

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Interim Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:00p.m. on the 12th day of September, 2022, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Dennis Oltmann, Stacy Sohns, Kyle Strobel, and VeeAnn Wood

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

Guests: Lloyd Graupmann (PPC), Scott Eiden, Rich Pauly, Deputy Darrell Caturia, Joel Lepel (Plato Baseball), Jamie Schlechter (PFD), Blake Aurich

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Joel Lepel presented to council to say thank you for the support and backing for the lights at the stadium. Project is complete and paid for.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

none

Motion: by DO to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022, regular City Council Meeting. Second by VW. All in favor.

REPORTS

Plato Planning Commission

- Chairperson Lloyd Graupmann presented before council with Scott Eiden (S. Eiden Properties, LLC) and Rich Pauly in regard to a lot split (minor subdivision) to create two separate businesses. Public Hearing was held earlier. It is the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow the parcel to be split into two businesses and both parcels will be compliant. **Motion:** by VW to allow the parcel split as recommended by the Planning Commission. Second by KS. All in favor. NE is authorized to sign any documents required in the filing of documents with the County.

Sheriff

- Call summary for Quarter 1 and 2 of 2022 was provided to Council. Deputy Caturia answered questions.

Fire Department

- Fire Chief Jamie Schlechter updated the council following the department business meeting: Firefighter Donovan Buckentin retired after 41 years of service. A new member is going through the hiring process. Kid's Night is September 19. They will be hosting two recruitment open houses – October 5 and 15. Tanker 2 was officially retired today. They will be picking up the new tanker truck on Thursday and hope to have it in service by September 20. The annual fish fry will be moving to Saturday (2/18) this year with dine-in service back.
- Sale of fire tanker: **Motion:** by VW to authorize GS to execute any documentation needed to place the fire tanker on auction. Second by SS. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

- Ordinance Review – GS advised receipt of the draft manuscript of the Plato Code of Ordinances. She is waiting for the legal and editorial report and then the in-depth review will begin.
- Holiday lights – VW reported they are meeting on September 21.
- Lion's donated proceeds from their golf tournament to the Plato Baseball Club for lights.

Treasurers Report – Motion: by VW to approve the Treasurer’s Report presented. Second by KS. 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
15544	9/12/2022	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,029.75
15545	9/12/2022	61	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	\$559.00
15546	9/12/2022	68	MAGUIRE IRON	\$1,616.00
15547	9/12/2022	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
15548	9/12/2022	90	MNSPECT	\$1,544.29
15549	9/12/2022	241	MCFOA	\$50.00
15550	9/12/2022	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$13.50
15551	9/12/2022	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$200.71
15552	9/12/2022	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,003.25
15553	9/12/2022	547	CENTURYLINK	\$315.48
15554	9/12/2022	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$63.79
15555	9/12/2022	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,498.77
15556	9/12/2022	734	CENTURY FENCE COMPANY	\$2,535.00
15557	9/12/2022	804	MIDWEST FIRE	\$188,564.00
15558	9/12/2022	835	AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING	\$4,568.95
15559	9/12/2022	836	MCLEOD COUNTY	\$293.66
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4195	9/12/2022	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$157.74
4196	9/12/2022	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
4197	9/12/2022	824	ANCOM COMMUNICATIONS	\$535.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15531	8/22/2022	74	MCLEOD PUBLISHING INC	\$56.00
15532	8/22/2022	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$60.51
15533	8/22/2022	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,977.60
15534	8/22/2022	90	MNSPECT	\$250.68
15535	8/22/2022	92	PLATO C STORE	\$409.77
15536	8/22/2022	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$103.92
15537	8/22/2022	272	QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC	\$383.00
15538	8/22/2022	474	+T++MOBILE	\$90.00
15539	8/22/2022	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,024.64
15540	8/22/2022	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,452.72
15541	8/22/2022	732	VISA	\$343.42
15542	8/22/2022	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$1,005.12
15543	8/22/2022	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
			US Treasury (online) August payroll tax deposit	\$1,338.32
			PERA contribution (online) for 8/1-15/22payroll	\$449.66
			PERA contribution (online) for 8/16-31/22 payroll	\$441.88
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4193	8/22/2022	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$25.26
4194	8/22/2022	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63

Motion: by SS to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Reinders for \$970.28, RecTech Outdoor Solutions for \$33.96, The McLeod County Chronicle for \$104.00, and Barga Incorporated for \$5,424.00. Second by DO. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Extension of sewer service on 4th Avenue SE – GS presented some possible options for discussion. Council liked the option of using septic tanks – most economical choice at this time for all involved. GS to talk with property owners.

NEW BUSINESS:

A draft of the policy on Open Forum at Regular City Council Meetings was presented. **Motion:** by VW to adopt the policy as presented, effective immediately. Second by KS. All in favor.

The proposed 2023 Property Tax Levy was discussed. **Motion:** by VW to set the proposed 2023 property tax levy at \$256,062 (a 6% increase); broken down as General - \$204,062, Sewer - \$32,000, Water - \$20,000. Second by SS. All in favor.

Discussion in regard to the procedure for complaints relating to City Property. It was determined that complaints received by GS or councilmembers will be forwarded to the Personnel Director/Mayor. The Personnel Director/Mayor will address the complaints, document for reference and resolution, and move issues to council if needed. Councilmembers may address the complaints directly, but should also advise the Personnel Director/Mayor.

Motion: by SS to approve a one-day liquor license for the Poultry Party on November 18, 2022 at the Plato Community Hall at a cost of \$5.00. Second by DO. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG presented a quote from Quality Flow for a new lift station pump. **Motion:** by KS to purchase a new pump as quoted. Second by VW. All in favor.
- SG presented the quote from Wm Mueller & Sons for snow removal for the 2022-23 season. **Motion:** by SS to accept the contract with Wm Mueller & Sons as presented. Second by DO. All in favor.
- Discussion on the trees in the park. SG to check with U of M to see about obtaining an assessment to create a plan.
- SG would like to take off on September 26; possibly the next day also.
- SG will be attending class on October 18 for recertification of his pesticide license.
- Discussion regarding the use/speed of the alley at end of 4th Avenue NE. SG to re-hang the “No Thru Traffic” sign again and see if results are noted.

CLERKS REPORT

- GS presented a new Agenda format for the council approval to begin immediately. Council was fine with the new format.
- Discussion in regard to Council pay for budget and year end meetings. **Motion:** by DO to pay \$50 for budget process. The personnel meeting will be paid at the special meeting rate of \$25. Second by VW. All in favor.
- GS provided an update on the candidates who filed to be on the ballot for the Plato offices.

OTHER

Brief discussion on updating the Chromebooks. Tabled for a later date.

Motion: by VW to adjourn meeting. Second by SS. Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm.

Neil Engelmann
Interim Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer