

JUNE 14, 2021
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Tracy Montgomery at 7:00p.m. on the 14th day of June, 2021, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: none

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

Council meeting was closed at 7:05pm to discuss personnel items. Only councilmembers and Mayor were in attendance. Regular meeting was re-opened and resumed at 7:30pm

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

None

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

None

Motion: by NE to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021, regular City Council Meeting. Second by DO. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Chief Schlechter, Chief Engelmann and Captain Vinkemeier presented on behalf of the Fire

Department. Chief Schlechter discussed the ordering of the new truck and a few additional items that may be added to the specs. Fire Department will be hosting Kid’s Night in September and will be doing a drive-thru fish fry in October with a limited number of tickets being sold. Fire Department will also help with a National Night Out event if one is coordinated.

Sheriff – None

Plato Planning Commission – None

Committee Reports:

Wastewater Contract – GS to contact Attorney Gavin and Attorney Ostlund in regard to the exchange of information and only doing work requested. GS and TM to meet to go over revised contract and then meet with the engineer and the Glencoe group.

Holiday Lights – Committee met tonight. Six businesses have agreed to decorate 7ft trees for display. Event will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving. There will be a residential decorating contest again. Committee will meet again in August.

Community Hall – The bar remodel upstairs is done. Committee will meet to discuss what to do next.

Ordinance review – Committee met again on May 27. Process is moving along. Discussion in regard to “quiet time” in the city.

Summer Water Program – SG advised there are currently three residents on the program.

Lions – Good turnout for Burgers in the Park. Next burger night is July 8. August 9 they are sponsoring a golf tournament and looking for participants. Blood drive is June 22.

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 May timecards for SG and GS.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
15064	6/14/2021	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$291.74
15065	6/14/2021	12	BRJ CONSTRUCTION	\$425.00
15066	6/14/2021	17	CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	\$126.30
15067	6/14/2021	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,741.10
15068	6/14/2021	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
15069	6/14/2021	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$828.91
15070	6/14/2021	90	MNSPECT	\$735.38
15071	6/14/2021	91	PERA	\$374.96
15072	6/14/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$226.88
15073	6/14/2021	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$102.32
15074	6/14/2021	272	QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC	\$1,300.00
15075	6/14/2021	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$9.45
15076	6/14/2021	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$105.00
15077	6/14/2021	474	+T++MOBILE	\$129.51
15078	6/14/2021	476	CONWAY, DEUTH & SCHMIESING	\$3,000.00
15079	6/14/2021	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$438.66
15080	6/14/2021	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$114.24
15081	6/14/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$677.95
15082	6/14/2021	547	CENTURYLINK	\$321.40
15083	6/14/2021	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$243.64
15084	6/14/2021	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$165.20
15085	6/14/2021	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$613.20
15086	6/14/2021	585	WOOD VEEANN	\$438.66
15087	6/14/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
15088	6/14/2021	719	SOHNS STACY L	\$415.57
15089	6/14/2021	720	MONTGOMERY TRACY	\$854.24
15090	6/14/2021	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$1,662.75
15091	6/14/2021	765	ENGELMANN, NEIL	\$438.66
15092	6/14/2021	767	CROW RIVER CONSTRUCTION	\$971.50
15093	6/14/2021	772	McCARTHY WELL COMPANY	\$18,575.00
15094	6/14/2021	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
15095	6/14/2021	792	BERGMANN INTERIORS LLC	\$854.10
15096	6/14/2021	810	MID-MN DEVELOPMENT COMM	\$1,000.00
15097	6/14/2021	811	DIVERSIFIED PLUMBING & HEATING	\$1,725.00
15098	6/14/2021	812	PRETZEL ALISSA	\$200.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4061	6/14/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$239.12
4062	6/14/2021	249	CROWN DOORS LLC	\$276.00
4063	6/14/2021	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$160.70
4064	6/14/2021	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63
4065	6/14/2021	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15053	5/24/2021	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$170.12
15054	5/24/2021	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$727.20
15055	5/24/2021	90	MNSPECT	\$40.00
15056	5/24/2021	91	PERA	\$436.76
15057	5/24/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$198.04
15058	5/24/2021	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$105.32
15059	5/24/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$993.87

15060	5/24/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
15061	5/24/2021	732	VISA	\$2,290.86
15062	5/24/2021	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
15063	5/24/2021	792	BERGMANN INTERIORS LLC	\$1,873.82
	6/8/2021		US Treasury (online) May payroll tax deposit	\$1,638.52
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4056	5/24/2021	17	CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	\$70.40
4057	5/24/2021	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$91.72
4058	5/24/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$52.44
4059	5/24/2021	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$58.13
4060	5/24/2021	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$554.75

Motion: by VW to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with payment to the Plato Fire Department for \$11,204.70. Second by SS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe and Rick Hunt were requested to attend the council meeting to discuss their property at 112 McLeod Avenue N. Rick Hunt left a message that he was unable to attend the meeting due to a medical issue. Joe Hunt did not attend. GS to coordinate a meeting with the Hunts, TM, DO, and Lloyd Graupman at the property to discuss.

Motion: by NE to accept a donation from the Plato American Legion in the amount of \$16,000 to be used as requested. Second by VW. All in favor. Legion would like to see \$7,000 go to park shelter improvements, \$7,000 towards purchase of batting cages at the stadium, and \$2,000 to resurface the basketball court in the park.

An economic development/city growth workshop was held on May 14, 2021. Workshop was attended by Marc Telecky (McLeod County). Recap notes were provided by Lloyd Graupmann. TM stated the first step should be to see what the infrastructure can sustain. SG talked to MRWA, their suggestion would be to add an additional well first, and then, if needed, do a water tower later. We will be getting sewer calculation information coming soon through the contract talks with the City of Glencoe. TM and VW will attend the next Helen Township meeting for some preliminary discussions. GS also attended the final McLeod County economic development presentation on June 8 and gave a brief report.

There is a new round of Federal funds – American Rescue Plan Act – the City can receive. Funds available are based on a per person calculation using the 2019 estimated census figures and will come through the State to disburse. As before, there are certain requirements these funds can be used for. Different than before is that the program goes for a much longer period of time. The funds are paid 50% now and 50% in 2022. GS also attended a County presentation on June 3 and has attended two webinars on this process. **Motion:** by VW to accept the ARPA funds. Second by SS. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2021-05

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Update in regard to the park shelter maintenance/repair – hired A Pretzel to do a deep cleaning. Fire Department painted the inside and the garage doors. DO presented a quote for gutters (with leaf guard) for the building and a quote for floor coating. SG to get additional quotes on gutters to compare. **Motion:** by SS to coat the shelter floor per the estimate provided. Second by NE. All in favor.
- SG provided information in regard to the well pump repair. The pump tested bad and was replaced, along with all of the well pipe.
- SG and DO met with Bargaen in regard to the streets. Bargaen’s quote to do all street repair in the City was \$56,000 - crack repair \$29000, \$15000 heating repair, and \$12000 to chip seal two streets. After discussion, **Motion:** by DO to do the crack repair this year. Second by SS. All in favor.
- Discussion on repair at the lift station and the chemical being used. SG to obtain more information.
- SG would like to have some trees trimmed in the park. **Motion:** by NE to trim trees not to exceed the budgeted amount. Second by DO. All in favor.

- SG would like to take two weeks of vacation, August 16-27, 2021. DO will cover as needed. Approved by council.
- SG to seed grass between the Fire Hall and Community Hall this fall.
- SG to follow-up on the resurfacing of the basketball court.
- Discussion on the dust control application.

CLERKS REPORT

- Discussion on COVID restrictions and the City's preparedness plan. Per council, water fountains were turned on. **Motion:** by NE to suspend the Preparedness Plan at this time. Second by SS. All in favor.
- Discussion in regard to a Plato history display in the Community Hall in July. GS trying to coordinate.
- City Office will be closed Thursday (June 17) as GS will be out of town.

OTHER

none

Motion: by NE to adjourn meeting. Second by VW. Meeting adjourned at 10:37pm.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer