

NOVEMBER 12, 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 12th day of November, 2018, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Neil Engelmann, Ryan Engelmann and Mike Eggers

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 October 8, 2018, regular City Council Meeting. Second by TM. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Mike Eggers and Ryan Engelmann presented on behalf of the Fire Department. Chief Eggers advised there were two applicants for the Captain position. The applicants were interviewed by the Selection Committee on November 1. It was the Selection Committee’s recommendation to award the Captain position to Ryan Neubarth. **Motion:** by DO to accept the Selection Committee recommendation and award the Captain position to Ryan Neubarth. Second by SS. All in favor.

Chief Eggers advised the Plato Lions are orchestrating a fundraising effort to benefit the Plato Fire Department. They are applying for a grant and will be fundraising at some of their other events. The goal is to raise \$4,200. The funds will be used for communications devices – Smart TV, iPad, 4 pagers.

Park and Recreation – none

Sheriff – Call report was provided for 1st and 2nd quarter

Plato Planning Commission – Lloyd Graupmann provided a report relating to a temporary storage garage at 20 3rd Avenue NE.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by VW 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
14044	11/12/2018	8	BARGEN INCORPORATED	\$10,000.00
14045	11/12/2018	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$6,756.28
14046	11/12/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$12.09
14047	11/12/2018	90	MNSPECT	\$353.85
14048	11/12/2018	91	PERA	\$356.25
14049	11/12/2018	92	PLATO C STORE	\$198.85
14050	11/12/2018	114	THEIN WELL COMPANY	\$195.00
14051	11/12/2018	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$2,352.00

14052	11/12/2018	249	CROWN INDUSTRIES	\$100.00
14053	11/12/2018	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$24.30
14054	11/12/2018	435	McLEOD CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$106.88
14055	11/12/2018	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$66.79
14056	11/12/2018	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$109.14
14057	11/12/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$686.84
14058	11/12/2018	547	CENTURYLINK	\$304.53
14059	11/12/2018	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$114.25
14060	11/12/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,287.76
14061	11/12/2018	602	MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	\$45.00
14062	11/12/2018	703	STAR GROUP LLC	\$127.17
14063	11/12/2018	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$1,157.00
14064	11/12/2018	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$669.45
14065	11/12/2018	752	RUTT ROBERT	\$37.75
14066	11/12/2018	762	WATER CONSERVATION SERV INC	\$1,067.95
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3713	11/12/2018	92	PLATO C STORE	\$30.00
3714	11/12/2018	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$395.18
3715	11/12/2018	596	MCLEOD CTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSN	\$360.00
3716	11/12/2018	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
14032	10/22/2018	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$52.35
14033	10/22/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$925.89
14034	10/22/2018	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$12.09
14035	10/22/2018	91	PERA	\$398.25
14036	10/22/2018	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$98.88
14037	10/22/2018	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$1,844.50
14038	10/22/2018	474	+T++MOBILE	\$55.14
14039	10/22/2018	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$146.20
14040	10/22/2018	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$875.39
14041	10/22/2018	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,287.76
14042	10/22/2018	732	VISA	\$75.16
14043	10/22/2018	760	TULIES LLC	\$5,260.00
	11/6/2018		US Treasury – online – Oct payroll tax deposit	\$1,133.54
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3705	10/22/2018	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$32.30
3707	10/22/2018	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$67.93
3710	10/22/2018	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$9.85
3712	10/22/2018	731	GRANITE ELECTRONICS INC	\$4,720.00
3706	10/22/2018	146	MICHAEL EGGERS	\$795.62
3708	10/22/2018	594	VOL FFIGHTERS' BENEFIT ASSN	\$147.00
3709	10/22/2018	621	ENGELMANN RYAN	\$709.04
3711	10/22/2018	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 2019 budget for the sewer fund was discussed. Final budget will be set at the Budget Meeting in December.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2019 Fire Fighting Contracts with Camden and Young America Township were presented for approval. **Motion:** by SS to enter into said 2019 Fire Fighting Contracts with Camden and Young America Township. Second by TM. All in favor.

The 2019 contract to receive assessment services from the County was reviewed and discussed. **Motion:** by TM to enter into said Contract with the County for 2019. Second by VW. All in favor.

The status of the waste water treatment facility in Glencoe was discussed. SS, VW, TM and GS attended the Glencoe City Council meeting on November 5. All of the bids are in and the City of Glencoe needs to award the project within 60 days. They did not do so at that council meeting and were holding another workshop to discuss further. Since the project came in over the estimate, it does appear that rate increases will be needed as previously set out. GS will continue to follow-up with Gary Schriefels and advise as more is learned.

The 2019 budget for the water fund was discussed. Final budget will be set at the Budget Meeting in December.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG provided an update on the water main break south of 3rd Avenue NW, in the field. SG stated he will re-seed the area that was dug up in the spring.
- Community Hall update: SG advised he received two quotes for refinishing the floor \$16,000 and \$12,000. After discussion, he will check into some other options as it relates to redoing the floor. DO is checking on a stainless- steel urinal. BB will take the carpet off of the wall. DO reported the new sound system has been installed in the hall and they also replaced some ceiling tiles that needed repair. There was discussion on lines for pop and beer taps.
- The Bobcat started leaking oil. SG took it to Lano's to be checked. The Bobcat has a cracked head. Cost to repair will be approximately \$3000.
- Bargaen has completed all of the crack filling in town.
- SG advised that he passed the wastewater license exam and now has both his water and sewer licensure.
- On October 26 SG attended the emergency management meeting in Glencoe. He is also going to an exercise tomorrow with mock emergency response scenarios. The emergency management team will have quarterly meetings that SG will attend.
- SG advised that Xcel Energy recently sent a letter stating that no Christmas lights can be hung on distribution poles. The majority of the City's lights are on distribution poles. SG met with a representative from Xcel. They stated lights could still be hung this year, but something different would need to be done after that. SG to look at options and to bring information to the budget meeting on the cost to move the Christmas lights to different poles.

CLERKS REPORT

- A current printout of Pledged Securities from Security Bank was provided for review. No issues noted.
- Council was provided with the November 6 letter from Josh Eckstein at Bolton & Menk in regard to the Council's request for an itemized invoice. Bolton & Menk has decided to donate that time towards the stadium effort.
- GS advised the annual audit is tentatively set for February 25-27. GS also advised that she applied to participate in the Blandin leadership conference which will be held February 11-15. Council meeting is scheduled for February 12. Short discussion on possibly moving that meeting. Will discuss in December/January.
- GS provided election results from the November 6 general election. Plato had a 69% voter turnout. Tracy Montgomery was elected to the Mayor position with 114 votes. VeeAnn Wood was elected for a second City Council term with 95 votes. Neil Engelmann was elected for his first City Council term with 117 votes. Canvass Board was recognized and approved the election results as presented.
- GS advised the 2020 census is approaching. Council is reminded to encourage all residents to respond to the census and to respond truthfully. These census figures have an impact on many programs for the City.
- BB will be speaking at the McLeod For Tomorrow meeting in Plato on Wednesday, November 14.

OTHER

VW talked to McLeod County again about a speed sign on County Road 9. They stated before a sign could be approved, they needed to collect additional information. They will be proposing to place a strip across County 9 to determine usage.

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by VW. Meeting adjourned at 10:45p.m.

Bob Becker
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer