

JULY 10, 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 10th day of July, 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: Joel Lepel, Sargent Caturia

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Joel Lepel presented before council to discuss National Night Out on August 1, 2023.

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023, regular City Council Meeting. Second by PF. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- GS provided some brief updates.

Plato Fire Department: none

McLeod County Sheriff

- Discussion with Sargent Caturia

Park and Recreation:

- Discussion on a more permanent/additional pickleball court. SG to get quotes for budget meeting on converting volleyball court into a combination volleyball/pickleball court.

Community Hall:

- Discussion on removing the small stage. SG checking on moving the electrical. SG to get quotes.

Public Works Building

- SG to follow-up on land survey by County Rd 9 field

Ordinance Review:

- GS advised she has sent about one-third of the ordinances to the attorney for review. Still working on the rest.

Website update:

- PF is still exploring website options

Liaison's report:

- Lions: Golf tournament is August 7. Burgers in Park went well. Lions purchased a machine to assist people with macular degeneration and it is in the medical closet – should contact a Lion's member to use.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by PF 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. Discussion of internal finance payments and “set aside” funds.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
15842	7/10/2023	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,318.94
15843	7/10/2023	38	GLENCOE CO-OP ASSN	\$101.38
15844	7/10/2023	48	HILLYARD/HUTCHINSON	\$12.20
15845	7/10/2023	67	LMCIT	\$190.00
15846	7/10/2023	86	MN DNR ECO-WATERS	\$194.82
15847	7/10/2023	90	MNSPECT, LLC	\$3,146.13
15848	7/10/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$410.99
15849	7/10/2023	370	MENARDS	\$13.48
15850	7/10/2023	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$134.64
15851	7/10/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,139.93
15852	7/10/2023	547	CENTURYLINK	\$321.45
15853	7/10/2023	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$179.49
15854	7/10/2023	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$667.44
15855	7/10/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
15856	7/10/2023	701	FIBAR GROUP LLC	\$1,886.00
15857	7/10/2023	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$999.10
15858	7/10/2023	742	TRIMARK MARLINN LLC	\$492.68
15859	7/10/2023	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$115.80
15860	7/10/2023	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$373.93
15861	7/10/2023	767	CROW RIVER CONSTRUCTION	\$808.50
15862	7/10/2023	846	HIPERLINE	\$12,143.70
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4300	7/10/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$173.17
4301	7/10/2023	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$160.72
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15829	6/26/2023	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$156.60
15830	6/26/2023	17	CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	\$212.60
15831	6/26/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$62.07
15832	6/26/2023	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,527.54
15833	6/26/2023	98	POSTMASTER	\$414.00
15834	6/26/2023	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$103.68
15835	6/26/2023	408	PETTY CASH	\$9.52
15836	6/26/2023	473	REINDERS, INC	\$67.11
15837	6/26/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,228.96
15838	6/26/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
15839	6/26/2023	732	VISA	\$239.49
15840	6/26/2023	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$790.86
15841	6/26/2023	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
			US Treasury (online) June payroll tax deposit	\$1,446.46
			PERA contribution (online) for 6/1-15/23payroll	\$497.52
			PERA contribution (online) for 6/16-30/23payroll	\$479.25
			MN Dept of Revenue (online) 2 nd Qtr payroll taxes	\$579.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4292	6/26/2023	17	CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	\$315.25
4293	6/26/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$42.63
4294	6/26/2023	624	ALPHA WIRELESS	\$3,375.00
4295	6/26/2023	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$632.67
4296	6/26/2023	702	CUSTOM FIRE RESCUE TRAINING	\$1,725.00
4297	6/26/2023	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4298	6/26/2023	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$727.68
4299	6/30/2023	594	VOLUNTEER FFS' BENEFIT ASSN	\$185.00

Motion: by SS to approve payment of the above-stated claims along with Gopher State for \$8.10. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council workshop to discuss new water meters is set for Monday, July 24, 7:00p for 90 minutes. Special meeting pay will apply.

National Night Out was discussed. Council members will go door-to-door with flyers on or around July 25th and 26th. GS to divide up town into 5 sections.

NEW BUSINESS:

A donation has been received from the Plato American Legion in the amount of \$15,500. They have requested \$1,000 to go to the stadium light energy expenses and the remaining \$14,500 to the Fire Department. **Motion:** by KS to accept the donation and to use the funds as suggested by the American Legion. Second by PF. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

None

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Tree removal – on June 15 an email along with a written quote from L & E Tree Service (quote was original presented as a verbal quote at the last council meeting) for removal of trees was provided to council members. A **Motion** was presented to accept this quote to remove one tree in the City Park and removal of three pine trees by the water tower. All members voted in favor by email (SS – 6/15/23 – 2:41p; KS – 6/15/2023 – 4:02p; DO – 6/16/2023 – 8:59a; PF – 6/16/2023 – 11:00a; NE – 6/15/2023 – 4:03p). Authorization was provided to SG to get service scheduled. NE asked for pictures to be taken to show the condition of the tree taken down in park. Service is on their calendar, and it will probably be fall before completion. SG to remove hostas.
- Park Shelter construction update by DO. An issue arose with the soil stability. Shelter will now require a floating slab and will need to be re-engineered.
- Kubota side-by-side overheated and is now in need of repair. SG presented a quote from Arnold's of \$10,300 to fix current one or \$18,500 for a new one with trade (\$22,500 – 4,000). **Motion:** by KS to purchase a new Kubota side-by-side from Arnold's per email quote. Second by SS. All in favor. Discuss payback of the money market fund at budget meeting.
- GS provided information in regard to a lead service line inventory technical assistance grant. After discussion, GS to apply for the grant funding.
- SG would like to take July 28 off. Council approved.

CLERKS REPORT

- GS advised of her conversation with the auditor in regard to the use of City funds for celebrations. There are certain celebrations in which City funds can be used – National Night Out and historical date celebrations are allowed under Minnesota Statutes.
- GS provided some information in regard to a property line dispute for informational purposes only. No action needed.
- GS advised she will be in the office tomorrow afternoon instead of the morning. Council approved.

OTHER

none

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by KS. Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer