

AUGUST 9, 2021
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 9th day of August, 2021, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Susanne Couval, Joel Lepel, and Louis Graupmann

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 DO to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021, regular City Council Meeting. Second by VW. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Members will be selling tickets shortly for the October fish fry; 600 tickets will be sold.

Sheriff – None

Plato Planning Commission – None

Plato Baseball Club – Louis Graupmann and Joel Lepel presented before the council to start a discussion about adding lights at the stadium. The Club has located some used lights they can obtain for free. However, they would still require poles, electrical and installation. The estimated cost would be around \$137,000 versus \$263,000 for new lights. Council was OK with them continuing to explore the purchase of used lights for the stadium. They are to get “firmer” figures and then report back to Council. The Club asked if the City would be willing “loan” the money for the lights and they would repay as was done for the other stadium improvements. Council is willing to do that again, depending on the amount.

Committee Reports:

Holiday Lights – Committee will be meeting at the end of August.

Ordinance review – Committee’s next meeting is Thursday, September 23. Per the State, the “Village” designation has been obsolete since 1976. Plato is a Class 4 Statutory City. GS will need to correct with the IRS.

Legion – Park shelter floor will be done Wednesday. Gambling has been going well; they will be adding Bingo soon.

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

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
15135	8/9/2021	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,642.42
15136	8/9/2021	91	PERA	\$401.18
15137	8/9/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$211.41
15138	8/9/2021	181	MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSN	\$320.00

15139	8/9/2021	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$474.00
15140	8/9/2021	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$2.70
15141	8/9/2021	390	MN PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY	\$51,474.30
15142	8/9/2021	441	DIANE SCHRADER	\$310.32
15143	8/9/2021	468	HOME SOLUTIONS	\$60.97
15144	8/9/2021	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$234.60
15145	8/9/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$812.71
15146	8/9/2021	547	CENTURYLINK	\$315.83
15147	8/9/2021	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$44.56
15148	8/9/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
15149	8/9/2021	772	McCARTHY WELL COMPANY	510.00
15150	8/9/2021	797	CLABO THOMAS	\$277.05
15151	8/9/2021	817	SCHRADER KATHY	\$30.00
15152	8/9/2021	818	OVERLINE & SON, INC	\$1,573.75
15153	8/9/2021	819	HUERTA JANETT	\$175.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4077	8/9/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$97.94
4078	8/9/2021	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$309.37
4079	8/9/2021	674	SCHLECHTER JAMIE	\$94.64
4080	8/9/2021	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15125	7/26/2021	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,549.33
15126	7/26/2021	90	MNSPECT	\$1,548.72
15127	7/26/2021	91	PERA	\$468.59
15128	7/26/2021	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$102.66
15129	7/26/2021	249	CROWN DOORS LLC	\$6,000.00
15130	7/26/2021	272	QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC	\$2,711.00
15131	7/26/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,159.07
15132	7/26/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
15133	7/26/2021	732	VISA	\$113.78
15134	7/26/2021	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$110.67
	8/5/2021		US Treasury (online) July payroll tax deposit	\$1,355.42
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4075	7/26/2021	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$400.00
4076	7/26/2021	816	WACONIA COMFORT	\$402.43

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

112 McLeod Avenue North – Nothing has been done as far as moving cars. GS will draft letter from Mayor that references their prior discussion and give a specific deadline or the City will seek legal action to compel enforcement. If no response, then GS and Lloyd should meet with City Attorney to determine a plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

217 1st Avenue NE – Letter and Notice of ordinance violation relating to blight/noxious weeds was sent and posted at the residence on July 20, 2021. Nothing has been done. GS to do a second letter with a specific deadline. If nothing done at that point, then GS should meet with City Attorney regarding options for enforcement.

Rec Tech Outdoors – a meeting was held at Rec Tech prior to the council meeting. TM, DO, GS and the Planning and Zoning Committee were present. Mr. Eiden requested the meeting to discuss his business, his growth, and his frustration with MNSPECT. TM advised that MNSPECT would connect with Mr. Eiden and see if that issue can be resolved. The additional discussion in regard to the building inspector/building code adoption was tabled to next meeting,

Mr. Eiden/Rec Tech has also requested sewer service to his business. Currently they use a holding tank. SG and DO will explore options to make that happen, the associated cost and report back.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Update on the “J” turn at Hwy 212 and County Road 1. SG presented a quote from Litzau Excavating in the amount of \$12,900 to insulate the line where the ground cover will be lost. **Motion:** by VW to have Litzau Excavating do the insulation project as outlined. Second by NE. All in favor.
- SG presented a quote from TMI Coatings Inc. on pressure washing the water tower in the amount of \$12,960. SG will get additional quotes and discuss at budget time.
- Storm water lines were cleaned by and around Great Oak Equine. There is a pit on the north side of the building. SG advised owner of pit and advised he should get his line cleaned. Hopefully the backup issue is resolved.
- Discussion on gutters at the park shelter. **Motion:** by VW to use Leaf Filter per the quote presented in the amount of \$5,295.00. Second by NE. All in favor.
- The basketball court was scraped/cleaned by the Plato Baseball Club. SG has a quote for sealcoating from B&H Sealcoating for \$1,200 and Lonnie Kohls will do the striping as it was before for \$980. **Motion:** by NE to do the sealcoating and striping. Second by DO. All in favor.
- SG advised that both motor cables need to be replaced at one lift station in an amount of \$2,765 and seals on the motor need to be replaced at the other lift station \$2,810. All work would be done by Quality Flow. **Motion:** by VW to proceed with the repairs. Second by DO. All in favor.
- The Kubota side-by-side needs new tires; estimate \$701. Tabled until budget meeting.
- The west side of park shelter needs a light. SG received a quote of \$250 to install a light with a light sensor. Council would like this done.
- The pickup truck needs to be replaced shortly. Tabled until budget meeting.
- SG will be on vacation August 15-29. DO to cover.
- GS has uploaded the property inspections she has received to the Google Drive, along with photos that were provided. SG was provided with the paper copies today.

CLERKS REPORT

- GS reported first half LGA has been received - \$18,278. Also received the Small Cities Assistance funds - \$7,258.50 that is to be used for roads.
- GS advised the first half of the ARPA funds have been received - \$16,084.19. GS provided an update from a County meeting she attended in regard to use of these funds.
- Discussion on invoicing for ballfield use this spring/summer. It was determined to invoice \$250 to GSL and \$1000 to Community Ed for the 2021 season.
- Brief discussion on drought conditions and recommendations by the DNR
- McLeod County Fair is having a “Tour of McLeod County Towns – Walk-Through Display”. They have asked each community to set up a display. Short discussion – GS to handle.
- GS advised that her schedule for Thursday nights will be changing for part of August, September, and part of October (soccer season). She will be in earlier on those days and will meet on a different night if someone needs to. She will post the change.
- The King Pin would like to host a BBQ Rib event on Saturday, September 18. This is, hopefully, the start of an annual event. Tim would like to close the street between the bar and Great Oak for the day. If inclement weather, ribs will still be cooked outside but people will be inside. Council is fine with the street closure.
- Discussion on handling of requests to shut off water service to a residence. GS to look to City Attorney for legal guidance if needed.

OTHER

none

Motion: by NE to adjourn meeting. Second by DO. Meeting adjourned at 10:57pm.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer