

JUNE 12, 2023
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:00pm on the 12th day of June, 2023, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Stacy Sohns, Kyle Strobel, Dennis Oltmann and Peggy Flusemann

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

Guests: Marlo Lepel, Tammi Vorliceck, Joel Lepel

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Marlo Lepel and Tammi Vorliceck presented to council to give an overview of how it worked to have pickleball in the community hall. The tape worked the best for marking. Should start with a 2-hour open time frame. Maybe allow groups to rent for a different time frame. For City, Thursday nights work best.

Joel Lepel presented before council to discuss the organization of a National Night Out on August 1, 2023. Event will take place at the Bluejay stadium. There will be some free food and some food/drink to purchase. Discussed Councilmembers going door to door to invite. GS to check if the City can process donations and pay expenses.

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023, regular City Council Meeting. Second by DO. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission: none

Plato Fire Department:

- Revisions to the Standard Operating Procedures were discussed. The revisions were presented to the fire department members and passed unanimously. **Motion:** by PF to adopt the revisions to the Standard Operating Procedures, creating the 3rd edition, effective June 12, 2023. Second by SS. All in favor.
- The information form and a copy of driver's license were obtained for each member. Each member also completed a W9 for when paid-on-call starts.
- Fish fry changes – fish fry is going back to Friday and may be all in the fire hall. More to come as decided.

McLeod County Sheriff:

- Sergeant Caturia provided an email that stated the City could place parking restrictions on County Road 9. GS provided the language of the draft ordinance to address parking. Short discussion.

Ordinance Review:

- GS advised she met with the City Attorney on Thursday, June 8, and they created a plan for the attorney review.

Website update:

- PF has started research of potential website providers

Liaison's report:

- Lions: SS reported Burgers in the Park this Thursday. Blood Drive on June 20.
- Legion: DO provided a general update on donations and the Memorial Day program

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by KS to approve the Treasurer’s Report presented. Second by DO. 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
15803	6/12/2023	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$295.21
15804	6/12/2023	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$10,237.29
15805	6/12/2023	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
15806	6/12/2023	58	KOHL'S SWEEPING SERVICE	\$1,890.00
15807	6/12/2023	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
15808	6/12/2023	90	MNSPECT, LLC	\$2,037.73
15809	6/12/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$412.58
15810	6/12/2023	272	QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC	\$800.00
15811	6/12/2023	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$13.50
15812	6/12/2023	348	TEAM LABORATORY CHEM CORP	\$1,271.00
15813	6/12/2023	370	MENARDS	\$319.94
15814	6/12/2023	441	DIANE SCHRADER	\$11.80
15815	6/12/2023	473	REINDERS, INC	\$109.50
15816	6/12/2023	476	CONWAY, DEUTH & SCHMIESING	\$8,000.00
15817	6/12/2023	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$415.57
15818	6/12/2023	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$134.64
15819	6/12/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,082.69
15820	6/12/2023	547	CENTURYLINK	\$321.45
15821	6/12/2023	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$199.21
15822	6/12/2023	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$842.44
15823	6/12/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
15824	6/12/2023	719	SOHNS STACY L	\$415.57
15825	6/12/2023	765	ENGELMANN, NEIL	\$831.15
15826	6/12/2023	797	CLABO THOMAS	\$180.08
15827	6/12/2023	840	STROBEL KYLE R	\$415.57
15828	6/12/2023	845	FLUSEMANN PEGGY	\$415.57
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4285	6/12/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$215.56
4286	6/12/2023	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$247.32
4287	6/12/2023	594	VOLUNTEER FF BENEFIT ASSN OF MN	\$28.00
4288	6/12/2023	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$450.00
4289	6/12/2023	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63
4290	6/12/2023	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4291	6/12/2023	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$121.40
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15796	5/22/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$244.83
15797	5/22/2023	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,089.55
15798	5/22/2023	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$171.89
15799	5/22/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$960.31
15800	5/22/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
15801	5/22/2023	732	VISA	\$673.99
15802	5/22/2023	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
			US Treasury (online) May payroll tax deposit	\$1,781.68
			PERA contribution (online) for 5/1-15/23payroll	\$444.72
			PERA contribution (online) for 5/16-31/23payroll	\$469.08
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4281	5/22/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$223.03
4282	5/22/2023	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$554.70
4283	5/22/2023	764	LEWIS, MIKE	\$14.63
4284	5/22/2023	775	SASCS, LLC	\$350.00

Motion: by KS to approve payment of the above-stated claims along with Central Fire Protection for \$212.60, Ag Specialists for \$156.60; Reinders for \$67.11, and Plato Fire Department for \$12,095.33. Second by SS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by DO to designate June 19 (Juneteenth) as a recognized City Holiday per State/Federal mandate. City Offices must be closed on this day. Holiday pay is applicable. Second by SS. All in favor.

Discussion on holding Council workshops to address specific issues that are too time consuming to discuss at the regular council meetings. No action.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

None

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- On May 17 an email along with a quote for lining of two manholes was provided to council members. After some question/answer, a **Motion** was presented authorizing the lining of one manhole on the quote. All members voted in favor by email (KS – 5/17/23 – 1:17p; PF – 5/17/23 – 5:02p; SS – 5/17/23 – 10:45p; DO – 5/18/23 – 8:52a; NE – 5/17/23 – 1:17p). Authorization was provided to SG to get this service scheduled. Lining was done on June 12 and SG provided a photo of the results.
- SG presented quotes relating to tree removal in the park and by the water tower. SG to obtain an additional written quote to follow-up the verbal quote he received and forward to council for determination.
- SG would like to purchase a T-Probe for locating at a cost of \$347.20. **Motion:** by KS authorizing the purchase. Second by PF. All in favor.
- A quote from Barga Incorporated for street repairs was presented for a total amount of \$8,332. After discussion, **Motion:** by KS to proceed with street repair outlined in the quote from Barga Incorporated for \$8,332. Second by DO. All in favor.
- SG and DO provided an update on repair/changes in the gazebo. The water heater broke down and it was determined not to replace it. Also, the grill was switched over from natural gas to propane and the line that serviced the gazebo was capped by the community hall. Glencoe Co-op will provide the tank and donate the propane when used by the Lions.
- DO provided an update on the new park shelter construction. Construction may begin yet this week. Building permit has been received.
- Curb repair – SG to get more specific numbers from contractor and come up with a plan to reach the point for price break.
- SG to look at dead end of 1st Street NE to get better water drainage
- Maguire Iron inspected the water tower. Tower is in excellent condition, however there is a drain plug that needs repair in the future.
- There was a water main break on 1st Avenue SW on May 21 which was repaired. SG brought in pipe to show.
- Dust control – since it was not done prior to wood bat tournament, SG to request the company cut back on 2nd Street NW and only do from end of tar to county shed and then still do regular amount on east side of town
- SG is getting bids for well house and gazebo roofs

CLERKS REPORT

- GS advised the water service was disconnected at 20 2nd Avenue NE on June 1 and is still off.
- Question was raised about the selling of alcohol at the Fire Hall should the fish fry be moved there. Council did not have any issue with them doing so.
- Crown Doors had questioned whether tax increment financing (TIF) could be available for their expansion. GS did some brief research and found the process to be rather confusing and lengthy, especially with only one staff to work on it. TIF requires “the but-for test” to be used. “The proposed (re)development would not reasonably be expected to occur solely through private investment within the reasonably foreseeable future.” Since the project is already started, the council believes the development/expansion would occur whether or not TIF was available. Also, with the project already started, Council does not believe Crown Doors would want to stop and wait for the TIF process, which can take months. GS to advise.

- Plato's 150th is in 2028. Need to start thinking/planning if having celebration.
- Apparently, there was a mess in the park following the May 27 community hall event. Thank you to Olivia and Tim Schuette for cleaning it up.
- Discussion on purchasing a printer for public works office. GS to obtain.
- GS obtained arial maps from the County. One was provided to SG and LG and one is hanging outside the City Office. GS may have one framed also.

OTHER

none

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 10:25pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer