

DECEMBER 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 7:01p.m. on the 13th day of December, 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

Guests: Lloyd Graupman (PPC), Matt Rosenau, Kim Dietel (GSL Booster Club)

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Kim Dietel presented before council on behalf of the GSL Booster Club. The Booster Club is hosting a fundraising event in the Plato Hall on March 12, 2022. She is inquiring if the Council would provide a discount on the hall rental fee.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

After discussion, **Motion:** by SS to charge \$200 as the rental fee for the hall for the fundraising event and to charge the \$165 for the security officer for the event. Second by VW. All in favor.

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

Motion: by DO to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2021, special budget meeting. Second by NE. All in favor.

Motion: by SS to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2021, special budget meeting. Second by VW. All in favor.

REPORTS

Plato Planning Commission – Lloyd Graupmann presented on behalf of the Plato Planning Commission in regard to a variance request at 200 2nd Ave NW. Matt Rosenau was also present. After research, conducting a public hearing and discussions on December 7, 2021, it is the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve the variance request as set out in their minutes. **Motion:** by NE to grant the variance request for 200 2nd Avenue NW as presented. Second by DO. All in favor.

Fire Department – nothing

Sheriff – Council was provided with a call report for 3rd Quarter 2021.

Committee Reports:

Holiday Lights/Decorating – Lighting event went well. Holiday lights contest judging was done: 1st – 134 3rd Ave NW; 2nd – 208 3rd Avenue NW; 3rd – 4 1st Street NE

Liaison’s – NE provided information on upcoming events with the Plato Fire Department. SS provided information on the Lion’s upcoming pork chop dinner

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by NE to approve the Treasurer’s Report presented. Second by DO. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report and the Pledged Securities report for 11/30/2021.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
15259	12/13/2021	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,398.61
15260	12/13/2021	45	LLOYD GRAUPMANN	\$654.70
15261	12/13/2021	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$1,766.48
15262	12/13/2021	58	KOHL'S SWEEPING SERVICE	\$1,555.00
15263	12/13/2021	74	MCLEOD PUBLISHING INC	\$28.80
15264	12/13/2021	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
15265	12/13/2021	90	MNSPECT	\$84.00
15266	12/13/2021	91	PERA	\$403.05
15267	12/13/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$213.82
15268	12/13/2021	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$700.42
15269	12/13/2021	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$8.10
15270	12/13/2021	348	TEAM LAB CHEMICAL CORP	\$775.00
15271	12/13/2021	441	DIANE SCHRADER	\$293.98
15272	12/13/2021	468	HOME SOLUTIONS	\$50.96
15273	12/13/2021	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$415.58
15274	12/13/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$823.19
15275	12/13/2021	547	CENTURYLINK	\$314.00
15276	12/13/2021	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$255.49
15277	12/13/2021	585	WOOD VEEANN	\$415.58
15278	12/13/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
15279	12/13/2021	652	CREEKSIDE SOILS	\$1,135.00
15280	12/13/2021	710	ENGELMANN DEAN	\$340.00
15281	12/13/2021	719	SOHNS STACY L	\$415.58
15282	12/13/2021	720	MONTGOMERY TRACY	\$831.15
15283	12/13/2021	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$1,303.00
15284	12/13/2021	732	VISA	\$209.92
15285	12/13/2021	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$661.34
15286	12/13/2021	747	REC-TECH OUTDOOR SOLUTIONS	\$222.26
15287	12/13/2021	765	ENGELMANN, NEIL	\$415.58
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4119	12/13/2021	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$157.00
4120	12/13/2021	592	WOOD JAY	\$1,440.58
4121	12/13/2021	593	NEUBARTH RYAN	\$300.00
4122	12/13/2021	601	MN STATE FIRE DEPT ASSOCIATION	\$175.00
4123	12/13/2021	621	ENGELMANN RYAN	\$599.00
4124	12/13/2021	674	SCHLECHTER JAMIE	\$1,200.00
4125	12/13/2021	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
4126	12/13/2021	744	HARVEY, RYAN	\$599.00
4127	12/13/2021	801	MCLEOD CTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$355.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15243	11/22/2021	8	BARGEN INCORPORATED	\$28,836.00
15244	11/22/2021	32	FOUR SQUARE BUILDERS	\$341.14
15245	11/22/2021	38	GLENCOE CO-OP ASSN	\$867.99
15246	11/22/2021	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$134.59
15247	11/22/2021	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$700.71
15248	11/22/2021	91	PERA	\$438.63
15249	11/22/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$194.86
15250	11/22/2021	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$2,341.50
15251	11/22/2021	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$101.68
15252	11/22/2021	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$114.24
15253	11/22/2021	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,031.79
15254	11/22/2021	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$191.43
15255	11/22/2021	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,409.42
15256	11/22/2021	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$1,850.49
15257	11/22/2021	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
15258	11/22/2021	793	HILGERS PLUMBING, HEATING	\$300.00
	12/2021		US Treasury (online) November payroll tax deposit	\$1,682.90

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4111	11/22/2021	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$50.51
4112	11/22/2021	92	PLATO C STORE	\$90.37
4113	11/22/2021	592	WOOD JAY	\$200.00
4114	11/22/2021	621	ENGELMANN RYAN	\$1,041.58
4115	11/22/2021	674	SCHLECHTER JAMIE	\$1,041.58
4116	11/22/2021	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$14.85
4117	11/22/2021	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$350.63
4118	11/22/2021	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$1,041.58

Motion: by NE to approve payment of the above-stated claims with the addition of Plato Fire Department for \$11,204.70 and Mini Biff for \$126.99. Second by VW. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Extension of sewer service on 4th Avenue SE – GS and SG are exploring options with Gary Schriefels.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by SS to accept the donation of \$100 from Crown Doors to be used for holiday lights. Second by VW. All in favor.

Not all ARPA funds were claimed by the deadline. The State has now redistributed those remaining funds and the City will receive \$1,053.42 additional funds. **Motion:** by NE to accept the additional redistribution funds. Second by DO. All in favor. **RESOLUTION NO 2021-07**

Motion: by NE to enter into the 2022 Emergency Services Contract with Young America Township. Second by VW. All in favor.

The 2022 Assessment contract was received from McLeod County. **Motion:** by NE to enter into said contract for services. Second by SS. All in favor

Motion: by NE to set the 2022 tax levy at \$241,568 (broken down as \$189,568 General Revenue, \$32,000 Sewer and \$20,000 Water), an approximate 3.43% increase over 2021; and to accept the 2022 budget as discussed and set out. Second by DO. All in favor.

Discussion on the draft presented of the Public Works PTO policy and the Clerk/Treasurer PTO policy. Tabled until next meeting to incorporate some changes.

A complaint was received in regard to the smoke generated by the outdoor furnace at 200 Main Street East. After discussion, a letter should be generated to the owners at 200 Main Street East in regard to the issue, perhaps speak to the manufacturer for alternate design or recommendations, and present at the next council meeting to discuss further.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG advised the Kubota utility side-by-side needs a new tire. Cost is approximately \$200. Council agreed to the purchase.

CLERKS REPORT

- Discussion in regard to the insurance policy renewal: Bond coverage - council determined the bond coverage was no longer needed; **Motion:** by SS to NOT waive the statutory tort limit on the coverage, Second by DO, all in favor;
- Discussion in regard to the current protocol/policy relating to COVID. No specific recommendations were made; more information needs to be received. Basically, asking staff and volunteers to be smart and if any concerns, stay home. Fire Chief should make decisions on a case by case basis.

OTHER

none

Motion: by NE to adjourn meeting. Second by VW. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor and Acting Clerk