

MARCH 8, 2021
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 March, 2021, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Jamie Schlechter (PFD), Darrell Caturia (McLeod County Sheriff's Office)

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

NA

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

NA

Motion: by NE to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021, regular City Council Meeting. Second by VW. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Chief Schlechter provided an update in regard to the fish fry, annual budget meeting, and the new truck purchase (tanker/pumper). At the annual meeting, approval was given up to \$271,000 for the truck purchase. If ordered now, would not be delivered until mid-2022.

Sheriff – Deputy Caturia gave a brief update.

Plato Planning Commission – none

Committee Reports:

Plato Baseball Club – they met on March 4. Will host regions in August. Schedule is out.

Community Hall – work on expanding the bar area has begun. **Motion:** by NE to purchase the sink units for the bar. Second by SS. All in favor.

Ordinance Review – committee will meet again on March 25 to further discuss which process to use

Summer Water Program – An overview of the program prepared by the committee was provided, along with some discussion points. After discussion: **Motion:** by NE to adopt the summer water program. Second by VW. All in favor. Announcement of the program will be placed in the newsletter which will say to contact City Office for details. An information sheet will then be provided.

Liaisons – SS reported the Plato Lions had a blood drive on February 25. They will not be having the Spring Brunch. They are considering doing a soup/sandwich offering during garage sales. Burger nights on June 10 and July 8.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by NE to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by SS. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report, and February timecards for SG and GS.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
14968	3/8/2021	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,148.11
14969	3/8/2021	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$5.00
14970	3/8/2021	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$470.39
14971	3/8/2021	91	PERA	\$378.71
14972	3/8/2021	98	POSTMASTER	\$271.00
14973	3/8/2021	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$600.00
14974	3/8/2021	468	HOME SOLUTIONS	\$14.48
14975	3/8/2021	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$126.99
14976	3/8/2021	522	HACH COMPANY	\$64.93
14977	3/8/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$697.92
14978	3/8/2021	547	CENTURYLINK	\$320.18
14979	3/8/2021	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$2,177.93
14980	3/8/2021	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$534.61
14981	3/8/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
14982	3/8/2021	703	STAR GROUP LLC	\$183.10
14983	3/8/2021	742	TRIMARK	\$235.07
14984	3/8/2021	772	McCARHY WELL COMPANY	\$240.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4029	3/8/2021	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$47.96
4030	3/8/2021	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$95.00
4031	3/8/2021	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$8,549.67
4032	3/8/2021	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$53.98
4033	3/8/2021	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63
4034	3/8/2021	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$214.30
4035	3/8/2021	742	TRIMARK	\$184.87
4036	3/8/2021	802	HENNEPIN CTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSN	\$100.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
14958	2/22/2021	67	LMCIT	\$7,910.00
14959	2/22/2021	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,099.67
14960	2/22/2021	91	PERA	\$478.89
14961	2/22/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$138.85
14962	2/22/2021	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$98.05
14963	2/22/2021	525	ST OF MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$100.00
14964	2/22/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,210.22
14965	2/22/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
14966	2/22/2021	732	VISA	\$1,220.89
14967	2/22/2021	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
	3/3/2021		US Treasury (online) February payroll tax deposit	\$1,289.22
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4025	2/22/2021	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$271.60
4026	2/22/2021	98	POSTMASTER	\$76.00
4027	2/22/2021	729	GREATER MN COMMUNICATIONS	\$68.72
4028	2/22/2021	801	MCLEOD CTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$343.00

Motion: by SS to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Glencoe Fleet Supply for \$11.28, Uline for \$131.56, MNSPECT for \$734.18 and Potentia for \$410.07. Second by NE. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on email regarding “One Watershed One Plan”. No action was taken, Council does not wish to join in process.

Discussion on wood burning stove at 200 Main Street East. GS to advise owners there have been some complaints and their efforts/willingness in making adjustments has been greatly appreciated.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- A quote for dust control application for this Spring/Summer was received. SG needs to obtain additional information. No action taken
- SG presented a quote for a pressure relief valve. Discussion resulted in no action taken.
- SG has ordered (2) hydrant modification kits. **Motion:** by SS approving order of modification kits per budget. Second by NE. All in favor.
- SG asked again about the fertilizer spreader that was tabled at last council meeting. Purchase is now tabled until budget meeting.
- Sealing of basketball court - Last quote (Fall 2020) was \$1750; but would need to be verified. **Motion:** by SS to proceed with sealing and striping of the basketball court if within budgeted amount. Second by VW. All in favor.
- On February 14 there was a frozen pipe at the well. SG switched to backup well for one day. This summer SG plans to do some remodeling at the well house to avoid this situation.

CLERKS REPORT

- GS advised contracting with H-GAC Buy which would allow the Fire Department to purchase a truck without going through the bid process. There is no fee. The truck being considered is one from their listing. **Motion:** by NE to enter into this contract for the truck purchase. Second by VW. All in favor.
- The fieldwork for the audit was done on March 1 and 2. They will present the audit findings in April or May.
- Contract from Frontline Warning Systems was presented. This contract is for the annual service of the emergency siren. **Motion:** by SS to enter into the contract with Frontline Warning Systems for 2021 service. Second by VW. All in favor.
- Russell Security will be here tomorrow (Tuesday, March 9) to do the locks for the fire hall/city office. Discussion on who should have code/key for City Office door.
- GS advised a request has been made to have a wedding reception in the park. They would rent the shelter and gazebo and use the space around them. There will be music and alcohol. After discussion, Council was fine with the event with some stipulations: no alcohol in the play area, cans and plastic cups only, music must end by 11:00pm, cleanup of outdoor area must be done that night, \$200 cleaning/damage deposit, additional mini biffs must be provided, and a security officer would be required. SG may have some additional items relating to clean up.
- GS attended the County Economic Development meeting on Thursday, March 4. Idea of group is to promote development in McLeod County. The County has contracted with a firm to assist in the process. Discussion on Plato growth. GS stated that now is the time for the council to make the determination if they want to encourage development in the City – does council want Plato to grow? If so, the committee will provide assistance, ideas, direction in doing so. There is an opportunity with land available for sale by the ballfields.
- A copy of the Waste Management garbage collection contract extension was provided to Council.
- A draft of the Spring newsletter was discussed.

OTHER

none

Motion: by VW to adjourn meeting. Second by NE. Meeting adjourned at 9:57pm.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer