

MARCH 14, 2022
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 March, 2022, 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 and Clerk/Treasurer Gerri Scott

Guests: Diane Schrader, Jamie Schlechter, Deputy Darrell Caturia, and Michael Hart

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Michael Hart presented before the council questioning a community garden in Plato.

TM presented on behalf of the neighbors on 1st Avenue SW in regard to water pooling by the mailboxes.

ACTION RELATING TO GUEST(S) PRESENT

GS to put the community garden question in the newsletter to gauge interest.

SG to check on the water pooling issue.

Motion: by DO to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022, regular City Council Meeting with one correction. Second by NE. All in favor.

REPORTS

Plato Planning Commission – none

Fire Department – Chief Jamie Schlechter presented before council:

Firefighter Mark Wilkens retired – 32 years of service

New fire truck still on schedule for October delivery

- **Motion:** by NE to appoint Stephanie Stepien as the Chief 3/Training Officer. Second by SS. All in favor. As a result of this appointment, a Captain position is open. Application deadline is April 4.

- **Motion:** by NE to accept the revisions/additions to the Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures as presented. Second by DO. All in favor.

- **Motion:** by SS to enter into a contract with McLeod County for purchase of new radios for the Fire Department. Second by VW. All in favor.

Sheriff – Deputy Caturia presented before council to answer questions.

Committee Reports:

Park and Recreation: Diane Schrader presented before council:

-Committee members are: Tom Lepel, Diane Schrader, and Dave Prehn

-Pickle ball courts were discussed. The Lions will purchase portable pickle ball nets; the City will do the striping for one court when doing the basketball court striping. Diane Schrader also stated a fence may be needed along the south side of the court, but will wait to see how much it is used.

-The one scoreboard is not working correctly. SG to check on that.

-Discussed planting a couple of shade trees by E/W fields on north side. SG to talk with D. Engelmann

Community Hall (short term plan) – The Corian wainscoting in the women’s restroom is in process. Cost for product and installation is \$4,269

Plato Baseball Club – SS provided an update. Fox 9 television will be at the June 1 game.

Ordinance Review – TM and GS to discuss new plan

Water Meters – The committee has met with 3 of 4 vendors to date

Liaisons:

Lions – SS stated the Lions will be having a soup and sandwich and garage sale on April 7-8 in the lower level of the community hall.

Fire – NE provided an update from the quarterly business meeting

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
15363	3/14/2022	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$7,649.21
15364	3/14/2022	67	LMCIT	\$18,562.00
15365	3/14/2022	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
15366	3/14/2022	90	MNSPECT	\$100.00
15367	3/14/2022	92	PLATO C STORE	\$172.00
15368	3/14/2022	98	POSTMASTER	\$356.00
15369	3/14/2022	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$495.00
15370	3/14/2022	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$126.99
15371	3/14/2022	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$909.86
15372	3/14/2022	547	CENTURYLINK	\$329.26
15373	3/14/2022	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$174.07
15374	3/14/2022	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,452.72
15375	3/14/2022	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$431.05
15376	3/14/2022	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
15377	3/14/2022	789	VADIM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC	\$2,071.81
15378	3/14/2022	799	PINSKE EDGE INC	\$4,269.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4157	3/14/2022	92	PLATO C STORE	\$170.59
4158	3/14/2022	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$157.00
4159	3/14/2022	468	HOME SOLUTIONS	\$824.99
4160	3/14/2022	606	CENTRAL MN FF REGIONAL ASSOC	\$100.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15355	2/28/2022	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$945.30
15356	2/28/2022	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$39.35
15357	2/28/2022	92	PLATO C STORE	\$281.86
15358	2/28/2022	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$104.06
15359	2/28/2022	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,421.31
15360	2/28/2022	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,452.72
15361	2/28/2022	732	VISA	\$236.25
15362	2/28/2022	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
	3/2022		US Treasury (online) February payroll tax deposit	\$1,442.16
	2/2022		PERA contribution (online) for 2/1-15/22payroll	\$527.56
	3/2022		PERA contribution (online) for 2/16-28/22 payroll	\$422.39
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4150	2/28/2022	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$496.13
4151	2/28/2022	146	MICHAEL EGGERS	\$204.55
4152	2/28/2022	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$175.55
4153	2/28/2022	468	HOME SOLUTIONS	\$885.83 Voided
4154	2/28/2022	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$93.31
4155	2/28/2022	587	GOULD'S DIAMOND & JEWELRY	\$1,122.72
4156	2/28/2022	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$340.00

Motion: NE approve payment of the above-stated claims. Second by VW. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Extension of sewer service on 4th Avenue SE – GS provided an update. The City Engineer has done an initial review of the plan and provided a “guesstimate” of the project to be about \$90K. GS to do research on potential funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by SS to enter into a contract with Frontline Warning Systems for emergency siren service agreement as presented. Second by NE. All in favor.

Motion: by NE re-establishing precinct and polling place. Second by SS. All in favor. **RESOLUTION 2022-08**

Motion: by VW to enter into a 3-year service contract for 8 bi-weekly applications with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management as presented. Second by SS. All in favor.

Motion: by VW to elect the standard allowance available under the revenue loss provision of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act. Second by NE. All in favor. Discussion on the allocation of funds. **RESOLUTION 2022-09**

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Water tower repair:

Motion presented to council by email on 2/23/2022 to proceed with the repair of the water tower riser pipe. All in favor by email response. DO (2/23/22-4:25p); NE (2/23/22-7:23p); VW (2/23/22-10:56p); SS (2/24/22-12:37a).

Motion presented to council by email on 2/24/2022 on payment terms for water tower riser pipe repair. Majority in favor by email response of a one-time payment in the amount of \$64,550 due on completion. NE (2/24/22- 6:47p); SS (2/24/22-7:34p); VW (2/24/22-11:16p). Contract agreement with Maguire Iron on 2/24/2022 as presented.

CLERKS REPORT

- GS presented a draft letter for council comment relating to the property at 112 McLeod Avenue N. After discussion, council instructed GS to send.
- GS presented a draft of the Spring newsletter.
- The City Office will be closed on Tuesday, 3-22-2022, as GS will be out of town.
- Council was provided a copy of the letter to 216 Main Street East from the City Attorney in regard to their smoke complaint.
- GS presented a rough draft letter for council comment relating to the property at 5 1st Street NE. Discussion held. GS to complete for next council meeting.
- Discussion relating to recreational burn permits. **Motion:** by NE to discontinue issuance of recreational burn permits in Plato city limits. All rules governing recreational fires set out in Ordinance must still be followed. Second by DO. All in favor.
- Discussion relating to current status of business at 116 Main Street East.
- The 2021 annual audit will be presented at the April council meeting.

OTHER

none

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by VW. Meeting adjourned at 10:22pm.

Tracy Montgomery
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer