

JUNE 8, 2020
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Montgomery at 7:01p.m. on the 8th day of June, 2020, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Doug Falk, Tessa Falk, and Aaron S.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Doug Falk was present in regard to the blight letter he received. He is working on cleaning up the yard, possibly putting up a fence and repairing sheds/garage. Council thanked him for his attention to the matter.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

none

Motion: by NE to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020, regular City Council Meeting. Second by DO. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – none

Park and Recreation/Plato Baseball – GS read information from Adam Dammann on the status of the town team doing a shortened season. City is fine with games being hosted and concessions served, following guidelines. SG to make sure signs are still up in the park. Discussion on park slide.

Sheriff – none

Plato Planning Commission – The Council was provided with minutes from the May 26, 2020, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments and public hearing in regard to a home addition project at 101 1st Avenue SW. Tracy Montgomery wishes to construct an addition to her house which requires a variance relating to property line setback. **Motion:** by NE to accept the recommendation of the PPC and Board of Adjustments and grant said setback variance as set out. Second by DO. All in favor.

Glencoe Wastewater Contract – GS to set up meeting with engineer and someone from original contract.

Holiday Lights – VW has now received a couple of responses and is going to schedule a meeting

Community Hall (short term plan) – SG received two quotes in regard to repair of the steps in the community hall:

Yetzer's for \$5,790 and Bergman's for \$4,673. **Motion:** by SS to accept the quote from Bergman's to have the steps repaired. Second by VW. All in favor.

Ordinance Review – none

Equipment/Inventory – none

Liaisons Reports – Lions burger night is this Thursday. DO advised the Plato American Legion will donate the money to pay for mulch in the park up to \$5000.

Treasurers Report – Treasures report was not approved due to a software issue. GS to resolve issue and provide the report to council by email. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report and May timecards for SG and GS.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
14666	6/8/2020	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$230.58
14667	6/8/2020	17	CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	\$398.00
14668	6/8/2020	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$11,205.10
14669	6/8/2020	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$1,747.03
14670	6/8/2020	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
14671	6/8/2020	91	PERA	\$368.52
14672	6/8/2020	92	PLATO C STORE	\$225.02
14673	6/8/2020	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$12.15
14674	6/8/2020	408	PETTY CASH	\$8.00
14675	6/8/2020	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$415.57
14676	6/8/2020	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$114.24
14677	6/8/2020	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$683.36
14678	6/8/2020	547	CENTURYLINK	\$303.80
14679	6/8/2020	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$613.20
14680	6/8/2020	585	WOOD VEEANN	\$415.57
14681	6/8/2020	589	MCLEOD CTY HIGHWAY DEPT	\$3,486.50
14682	6/8/2020	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,364.51
14683	6/8/2020	719	SOHNS STACY L	\$415.57
14684	6/8/2020	720	MONTGOMERY TRACY	\$831.15
14685	6/8/2020	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$870.36
14686	6/8/2020	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$193.86
14687	6/8/2020	760	TULIES LLC	\$4,311.00
14688	6/8/2020	765	ENGELMANN, NEIL	\$415.57
14689	6/8/2020	767	CROW RIVER CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$885.50
14690	6/8/2020	791	MANTHEY LORI	\$175.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3950	6/8/2020	17	CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	\$253.25
3951	6/8/2020	36	GAVIN, JANSSEN & STABENOW LTD	\$72.50
3952	6/8/2020	92	PLATO C STORE	\$26.05
3953	6/8/2020	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$357.21
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
14660	5/26/2020	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$112.83
14661	5/26/2020	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,013.27
14662	5/26/2020	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,364.51
14663	5/26/2020	629	ARNOLD'S OF GLENCOE, INC	\$31,800.00
14656	5/26/2020	74	MCLEOD PUBLISHING INC	\$33.60
14657	5/26/2020	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$139.95
14658	5/26/2020	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$994.81
14659	5/26/2020	91	PERA	\$433.42
14664	5/26/2020	732	VISA	\$234.65
14665	5/26/2020	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$112.45
	6/04/2020		US Treasury (online) May payroll tax deposit	\$1,619.54
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
3948	5/26/2020	97	PLATO WOODWORK	\$80.20
3949	5/26/2020	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63

Motion: by DO to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with 1st half fire service for \$9,800.25, McLeod Publishing for \$20.80 and MNSPECT for \$1,844.76. Second by NE. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- The solar speed sign was installed. Discussion on placement.
- SG will be scraping and painting the well house. A resident volunteered to re-shingle the well house; donating his labor and the city pays for supplies. He also volunteered to re-shingle gazebo with the same plan. SG to get an estimate on the shingles.
- SG believes he has resolved the water issue by the bathrooms at the E/W field. He did not need to order rock.
- SG presented another quote for mulch in the park: Fibar - \$3803. **Motion:** by SS to purchase the mulch for the park from Fibar per quote presented. Second by NE. All in favor.
- Joel Cohrs trimmed tree by gazebo, cut down ash tree by park shelter, and cut down ash tree by water tower. SG is arranging the stump grinder and then will get trees to plant.
- SG has requested a day off on Friday, June 26. DO to cover.

CLERKS REPORT

- Discussion on hall and shelter rentals. There were 4 rentals for the shelter in June. One rescheduled for this year, two rescheduled for next year, and one is taking place. There were 2 rentals for the hall in June. One cancelled and one rescheduled for next year. There are currently 2 rentals for the shelter in July. GS also advised the Quilt Show in August has been cancelled.
- Two complaints have been received in regard to blight issues – 5 1st Street NE in regard to yard cleanup - a letter has been sent (addressed in Public Forum); and 9 2nd Street NE in regard to lawn mowing – a letter has been sent. Also was advised of a broken picnic table by the skate park and the garbage being full.
- Utility bill late charges have not been assessed for late payments in April and May. Per Council, late charges will be assessed in June.
- Discussion on opening of city office and on the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan that is now required by the end of the month.
- State demographer for 2019 determined Plato’s population to be at 300 and total households at 135. In last 5 years, the population has gone down 12 and the households have gone down 3. Census figures will “correct” if error.
- Discussion on summer/outdoor water usage and requests for meters. GS provided information from two neighboring towns that have a program. Determination was to purchase one outside meter. That meter will be installed at one residence for a day or two to obtain information on the amount of water usage. That data will then help determine if it would be cost effective for that resident to have such a meter when factoring in program costs.

OTHER

none

Motion: by DO to adjourn meeting. Second by SS. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer