

JULY 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 7:04p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Leslie J. Schmid (CenterPoint Energy); Karin Ramige (McLeod County Chronicle); Jay Wood and family, Ryan Harvey and family, Steven Zumberge and Brad Droege, (NYA Fire Department), and members of the Plato Fire Department.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Leslie J. Schmid representing CenterPoint Energy presented a grant to the Plato Fire Department in the amount of \$2000 to purchase fire hose. Chief Mike Eggers accepted the grant on behalf of the Department.

Mayor Bob Becker conducted the swearing in of new firefighter, Ryan Harvey. Chief Mike Eggers presented Ryan Harvey with his black helmet.

Chief Mike Eggers presented a plaque to retired Chief/Firefighter Jay Wood in recognition of his years of service on the Plato Fire Department.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

none

**Motion:** by DO to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018, regular City Council Meeting. Second by SS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – none

Park and Recreation- discussion in regard to the retaining wall at the baseball field. BB advised the City engineer has assessed what needs to be done and bid sheets have been circulated. A special meeting may be called in order to make a final decision to try to get this done yet this year.

Sheriff – none

Plato Planning Commission – GS provided an update in regard to current planning/zoning items.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by TM 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. GS also advised that \$2,426.50 will be transferred to the Fire Department account. Training/educational reimbursement from the State was direct deposited into the General Fund. Also, there will be two internal finance payments made by transfer: \$5,500 from the general water fund to the money market water fund for water tower repair; and \$2,728.31 from the general operating fund to the general money market fund for final payment on the Kubota and field groomer.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
13917	7/9/2018	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$9,165.96
13918	7/9/2018	90	MNSPECT	\$427.10
13919	7/9/2018	91	PERA	\$391.53
13920	7/9/2018	92	PLATO C STORE	\$282.72
13921	7/9/2018	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$10.80
13922	7/9/2018	435	McLEOD CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$85.50
13923	7/9/2018	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$109.65
13924	7/9/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$877.74
13925	7/9/2018	547	CENTURYLINK	\$295.31
13926	7/9/2018	555	KEN'S EXCAVATION	\$605.00
13927	7/9/2018	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$58.32
13928	7/9/2018	573	VORLICEK LEVI	\$77.57
13929	7/9/2018	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$557.33
13930	7/9/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,287.76
13931	7/9/2018	712	SYSTEMHOUSE INC	\$177.50
13932	7/9/2018	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$899.90
13933	7/9/2018	742	TRIMARK	\$205.28
13934	7/9/2018	753	SCOTT, SOMMER	\$83.12
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
3673	7/9/2018	92	PLATO C STORE	\$75.01
3674	7/9/2018	97	PLATO WOODWORK	\$82.40
3675	7/9/2018	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$147.65
3676	7/9/2018	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
<b>INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:</b>				
13905	6/25/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$12.21
13906	6/25/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$980.70
13907	6/25/2018	91	PERA	\$404.97
13908	6/25/2018	92	PLATO C STORE	\$477.65
13909	6/25/2018	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$110.27
13911	6/25/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$936.60
13912	6/25/2018	573	VORLICEK LEVI	\$249.35
13913	6/25/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,287.76
13904	6/25/2018	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$54.58
13910	6/25/2018	474	+T++MOBILE	\$56.78
13914	6/25/2018	732	VISA	\$1,676.91
13915	6/25/2018	753	SCOTT, SOMMER	\$143.14
13916	6/25/2018	754	EMI AUDIO	\$4,841.57
	07/05/2018		US Treasury – online – June payroll tax deposit	\$1,719.80
	07/05/2018		Minnesota Revenue – online – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr State Withholding	\$574.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
3672	6/25/2018	92	PLATO C STORE	\$61.65
3671	6/25/2018	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$32.65

**Motion:** by VW to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with claims from Mini Biff for \$109.14 and BRJ Construction for \$893.43. Second by SS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG provided additional quotes in regard to jetting and televising of the sewer lines: Pipe Services for \$26,180.00, Hydro Klean for \$28,846.00 and Ewert Bros Inc for \$27,250.00. After discussion and quote comparison, **Motion:** by VW to go with Pipe Services and try to get it done yet this year. Second by DO. All in favor. Determination of the internal finance plan will be discussed at the next meeting.
- At last month's meeting, SG presented a quote for \$2,706 for a 7-ft snow blade for the Bobcat. He now received a quote from RecTech in the amount of \$3,200 for an 8-ft blade. Council questioned whether a used blade could be found. SG to do some more checking and will advise.
- Discussion held in regard to a large tree by the County 9 field. One of the limbs cracked and had to be taken down. Question now is whether the whole tree should be removed. Council agreed that the entire tree should be cut down and a new tree planted. SG to coordinate.
- SG received a request from Kahnke Brothers in regard to placing a temporary sign by the City's lift station along Highway 212. The sign would be there for a couple of days, a couple of times during the year. Council was fine with them doing so.
- SG was approached about whether the City should have a golf cart ordinance. Discussion held. GS to obtain sample ordinances for next meeting.
- Blight issues were discussed. GS to provide a letter to Stockman Transfer in regard to mowing the grass back from road and the storage of junk trailers and vehicles. GS to also check with the owner of the land with the barn in regard to the accumulation of old vehicles.

CLERKS REPORT

- The first City newsletter was mailed in June. Total cost associated with the newsletter was \$307.44 (card stock, printing, postage). GS did not receive any feedback. Discussion held on the content and timing of future newsletters. It was determined that three times per year would be sufficient – approximately March, July and November.
- GS spoke with John Moerhing in regard to the land lease agreement. John has requested that No. 7 on the contract state ...Lessee will neither condemn the Property *or any other property owned by the Lessor*, nor.... (italics indicates content added). After discussion, **Motion:** by DO to change the new contract to incorporate this language. Second by TM. All in favor.
- GS advised that she is almost done with the election training. She was advised by the county that she needed to bring a trained election judge with her on the night of the primary and the night of the general election to do the closing paperwork. Louis and Ardeen Graupmann and Dennis Oltmann have volunteered. They can do the online refresher training and then any one of them can accompany GS. **Motion:** by TM to appoint Louis Graupmann, Ardeen Graupmann, and Dennis Oltmann as election judges. Second by VW. All in favor.
- Council was provided with the Notice of Filing. Filing for open council positions and mayor position begins July 31 and ends August 14.
- Discussion on the League of Minnesota seminar on Crisis Management Leadership: Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness. SG will follow-up with the Fire Department next Monday to see if any members want to attend. VW stated she would attend.
- GS advised chromebooks, scanner, mice, and USB flashdrives came to approximately \$1700. Budget was for \$2000. GS also advised a part is going out on the printer and it will be about \$300 to get a new one.

OTHER

none

**Motion:** by VW to adjourn meeting. Second by TM. Meeting adjourned at 9:12p.m.

Bob Becker  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer