

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor VeeAnn Wood at 7:01p.m. on the 10th day of September, 2018, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Candace Pederson, Neil Engelmann and Deputy Sheriff Darrell Caturia

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

none

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

none

Motion: by DO to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018, regular City Council Meeting, with one typographical correction. Second by TM. All in favor.

Motion: by DO to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2018 special 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 stadium and Tulies LLC revised quote. The quote now presented has removed the purchase and installation of the fencing. At the Special Meeting on August 25, a quote was approved from Tulies with one change in regard to the type of fencing. VW/SS rescinded their motion made at the special meeting. **Motion:** by TM to accept the new quote dated 8/27/2018 by Tulies LLC and enter into said contract. Second by SS. All in favor. Additional discussion held in regard to the stadium renovation. GS to invite a member from the Plato Baseball Club to next meeting.

Sheriff – Deputy Sheriff Darrell Caturia attended on behalf of the Sheriff Department. He apologized for not having reports sent. Questions were raised in regard to the speed of traffic on County Road 9. He agrees there is an issue there. Discussion held in regard to placing a speed sign (one that shows how fast the vehicle is traveling) at the south end of County 9 where traffic comes off of Highway 212. Deputy Caturia stated they have one; however, the batteries are bad and so the unit would have to be plugged in.

Plato Planning Commission – There was a public hearing on Thursday, August 30, to address a variance request by Nichol and Candy Pederson in regard to the building of a house on the lot at 8 2nd Street NE. Following the public hearing, the planning commission and the board of adjustments met. It is the recommendation of both committees to grant a variance to Nichol and Candy Pederson allowing a smaller house size to be built to fit the lot size and maintain required setbacks. **Motion:** by TM to grant the variance requested by Nichol and Candy Pederson as recommended by the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustments. Second by DO. All in favor.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by DO to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by TM. 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
13985	9/10/2018	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$6,104.43
13986	9/10/2018	36	GAVIN, DONLEY & OSTLUND LTD	\$1,355.75
13987	9/10/2018	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$5.00
13988	9/10/2018	60	LANO EQUIPMENT	\$1,729.02
13989	9/10/2018	61	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	\$486.00
13990	9/10/2018	74	MCLEOD PUBLISHING INC	\$28.80
13991	9/10/2018	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$257.00
13992	9/10/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$12.09
13993	9/10/2018	90	MNSPECT	\$348.30
13994	9/10/2018	91	PERA	\$369.69
13995	9/10/2018	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$9.45
13996	9/10/2018	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$218.79
13997	9/10/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$755.25
13998	9/10/2018	547	CENTURYLINK	\$315.92
13999	9/10/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,287.76
14000	9/10/2018	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$1,010.03
14001	9/10/2018	760	TULIES LLC	\$10,540.00
14002	9/10/2018	761	PIPE SERVICES CORPORATION	\$29,089.98
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3693	9/10/2018	219	JERRY'S TRANSMISSION SERVICE	\$38.42
3694	9/10/2018	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$150.96
3695	9/10/2018	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$50.00
3696	9/10/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$87.85
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
13974	8/27/2018	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$120.13
13976	8/27/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,223.60
13977	8/27/2018	91	PERA	\$394.89
13978	8/27/2018	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$113.41
13981	8/27/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$883.78
13982	8/27/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,287.76
13984	8/27/2018	753	SCOTT, SOMMER	\$96.97
13975	8/27/2018	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$51.94
13979	8/27/2018	474	+T++MOBILE	\$56.63
13980	8/27/2018	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$109.65
13983	8/27/2018	732	VISA	\$452.98
	9/05/2018		US Treasury – online – August payroll tax deposit	\$1,149.64
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3691	8/27/2018	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63
3690	8/27/2018	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$25.40
3692	8/27/2018	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00

Motion: by TM to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with a claim from Glencoe Fleet Supply for \$60.45. Second by DO. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

TM drafted a letter to Bolton & Menk in regard to the handling of the retaining wall project. Another invoice has been received from Bolton & Menk for additional services. The invoices are not itemized to show what the City is being billed for. After review, the council agreed to sending the letter with additional language about holding of payments until itemizations are received. TM to revise letter.

Discussion held in regard to the 2019 Preliminary Tax Levy. This amount must be certified with the County and basically provides the cap on how high a property tax levy can be increased. **Motion:** by DO to set the 2019 Preliminary Tax Levy at \$217,860, broken down as General Fund \$159,110, Sewer CI \$37,250, and Water CI \$21,500. Second by SS. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG presented a contract quote from Wm. Mueller & Sons in regard to snow removal for the 2018-19 season. Discussion held in regard to price increases. **Motion:** by SS to enter into said contract with Wm Mueller & Sons as presented. Second by TM. All in favor.
- SG reported on the televising and cleaning of the sewer lines. Everything is complete and there were no major issues found. He would suggest a set schedule of cleaning the lift stations every three years or so and at the same time do a portion of the lines in town.
- GS brought up maintenance/updating of the community hall. She asked all council members to do a “walk-through” of the hall and then discuss at the next meeting.
- SG stated Kahnke Tree Farm will donate six (6) trees to be planted at the following locations: one near the Lion water fountain, four along the west end of the parking lot and one by County 9 field where the tree was just removed. Kahnke’s will also replace one evergreen at the stadium that is not doing well. SG believes he is able to cut down the trees that are to be replaced. Along that line, SG would like to purchase a chain saw. Council was fine with him purchasing one.
- SG will be taking his sewer class and licensing test on October 10-12 in St Cloud. DO will cover while he is gone.

CLERKS REPORT

- A blight letter was sent to Stockman Transfer on September 30. No response has been received. GS questioned how the council would like to proceed. No specific action could be determined. Suggestion was made of council members meeting with the owners of the property to discuss the concerns. GS to contact owners and see if a meeting could be arranged.
- GS provided a draft of a blight letter for the property along 212 and County Road 9 owned by Randy Wahl. Discussion held as to the status of the property and what the Council would like to see done. It was determined that mowing of the lot along County Road 9 would be sufficient at this point. SS to talk with owners and see if that can be done. No letter is to be sent at this time.
- The fee for jetting and televising the sewer lines came to \$29,089.98. Council had budgeted \$8,000 for 2018. That leaves approximately \$21,000 to be transferred from the money market fund as an internal finance. It was decided that amount will be paid back to the money market fund at a rate of \$7,000 per year for three (3) years, beginning in 2019.
- DO filled in for SG while he was on vacation. He worked 16.5 hours. After discussion, DO to be paid \$20 per hour for that time.
- GS advised the City Attorney is working on the appropriate documents for the street vacations and utility easements. GS did meet with Karl Pinske and updated him on what the City is in the process of doing.
- GS advised she contacted Activity Director Schwirtz at GSL High School in regard to the amount invoiced for field usage. Mr. Schwirtz feels \$250 is a more appropriate amount since the City does not have to get the field ready or provide the supplies. After discussion, **Motion:** by SS to charge \$40 for each day the field was used. Second by DO. All in favor.
- In the primary election, the City of Plato had 32.70% voter turnout. Plato had the 2nd highest percentage of voter turnout after the City of Biscay. McLeod County had 19.71%. The top three precincts with the highest turnout were all mail-in-ballot precincts.
- GS advised three people placed their names on the ballot for the upcoming election. Tracy Montgomery filed for the Mayor position. VeeAnn Wood filed for re-election to her City Council seat. Neil Engelmann filed for the other City Council seat.

- GSL school district would like to hold a community meeting in regard to their referendum on the upcoming ballot in Plato on Monday, October 22, at 7:30pm. Discussion held and schedules checked on organizations. It was determined that 6:30pm would be a better time and the meeting should take place in the conference room at the fire hall. GS will advise Superintendent Sonju
- The community hall is rented on October 20 for a quinceanera. The renters would like access to the hall to practice “the friends dance”. They would like 2 hours on each of the preceding Saturdays from 4p-6p. Discussion held. It was determined that \$50 per time would be charged. GS to advise.
- GS presented a question relating to rental of the park shelter for multiple days in a row. She questioned whether there was any difference in this type of rental for residents vs non-residents. Tabled until next meeting.

OTHER

None

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by TM. Meeting adjourned at 10:42p.m.

VeeAnn Wood
Acting-Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer