

FEBRUARY 11, 2019  
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Montgomery at 7:02p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Louis Graupmann, Tim Lepel, and Bob Becker

**Motion:** by VW 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 January 14, 2019, regular City Council Meeting. Second by VW. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Annual budget meeting was held February 5, 2019. Majority of the discussion related to purchase of a new fire truck. Consensus at the meeting was to buy new instead of trying to find a used truck and re-working it.

Sheriff – Council was provided copies of the call reports for 2018.

Plato Planning Commission – none. VW requested the Chairperson come to the meeting quarterly.

Park and Recreation/Plato Baseball – Louis Graupmann, Tim Lepel, and Bob Becker presented to council on behalf of the Plato Baseball Club with an update on the stadium renovation project. They advised they have been awarded a matching grant, up to \$26,500, for placing an aluminum bleacher insert in the grandstand. They are determining how to raise that match. A fence for the retaining wall will be determined and installed by Spring play.

Holiday Lights – Discussion on a possible course of action. SS to get committee started.

Water Meters/Water Tower – SG advised a meeting is set up on March 8 with a company to discuss maintenance and painting. He has 3 bids on file for painting, so following this meeting the committee should be able to make a recommendation. It was agreed the water tower painting is more of a need than new water meters at this time.

Community Hall (short term plan) – Committee met at the hall and generated ideas for improvements. Discussion in regard to the air conditioning units. Cost will need to be determined before determining what else can be done this year. A good cleaning of the entire hall is needed. The committee will meet again, prioritize and get work going. VW advised she has all the prior information/plans previously obtained in regard to the hall remodel for accessibility.

Glencoe Sewer contract – none

Ordinance Review – none

Liaisons' Reports – DO advised the American Legion is looking into installing a gas space heater in the meeting room in the hall.

– VW raised whether there was a conflict of interest with the liaisons. Council determined that the liaisons are just the “ears” to report back. They have no “council authority” to comment, make recommendation or make decisions on behalf of the City.

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

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
14144	2/11/2019	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$6,579.63
14145	2/11/2019	38	GLENCOE CO-OP ASSN	\$29.26
14146	2/11/2019	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$1,731.28
14147	2/11/2019	48	HILLYARD/HUTCHINSON	\$74.42
14148	2/11/2019	67	LMCIT	\$16,298.00
14149	2/11/2019	86	MN DNR ECO-WATERS	\$162.29
14150	2/11/2019	91	PERA	\$438.28
14151	2/11/2019	92	PLATO C STORE	\$287.01
14152	2/11/2019	98	POSTMASTER	\$76.00
14153	2/11/2019	114	THEIN WELL COMPANY	\$2,216.02
14154	2/11/2019	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$1,012.50
14155	2/11/2019	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$54.05
14156	2/11/2019	390	MN PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY	\$1,433.70
14157	2/11/2019	456	TAPCO	\$392.59
14158	2/11/2019	525	ST OF MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$100.00
14159	2/11/2019	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,070.71
14160	2/11/2019	547	CENTURYLINK	\$319.04
14161	2/11/2019	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$305.00
14162	2/11/2019	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$21.37
14163	2/11/2019	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,326.97
14164	2/11/2019	703	STAR GROUP LLC	\$138.04
14165	2/11/2019	712	SYSTEMHOUSE INC	\$167.50
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
3744	2/11/2019	98	POSTMASTER	\$76.00
3745	2/11/2019	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$159.50
3746	2/11/2019	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$152.52
3747	2/11/2019	588	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL	\$342.34
3748	2/11/2019	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$285.00
3749	2/11/2019	594	VOLUNTEER FFS' BENEFIT ASSN	\$11.00
3750	2/11/2019	604	MED COMPASS/MOBILE HEALTH SER	\$1,879.00
3751	2/11/2019	621	ENGELMANN RYAN	\$194.17
3752	2/11/2019	624	ALPHA WIRELESS	\$300.00
3753	2/11/2019	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$85.00
3754	2/11/2019	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
<b>INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:</b>				
14133	1/28/2019	61	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	\$225.00
14135	1/28/2019	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,253.11
14136	1/28/2019	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$12.09
14142	1/28/2019	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,326.97
14134	1/28/2019	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$484.81
14137	1/28/2019	91	PERA	\$462.80
14138	1/28/2019	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$102.59
14139	1/28/2019	474	+T++MOBILE	\$55.21
14140	1/28/2019	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$134.64
14141	1/28/2019	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,195.95
14143	1/28/2019	732	VISA	\$380.12
	02/07/2019		US Treasury – online – Jan payroll tax deposit	\$1,368.72
	01/22/2019		Minnesota Revenue – 2019 sales tax collected	\$438.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
3739	1/28/2019	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$359.85
3738	1/28/2019	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$396.40
3740	1/28/2019	588	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL	\$342.34
3741	1/28/2019	621	ENGELMANN RYAN	\$149.12
3742	1/28/2019	655	BRUCH NATHAN	\$85.49
3743	1/28/2019	731	GRANITE ELECTRONICS INC	\$184.48

**Motion:** by VW to approve payment of the above-stated claims, with the addition of Mid American Research Chemical for \$1,243.44. Second by NE. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

GS provided an update on the street vacation by Plato Woodwork. The attorney was going to talk with the County to obtain the proper legal description. GS to follow up on document status and inquire if he is leaving the firm. GS also to reply in regard to the invoice received. GS to research who surrounding towns are using for a City Attorney, in case the City needs to make a move.

NEW BUSINESS:

The PFD Relief Association is requesting a one-day liquor license for the fish fry at the Community Hall on Friday, February 15, 2019. **Motion:** by SS to approve a one-day liquor license for the fish fry on February 15, 2019. Second by DO. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG presented a new contract for Quality Flow for service of the lift stations and air relief valves for council review. Contract is for 3 years at \$800 per year. **Motion:** by VW to enter into said 3-year contract with Quality Flow. Second by DO. All in favor.
- SG gave a report on the Bobcat. He is having issues and it has been to Lano's twice. Now determined it needs a new controller and they are trying to locate one. SG priced a new Bobcat with a blower – with State purchasing contract, the machine would be \$37,500, and \$41,600 with the blower. Trade in value of current Bobcat is approximately \$12,500. This leaves approximately \$29,100 for purchase. The current Bobcat is a 1999 with under 2000 hours. The controller is approximately \$1000. SG has no idea on current bill at Lano's. Council consensus was to get it fixed for now.
- SG will be attending a noxious weed meeting on Feb 21, from 9am-12pm.

CLERKS REPORT

- GS advised she has been unable to locate a handheld unit for reading water meters, but still has a couple more places to check. The company that provides the software does not carry handhelds. SG did the last readings with a spreadsheet and it went OK.
- GS had a request raised concerning hall rental. The request was for a reduced rate for the upstairs when only using for a partial day. Discussion held. **Motion:** by VW to allow a partial (1/2) day rental of the upstairs for \$175. Second by NE. All in favor.
- GS advised that currently for 2019 there are 17 events booked in the hall and 5 in the shelter. She also advised that there are 5 events booked for 2020.
- GS advised a new contract with Frontline Warning Systems for annual service on our warning siren is needed. The siren was not serviced in 2018. Cost is \$250 which covers a spring and fall service. Additionally, pursuant to their records, the siren is due for new batteries at a cost of \$309.98. **Motion:** by DO to enter into said contract with Frontline Warning System for 2019 and to have them replace the batteries. Second by VW. All in favor.

OTHER

TM/SS/NE discussed items/procedures they found interesting at the Newly Elected Official Conference. The conference gave some good insight, items to check on, and items to maybe change going forward.

**Motion:** by NE to adjourn meeting. Second by SS. Meeting adjourned at 9:44p.m.

Tracy Montgomery  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer