

MARCH 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 11th day of March, 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: Tim Wischnack, Joel Lepel, Lloyd Graupmann, and Mike Eggers

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Tim Wischnack presented before council in regard to street plowing. He expressed his frustration and provided insight and some suggestions to keeping the streets in better condition over the winter months.

Joel Lepel presented before council with an overview of the Blandin Leadership Conference he attended in February. He requested Council's permission to pull together a group of residents to discuss how they see Plato and what they want Plato to be. Council was agreeable with the idea and TM expressed interest in attending the gathering. Mr. Lepel also discussed the stadium renovation project and the matching grant for bleachers. He would like to send out a letter to vendors of the City to hopefully generate some donations. Discussion held on how involved the City can be in the soliciting of donations. Finally, Mr. Lepel advised that a donation from the Taylor Lepel Foundation will be coming to be applied to this stadium project. The donation will be going through the GSL School District.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

none

Motion: by DO to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019, regular City Council Meeting. Second by NE. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Fire Chief Mike Eggers presented before council. He reviewed the information provided at the annual meeting, including the budget set for 2020, membership status, and the call volume. The council was also provided with a power point presentation in regard to purchase of a new truck, capital asset plan and budgeting. Discussion held in regard to the proposed truck. Townships will be discussing the truck purchase at their annual meetings. Plan would be to get back together in May and make a final decision. From date of order, will take 12-14 month for truck. Council was provided with CO forms the Fire Department has now implemented when responding to a call. The turnout gear dryer that was built by a FD member and relative is now at the fire hall. After it has been fine-tuned it will be painted. The department spent about \$1000, which is significantly less than purchasing one.

Sheriff – none

Plato Planning Commission – At council's request, Lloyd Graupmann, chairman, presented before council. Mr. Graupmann provided an update on 8th Street NE. It appears construction plans are still occurring. The Crown Industries expansion was also discussed.

Park and Recreation/Plato Baseball – SS reported on the last baseball club meeting. The club determined it needed to raise the money for the matching grant by May 1 for the bleacher project to get done this year. The Crow River District is hosting an All-Star game May 11 in Green Isle against the St Paul Saints. There is an exhibition game at Target Field on June 22 between the Plato Blue Jays and Norwood Young America.

Holiday Lights – SS advised a meeting has been scheduled with Xcel Energy for Thursday, March 14.

Water Meters/Water Tower – NE advised the committee met with a company that offered a maintenance program. It was expensive. The committee will be meeting again to discuss tower painting and will report back next meeting.

Community Hall (short term plan) – TM advised they are waiting for bids on the air conditioning units, which will determine how many other projects can be done this year. SG reported the carpet has been removed from the stage. He needs to do a little prep work and then the covering can be put on. Plan is for bathroom painting and floor refinishing upstairs to be done this year. DO was advised that ventless space heaters cannot be installed in the hall. Discussion about water and heat in the bathrooms.

Glencoe Sewer contract – none

Ordinance Review – none

Liaisons' Reports – VW provided some information in regard to the speed sign on County Road 9. She talked to County Engineer and apparently the Board did not believe it was needed. She was advised to talk to the County Commissioner.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by DO to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by VW. 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
14177	3/11/2019	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$5,772.69
14178	3/11/2019	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$257.00
14179	3/11/2019	91	PERA	\$857.34
14180	3/11/2019	92	PLATO C STORE	\$324.81
14181	3/11/2019	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$2,587.50
14182	3/11/2019	348	TEAM LABORATORY CHEM CORP	\$138.00
14183	3/11/2019	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$907.55
14184	3/11/2019	547	CENTURYLINK	\$308.07
14185	3/11/2019	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$11.18
14186	3/11/2019	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,506.17
14187	3/11/2019	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$669.80
14188	3/11/2019	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$5,910.00
14189	3/11/2019	765	ENGELMANN, NEIL	\$104.22
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3763	3/11/2019	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$159.23
3764	3/11/2019	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$51.96
3765	3/11/2019	593	NEUBARTH RYAN	\$437.88
3766	3/11/2019	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$85.22
3767	3/11/2019	627	SCHAUER TONY	\$19.99
3768	3/11/2019	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$2,250.00
3769	3/11/2019	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$180.00
3770	3/11/2019	726	SEWER SERVICES INC	\$415.62
3771	3/11/2019	763	NORTHERN STATES SUPPLY	\$28.49
3772	3/11/2019	764	LEWIS, MIKE	\$63.22
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
14167	2/25/2019	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$12.10
14168	2/25/2019	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,293.85
14173	2/25/2019	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,132.83
14174	2/25/2019	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,326.97
14166	2/25/2019	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$616.92
14169	2/25/2019	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$101.14
14170	2/25/2019	286	FRONTLINE PLUS FIRE	\$559.98
14171	2/25/2019	474	+T++MOBILE	\$55.21
14172	2/25/2019	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$121.89
14175	2/25/2019	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$1,243.44
14176	2/25/2019	732	VISA	\$465.01
	03/07/2019		US Treasury – online – Feb payroll tax deposit	\$1,292.90

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

3757	2/25/2019	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$6,707.78
3759	2/25/2019	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63
3762	2/25/2019	763	NORTHERN STATES SUPPLY	\$253.45
3755	2/25/2019	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$435.63
3756	2/25/2019	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$87.80
3758	2/25/2019	655	BRUCH NATHAN	\$31.72
3760	2/25/2019	693	ON TRAX TRUCK REPAIR	\$231.00
3761	2/25/2019	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$42.73

Discussion in regard to the invoice received from Gavin, Donley & Ostlund, Ltd. for the vacation of streets by Plato Woodwork.

Motion: by DO to approve payment of the above-stated claims, with the addition of MNSPECT for \$4,708.11, Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing for \$6,000.00 and Gavin, Donley & Ostlund for \$608.37. Second by VW. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

GS provided an update on the street vacation by Plato Woodwork. The documents are now prepared. First step is to provide and publish notice of and to hold a public hearing. **Motion:** by SS to hold a public hearing on Monday, April 8, at 7:00pm in regard to the street vacation of 1st Avenue SW lying north of 3rd Street SW, also known as 2nd Avenue SW lying north of 3rd Street SW by Plato Woodwork. Second by DO. All in favor. **RESOLUTION No 2019-03.**

Motion: by NE to hold a public hearing on Monday, April 8, at 7:00pm in regard to the street vacation of a portion of 3rd Street SW by Plato Woodwork. Second by VW. All in favor. **RESOLUTION No 2019-04.**

Rental inspections – discussion held about options, rental ordinance possibilities, and enforcement. No action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2019 Fire Fighting Contracts with Bergen Township were presented for approval. **Motion:** by SS to enter into said 2019 Fire Fighting Contracts with Bergen Township. Second by VW. All in favor.

A donation has been received by GSL ISD 2859 in the amount of \$2000 to be applied towards the stadium bleachers.

Motion: by SS to accept the donation for its specified purpose. Second by NE. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG states the part for the Bobcat is in and will hopefully get fixed in the next week. In the interim, we are renting a Kabota from Arnolds of Glencoe to run the snowblower. The total cost at Lano’s is still unknown. Depending on how the repair goes, a new machine may need to be explored in the near future.
- SG attended the water conference at St Cloud and found it informative.
- Additional replacement tables for the hall were included in the budget. SG questioned whether to order now or wait to see where renovation amounts come in. TM stated to wait with ordering.
- A representative from the State Department of Health is coming Monday, March 25, to take a sample of water from the well to verify a previous reading.
- SG will be attending the noxious weed meeting in Hutchinson on March 20. This was rescheduled due to weather.
- Discussion on snow plowing and the points brought up by Tim Wischnack. Council members had also heard other comments. SG will try to clear the streets as he can when it warms up. He will also be more proactive in plowing the streets following a 1-2in snowfall when Muellers do not come and also during the snowfall (Muellers wait until it stops) to avoid the snow pack on the roads.
- GS questioned if there is anything that can be done with the water color. Several residents have complained and many have said they will not drink the water. Discussion held. When discoloration is noted, SG would like to obtain a sample. He will also start tracking the complaints as to time and location and see if there is any pattern. It may be an individual residence issue. SG will remove the meter and check the water coming into the house if the homeowner agrees.

CLERKS REPORT

- GS advised that even though it is a little more work for her, SG will continue to use the spreadsheet for meter readings. It will work fine until new meters are purchased or until an inexpensive handheld is found.
- Question was raised in regard to the estimation of meter readings due to blocked access because of snow since there is a rate increase in March. GS will monitor and if any were significantly underestimated, will need to adjust so resident is not paying new rate on previous use.
- Donovan Buckentin, City insurance agent, provided information on the TULIP coverage, which is a policy for renters to purchase to cover the event. Discussion on whether or not to require insurance coverage by the renters starting in 2020. Council determination was to recommend, but not require, the renters to obtain insurance coverage.
- GS advised that old bank statements have been destroyed. Additionally, accounts payable invoices for 1976 and for the period of 1996-2000 have also been destroyed.
- GS provided information on a ditch meeting to take place on Monday, March 25, at 9:00am. DO will attend.
- An email was provided from Ashley Dols in regard to the upcoming vendor and craft fair. Short discussion held on some of the wording.
- GS stated the “on-premises” audit went well. They were here for 2 days. She was not advised of any major issues. Audit presentation has tentatively been scheduled for the April meeting.
- GS advised the office will be closed on March 28.

OTHER

None

Motion: by NE to adjourn meeting. Second by VW. Meeting adjourned at 10:18p.m.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer