the proposed wastewater treatment facility in Glencoe and resulting sewer rates.

Justin McGraw from Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing presented before council in regard to the 2017 financial statements and the audit findings. Basically, the City's financial position remains good; with no major changes from the previous year and no problems/issues encountered.

Doug Krueger was just checking in. He did talk briefly about ditch activity, work on the buffer strips, upcoming road projects, Highway 212 lobbying, and other general updates.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

**Motion:** by VW to accept the 2017 financial statements and audit as presented. Second by SS. All in favor

**Motion:** by SS to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018, regular City Council Meeting. Second by DO. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Mike Eggers and Ryan Engelmann presented on behalf of the PFD with the following information/updates: The skid unit has been installed and the rig is in service. Truck committee will be exploring some additional truck options. Charitable gambling account is now completely closed. They do still have the license to do fundraising (raffle, one day event, etc.) if needed. Ryan Harvey will be done with training at the end of April. Fire Department is still looking for new members to build up the roster. The department will be doing some joint training with Glencoe at the airport in the near future.

Park and Recreation - none

Sheriff – A 2017 call report was provided to council. Deputy Darrell Caturia answered questions in regard to the report.

Plato Planning Commission – A brief discussion was held in regard to a proposed expansion at Plato Woodwork. Some additional research is needed.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by SS to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by DO. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance and internal transfer record.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
13805	4/9/2018	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$5,470.92
13806	4/9/2018	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$225.00
13807	4/9/2018	60	LANO EQUIPMENT	\$237.03
13808	4/9/2018	90	MNSPECT	\$654.01
13809	4/9/2018	91	PERA	\$364.65
13810	4/9/2018	92	PLATO C STORE	\$91.00
13811	4/9/2018	98	POSTMASTER	\$410.00
13812	4/9/2018	113	TC & W RAILROAD	\$362.02
13813	4/9/2018	116	UNITED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY INC	\$2,018.72
13814	4/9/2018	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$548.00
13815	4/9/2018	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$755.88
13816	4/9/2018	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$25.00
13817	4/9/2018	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$121.38
13818	4/9/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$702.34
13819	4/9/2018	547	CENTURYLINK	\$295.30
13820	4/9/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,287.76
13821	4/9/2018	718	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	\$85.50
13822	4/9/2018	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$624.04
13823	4/9/2018	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$564.24
13824	4/9/2018	745	BASEBALLRACKS.COM, INC	\$5,975.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
3651	4/9/2018	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$5,484.24
3652	4/9/2018	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$577.78
3653	4/9/2018	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$330.92
3654	4/9/2018	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
3655	4/9/2018	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$150.54
<b>INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:</b>				
13793	3/26/2018	67	LMCIT	\$16,815.00
13794	3/26/2018	67	LMCIT	\$4,565.00
13796	3/26/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$12.09
13797	3/26/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,335.51
13798	3/26/2018	91	PERA	\$411.69
13799	3/26/2018	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$96.46
13800	3/26/2018	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$380.00
13802	3/26/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$969.80
13803	3/26/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,287.76
13795	3/26/2018	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$706.58
13801	3/26/2018	474	+T++MOBILE	\$57.09
13804	3/26/2018	732	VISA	\$171.43
	04/03/2018		US Treasury – online – March payroll tax deposit	\$1,171.44
	04/03/2018		MN Dept of Revenue – online	
			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter state withholding	\$564.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
3643	3/26/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$63.75
3649	3/26/2018	729	GREATER MN COMMUNICATIONS	\$186.18
3641	3/12/2018	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$180.00
3642	3/26/2018	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$401.57
3644	3/26/2018	389	SCHIROO ELECTRICAL REBUILDING	\$1,841.81
3645	3/26/2018	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$1,784.00
3646	3/26/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$49.00
3647	3/26/2018	655	BRUCH NATHAN	\$100.39
3648	3/26/2018	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$345.76
3650	3/26/2018	744	HARVEY, RYAN	\$67.69

**Motion:** by DO to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with a claim from 4-Square Builders Inc for \$3,030.48. Second by VW. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sewer rates were increased by Glencoe due to the wastewater treatment facility project. After discussion, **Motion:** by DO to increase the sewer rate to \$7.83 per 1000 gallons (currently \$7.58/1000gals) and the sewer connection fee to \$14.53 per month (currently \$7.87 per month) effective May 1, 2018. Second by SS. All in favor. **(Resolution 2018-03)**

The Appointment and Fees schedule for 2018 was reviewed. **Motion:** by DO to adopt the Appointment and Fee schedule with updates, including the sewer rate increases. Second by SS. All in favor. **(Resolution 2018-04)**

The Internal Fund Transfer Policy is not complete. GS will present at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Motion:** by SS to approve a beer license for the Plato Baseball Club for the 2018 season at the Blue Jay Stadium in the amount of \$25. Second by VW. All in favor.

**Motion:** by VW to approve the off-sale liquor license renewal and cigarette license renewal for Mighty's Liquor. Second by SS. All in favor.

**Motion:** by DO to approve the off-sale, on-sale, and Sunday liquor licenses renewals for LuLu's Lounge. Second by VW. All in favor. Question raised if the establishment qualifies for a Sunday liquor license. GS to obtain statute and present to owners for verification.

**Motion:** by DO to approve the off-sale, on-sale, cigarette and Sunday liquor licenses renewals for King Pin Pub. Second by SS. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG again discussed the need for some part time summer help with ballfields and lawn mowing. He would also like that person to provide "backup" for when he is out of town. SG is talking to a resident of Plato about this possible position. Council agrees with SG and the creation of this position.
- SG has talked to J & J Dust Control and the City is on the schedule for a dust control application before June 1 at the cost of \$750. BB reminded SG that the road needed to be bladed by Helen Township before applying dust suppressant.
- SG received confirmation and application dates from Clarke relating to mosquito management.
- SG attended the pesticide classes on April 4 to renew his license. He found the classes to be informative.
- SG is still working on the collection of information in regard to upgrading the water meters and also on jetting/cameraing of the sewer lines.
- The old mower has been picked up by Rec-Tech. The new mower is in, but they are waiting on the bagger attachment.

CLERKS REPORT

- The extra tables will be offered for sale during the Citywide Garage Sales for \$20 each.
- GS reported on additional information she obtained in regard to the cost of the City doing a quarterly or seasonal newsletter. The Council agreed to go ahead with this and having June as the tentative date for the first one. GS will start working on it.
- In addition to the summer help discussed above with Public Works, GS stated there is a significant amount of shredding and scanning that needs to be done and she suggested it would be more cost effective to hire part time help over the summer to complete those projects. Council agreed. GS is researching the equipment needs and will report back.
- Preparations are already beginning for the upcoming elections. There will be two council seats, currently held by VW and TM and the Mayor seat up for election this year. Discussion in regard to names on the ballots. Discussion held on notifying residents regarding the mail in ballot system again.
- GS talked to a member of the Lions organization today about the 140<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the City of Plato on September 3 and if the City was going to have a celebration. There are no plans at this point.

OTHER

VW brought up the community hall and what a neighboring community was doing. She also advised that Jay Wood was a member of the memorial team that assisted at the funeral of a fallen firefighter.

**Motion:** by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by VW. Meeting adjourned at 10:15p.m.

Bob Becker  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer