

MAY 9, 2022  
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Montgomery at 7:00p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Joel Lepel,

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

Oath of Office administered to Stephanie Stepien as Fire Chief 3-Training Officer

Oath of Office administered to Mike Lewis as Fire Captain 2

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Joel Lepel provided an update on the lights at the Plato Stadium.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

none

**Motion:** by SS to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, regular City Council Meeting. Second by DO. All in favor.

REPORTS

Plato Planning Commission – none

Fire Department - none

Sheriff – none

Committee Reports:

Ordinance Review – The contract is confirmed with American Legal Publishing. GS is working on responding to a questionnaire to start their process.

Community Hall (short term plan) – SG stated the women’s bathroom is done except for some trim he wants to add at the top of the Corian.

Water Meters – Committee has selected a vendor/product they will be recommending. There is some additional information/clarification that is still needed. Approximate cost is \$57,000, this does not include installation. Committee will need to work out procedures once it is a “go”.

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
15418	5/9/2022	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$10,490.56
15419	5/9/2022	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$2,217.50
15420	5/9/2022	92	PLATO C STORE	\$366.76
15421	5/9/2022	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$5.00

15422	5/9/2022	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$20.25
15423	5/9/2022	468	HOME SOLUTIONS	\$89.97
15424	5/9/2022	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$137.19
15425	5/9/2022	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$954.05
15426	5/9/2022	547	CENTURYLINK	\$308.69
15427	5/9/2022	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$36.96
15428	5/9/2022	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,452.72
15429	5/9/2022	629	ARNOLD'S OF GLENCOE, INC	\$89.00
15430	5/9/2022	797	CLABO THOMAS	\$180.08
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
4169	5/9/2022	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$154.34
4170	5/9/2022	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
<b>INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:</b>				
15405	4/25/2022	36	GAVIN, JANSSEN & STABENOW LTD	\$471.25
15406	4/25/2022	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$492.67
15407	4/25/2022	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$53.34
15408	4/25/2022	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,326.14
15409	4/25/2022	92	PLATO C STORE	\$204.40
15410	4/25/2022	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$121.54
15411	4/25/2022	272	QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC	\$800.00
15412	4/25/2022	476	CONWAY, DEUTH & SCHMIESING	\$11,000.00
15413	4/25/2022	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,074.36
15414	4/25/2022	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,452.72
15415	4/25/2022	707	MINNESOTA VALLEY TESTING LABS	\$25.00
15416	4/25/2022	732	VISA	\$168.20
15417	4/25/2022	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$103.44
			US Treasury (online) April payroll tax deposit	\$1,375.40
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/1-15/22payroll	\$459.39
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/16-30/22 payroll	\$436.02
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
4167	4/25/2022	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$283.35
4168	4/25/2022	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$8,005.29

**Motion:** by SS to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with MNSPECT for \$1,479.58, Reinders for \$793.86; and Kohls Sweeping for \$1,626.00. Second by NE. All in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Extension of sewer service on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE – SG and GS met with the business owner. They are exploring another option.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A complaint was made by a renter of the shelter in April. The renter stated the shelter smelled like fish and has requested a refund. After discussion: **Motion:** by VW to refund one-half of the rental fee (\$37.50) because of the odor. Second by NE. DO opposed. SS in favor. Motion carried. Additional cleaning was discussed.

Mayor Tracy Montgomery announced that she will be moving out of state and, therefore, is resigning from the Mayor position as of May 10, 2022. **Motion:** by NE to accept the resignation and to declare that a vacancy exists. Second by VW. All in favor. **RESOLUTION 2022-10**

After discussion, **Motion:** by SS for Councilmember Neil Engelmann to move into the Mayor position to complete Tracy Montgomery's term, through the end of December 2022. Second by VW. All in favor. **Motion:** by VW to declare a vacancy exists on the council and a search will be conducted to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Neil Engelmann's term, through the end of December 2022. Second by DO. All in favor. **RESOLUTION 2022-11**

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- There was a sewer line break by the E/W fields. The sanitary sewer line pulled apart and a storm water tile line above it was emptying into the sanitary sewer. The sanitary sewer line was repaired. The tile line will need to be addressed as a budget item for next year.
- SG presented a quote from Ziegler for generator maintenance. **Motion:** by VW to do the load bank testing. Second by NE. All in favor.
- SG presented a quote from RecTech Outdoor Solutions for a cordless weed trimmer. **Motion:** by NE to purchase the trimmer quoted. Second by VW. All in favor.
- Discussion in regard to cement work – slab for shelter in park by gazebo-\$2150 to remove and put in new; \$37.50 per foot with 50ft minimum for curb repair; waive minimum in conjunction with slab work. To revisit later in summer.
- Discussion held on power washing buildings
- SG advised he needs gravel for some of the alleys. Will get quote.
- Reroof gazebo and well house – hoping to get done this year – SG to check on prices
- SG would like to take May 13 and May 27 off. DO to cover.

CLERKS REPORT

- The water tower repair has not been completed; however, the invoice has been received in the amount of \$66,550.00. Discussion on how to pay that unbudgeted expense. Decision to use \$20,000 of the ARPA funds and the rest out of MMF. GS will not pay invoice until work is complete.
- The King Pin Pub would like to have a street dance on July 9. Set up will be the same as in the past. **Motion:** by NE to allow the closing of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE (next to the King Pin Pub) for a street dance. Second by SS. All in favor.
- Letters were provided to council that were sent to the owner of 112 McLeod Avenue North for ordinance violations and to the owners of the lot on the corner of Main Street and McLeod Avenue for ordinance violation and land use information.
- GS provided an update on the community garden
- GS provided an update on the liquor license renewals.
- Discussion about a donation received by the Lions for a bench or something in the park.

OTHER

none

**Motion:** by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by NE. Meeting adjourned at 10:02pm.

Tracy Montgomery  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer