

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 13th day of September, 2021, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Susanne Couval, Joel Lepel, Louis Graupmann, Kevin Mathews, Deputy Caturia, Jamie Schlechter

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Kevin Mathews from McLeod County Emergency Management presented before council to explain the Code Red Community Notification System in the County. This system is designed to provide emergency/notifications to residents.

Susanne Couval presented before Council with some concerns.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

None

Motion: by NE to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021, regular City Council Meeting. Second by SS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Chief Schlechter advised Firefighter Brian Crown retired after 22 years of service. The Department has received a new firefighter application from Rogan Lillienthal. **Motion:** by VW to accept the application of Mr. Lillienthal to the Fire Department pending completion of the required steps. Second by SS. All in favor. Captain1 and Chief 3 are up for election this year. Kids Night is September 20. Drive thru fish fry is Oct 16. Calendars will be going out in October/November. Three Chiefs and one Captain will be attending the Convention in October.

Sheriff – Call reports for 1st and 2nd quarter were received. Deputy Caturia will assist with Code Red information at the Kid's Night event.

Plato Planning Commission – None

Plato Baseball Club – Louis Graupmann and Joel Lepel presented additional information in regard to installation of lights at the BlueJay stadium.

Committee Reports:

Glencoe Wastewater Contract – GS is working with Gary Schriefels and went through the entire contract.

Holiday Lights – Next meeting will be October 18. Event will be November 27.

Ordinance review – The next ordinance review meeting needs to be rescheduled.

Lions – Chili feed October 28

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by NE to approve the Treasurer's Report presented. Second by VW. 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
15167	9/13/2021	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$7,713.65
15168	9/13/2021	61	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	\$30.00
15169	9/13/2021	61	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	\$511.00
15170	9/13/2021	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
15171	9/13/2021	90	MNSPECT	\$2,512.59
15172	9/13/2021	91	PERA	\$468.59
15173	9/13/2021	97	PLATO WOODWORK	\$1,578.83
15174	9/13/2021	181	MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSN	\$150.00
15175	9/13/2021	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$17.55
15176	9/13/2021	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$176.36
15177	9/13/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,203.87
15178	9/13/2021	547	CENTURYLINK	\$316.10
15179	9/13/2021	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$14.78
15180	9/13/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
15181	9/13/2021	602	MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY	\$40.00
15182	9/13/2021	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$623.91
15183	9/13/2021	797	CLABO THOMAS	\$304.75
15184	9/13/2021	823	B&H SEALCOATING LLC	\$1,250.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4083	9/13/2021	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$158.05
4084	9/13/2021	588	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL	\$619.82
4085	9/13/2021	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$1,320.00
4086	9/13/2021	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63
4087	9/13/2021	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15154	8/23/2021	32	FOUR SQUARE BUILDERS	\$141.74
15155	8/23/2021	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$39.84
15156	8/23/2021	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,261.49
15157	8/23/2021	91	PERA	\$463.92
15158	8/23/2021	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$103.44
15159	8/23/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,186.17
15160	8/23/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
15161	8/23/2021	732	VISA	\$176.79
15162	8/23/2021	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$1,938.29
15163	8/23/2021	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
15164	8/23/2021	820	LEAFFILTER NORTH OF MN INC	\$5,295.00
15165	8/23/2021	821	LEPEL JOEL	\$315.38
15166	8/23/2021	822	LOPEZ YOCELIN	\$140.00
	9/9/2021		US Treasury (online) August payroll tax deposit	\$1,471.58
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4081	8/23/2021	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$10.65
4082	8/23/2021	674	SCHLECHTER JAMIE	\$94.64

Motion: by NE to approve payment of the above-stated claims with the addition of Quality Flow for \$5,575.00. Second by SS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Building Inspector/Building Code – SAFEbuilt has purchased MNSPECT. Will see what new company has to offer.

Sewer Service on 4th AVE SE – GS advised they are still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 preliminary property tax levy – after discussion, **Motion:** by NE to set the 2022 preliminary property tax levy at \$247,568 which is a 6% increase and that increase is to be tentatively applied to General Revenue (General \$189,568 - Sewer \$37,000 - Water \$21,000). Second by VW. All in favor.

Discussion in regard to backing the Plato Baseball Club in the purchase/installation of lights at the stadium. **Motion:** by NE to set up a “line of credit” up to \$80,000, with the understanding the Club will pay back all money borrowed. Second by SS. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG presented a quote for recalibration of the chlorometer in the amount of \$553.50. **Motion:** by VW to obtain the recalibration as noted. Second by DO. All in favor.
- SG would like to attend the Operator Expo on September 23 at a cost of \$125 and an online class from MPCA at a cost of \$40. These classes will provide the continuing ed credits that his license requires.
- The Department of Health has requested that PH readings of the City water be done. Council is fine with purchase of a meter as discussed.
- SG advised the pickup will need new tires before winter. He will get quotes.
- Nick Aurich has volunteered to re-shingle the gazebo and the well house, as long as the City purchases the supplies. He estimated a supply cost of \$1,400 for the gazebo and \$547 for the well house. Council would prefer to see metal roofing rather than asphalt at the well house. **Motion:** by VW to proceed with re-roofing the well house with metal sheets up the \$1000 budgeted. Second by NE. All in favor. SG will also obtain a quote for using metal on the gazebo and will report back.
- SG is still planning to build a covering around the water pipe at the well house to avoid freezing.
- SG would like to take Friday, September 17 off. DO To cover.
- There was a water leak at 224 1st Avenue NE. DO needed to contact Water Conservation Services to determine where the leak was. DO to discuss with resident about paying of the invoice received. GS to hold invoice.
- With the last rains it was noted the tile line in the park is plugged. DO and SG working on that.

CLERKS REPORT

- The County has asked for comment relating to a conditional use permit application by Don and Tim Engelmann to change some agricultural accessory structures to non-ag for purposes of indoor storage. Council had no comments in regard to the request.
- GS advised a plan is in progress to change the landscaping in the front of the fire hall.
- An email was received thanking for the cleanup of the volleyball court.
- Blight Complaints: (1) 112 McLeod Ave – starting to track vehicles/trailers. (2) 217 1st Avenue NE – owner has cut down the weeds. City will offer to spray the weeds, if the cost of chemical is paid. (3) 209 2nd Street NE – lawn has not been taken care the entire summer. Letter to be sent. (4) A complaint has been received in regard to the property at 209 2nd Avenue NW. Investigation did reveal a blight situation. Letter to be sent about the ordinance violation. GS to advise Complainant.

OTHER

none

Motion: by NE to adjourn meeting. Second by SS. Meeting adjourned at 10:53pm.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer