

OCTOBER 14, 2019
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Montgomery at 7:01p.m. on the 14th day of October, 2019, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Lloyd Graupmann (PPC), Deputy Darrell Caturia (MCSO), Scott Qualle (MNSPECT) and Karl Pinske (Plato Woodwork)

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

None

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

None

Motion: by NE to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019, regular City Council Meeting. Second by DO. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – GS advised that a selection committee is being formed and interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, October 23. TM to represent the City on the committee.

Sheriff – Council was provided with call reports for the first two quarters of 2019. Discussion of speed in town and speed signs.

Plato Planning Commission – Lloyd Graupmann presented on behalf of the Plato Planning Commission along with Karl Pinske (President of Plato Woodwork) in regard to a variance request by Plato Woodwork for a front yard setback for a new addition to match the front yard setback approved in 2006. A public hearing was held on October 10. No opposition has been received. It is the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve the variance request. **Motion:** by NE to approve the variance request of Plato Woodwork in regard to a front yard setback as presented to the Planning Commission. Second by SS. All in favor. Discussion on storm water line. Karl Pinske would like a formal agreement on who is responsible for what sections.

Park and Recreation/Plato Baseball – none

Holiday Lights – SS talked with Karen at Norwood Young America about ideas for a Holiday celebration. Discussion of what to do for this year. SS/TM/VW to try to form a group to plan.

Community Hall (short term plan) – discussion on what has been done and what still needs to be done.

Ordinance Review – none

Liaisons Reports – Legion/Baseball Club Poultry Party is on the 22nd of November. Lion’s Oktoberfest went well; served just over 100 people.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by SS 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 report.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
14400	10/14/2019	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$152.81
14401	10/14/2019	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$10,131.72
14402	10/14/2019	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$5.00
14403	10/14/2019	68	MAGUIRE IRON	\$1,600.00
14404	10/14/2019	90	MNSPECT	\$307.10
14405	10/14/2019	91	PERA	\$359.54
14406	10/14/2019	92	PLATO C STORE	\$183.76
14407	10/14/2019	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$12,146.00
14408	10/14/2019	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$8.10
14409	10/14/2019	435	McLEOD CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$374.06
14410	10/14/2019	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$109.14
14411	10/14/2019	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$673.80
14412	10/14/2019	547	CENTURYLINK	\$311.72
14413	10/14/2019	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$74.67
14414	10/14/2019	584	MN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	\$16.59
14415	10/14/2019	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,332.97
14416	10/14/2019	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$1,573.17
14417	10/14/2019	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$959.93
14418	10/14/2019	742	TRIMARK	\$247.18
14419	10/14/2019	773	HECKSEL MACHINE INC	\$1,127.44
14420	10/14/2019	774	CHLOE and JOSH KRABY	\$175.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3837	10/14/2019	146	MICHAEL EGGERS	\$200.00
3838	10/14/2019	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$155.86
3839	10/14/2019	469	NATHAN BRUCH	\$200.00
3840	10/14/2019	593	NEUBARTH RYAN	\$200.00
3841	10/14/2019	621	ENGELMANN RYAN	\$200.00
3842	10/14/2019	731	GRANITE ELECTRONICS INC	\$304.51
3843	10/14/2019	775	SASCS, LLC	\$119.00
3844	10/14/2019	776	RIDGEWATER COLLEGE	\$950.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
14386	9/23/2019	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$5.00
14387	9/23/2019	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$44.68
14388	9/23/2019	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,175.38
14390	9/23/2019	91	PERA	\$399.80
14391	9/23/2019	92	PLATO C STORE	\$223.03
14392	9/23/2019	99	PRO AUTO MN, INC	\$263.16
14393	9/23/2019	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$112.36
14394	9/23/2019	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$879.62
14395	9/23/2019	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$95.21
14396	9/23/2019	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,332.97
14389	9/23/2019	90	MNSPECT	\$1,571.58
14397	9/23/2019	732	VISA	\$462.55
14398	9/23/2019	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$925.45
14399	9/23/2019	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$112.63
	10/10/2019		US Treasury – online – September payroll tax deposit	\$1,118.82
	10/10/2019		MN Revenue – online – 3 rd Qtr Withholding payment	\$536.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3830	9/23/2019	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$22.44
3832	9/23/2019	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$485.89
3836	9/23/2019	731	GRANITE ELECTRONICS INC	\$954.00
3831	9/23/2019	146	MICHAEL EGGERS	\$252.63
3833	9/23/2019	592	WOOD JAY	\$131.21
3834	9/23/2019	697	COHRS JAIDYN	\$76.30
3835	9/23/2019	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00

Motion: by NE to approve payment of the above-stated claims, with the addition of the Dept of Labor and Industry for \$20.75. Second by SS. All in favor. GS advised that she needed to void check #14389 to MNSPECT in the amount of \$1,571.58 and reissue a new check to MNSPECT in the amount of \$1,435.31 due to a billing error.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

GS advised that she has not discussed the trees on Main Street with the Attorney. She has the information gathered, just needs to connect with him.

NE met with the sales representative for Nuvera. Per the proposal, for phone and internet (Fire Hall and Community Hall) it would run approximately \$312 per month. This is about \$24 per month more than currently paying but would increase the internet speed and add the hall. Price is guaranteed for a 7-year period. There would be approximately \$2000 in upfront, one-time expenses for equipment and installation. It is NE's recommendation to switch to Nuvera. Will discuss again at the budget meeting to include those upfront costs in the budget. GS to start the email switchover from embarq to gmail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council was provided with a copy of the current MNSPECT contract along with the new proposed contract. GS asked them to review both before the next council meeting. Scott Qualle from MNSPECT did stop in briefly to answer any questions or concerns that anyone may have at this time. A representative from MNSPECT will be present at the next meeting to address any questions/concerns.

Discussion held on a preliminary budget for the sewer fund for 2020.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Quality Flow will be here tomorrow and Wednesday to level the lift station electrical boxes.
- The storm sewer by the Post Office was fixed. There was a large sink hole under the sidewalk. Sewer line was fixed and new cement sidewalk was poured. SG believes the cost of the sidewalk section to be about \$1500. Discussion on who should pay for the sidewalk. NE felt that since the sidewalk repair was due to a city line issue and not an issue relating to the sidewalk, there should be no charge for the sidewalk to the Post Office. All agreed.
- SG would like to take time off on November 8, 14, and 15. DO to cover.

CLERKS REPORT

- There was an incident that occurred at the community hall on Saturday, September 21. Discussion on what occurred, how it was handled, and how to handle in the future. A partial refund was given to the rental party.
- It has been brought to the attention of GS that there are a couple of cars at 209 2nd Avenue NW that do not have current tabs and are parked on the premises. One has not had current tabs since 2013. Council advised GS to send a letter with copy of the ordinance.
- GS received the signed request for annexation from Mike Hawkins for the small parcel of land in Helen Township to be combined with his current property in the city limits. All the information has been supplied to the Attorney. GS attended the Helen Township meeting on October 10. They were aware of this potential request since November of 2017 when Lloyd Graupmann attended their meeting. They are fine with the annexation and will await receipt of the documentation from the attorney.
- One economic development loan is again 4 months behind. VW will follow-up with them.
- GS advised of several large balance utility accounts that need to be addressed. If assessing to property tax, it needs to be done by mid-November.
 - 12 1st Avenue NE Current balance is \$495.68. Water service has been disconnected and house is vacant. Balance should be assessed to the property tax.
 - 124 Main Street East Current balance is \$426.16. There is no current water service at this location. Balance should be assessed to the property tax if not paid in full. GS to advise landlord.

217 McLeod Avenue Current balance \$567.48 GS to discuss with homeowner to either assess the balance to the property tax or set up a new payment plan they must follow.

9 2nd Street NE Current balance is \$439.09 Payments have been very inconsistent. GS to request full payment or to set up payment plan. If plan is not followed, water will be disconnected.

- November will be preliminary budget discussions for water. The November council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, due to Veteran's Day. The 2020 budget meeting will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 8:00am.
- The new copier/printer has been delivered and installed. Discussion on what to do with the old one. GS to check with Lloyd.
- Elynn Lepel did an amazing job on the centerpieces for the Senior Expo. One was displayed at the Lion's Oktoberfest. Lion's would like to keep that one and use for their events. Council was fine with that. Will keep the other one for future needs.
- The required DNR fund acknowledgement sign has been received. SG needs to install it.
- GSL Schools will be holding a public meeting in Plato on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 6:30pm.

OTHER

none

Motion: by NE to adjourn meeting. Second by DO. Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer