

May 8, 2023  
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:00pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Stacy Sohns, Kyle Strobel, Dennis Oltmann, and Peggy Flusemann

City Staff present: Public Works Director Scott Graupmann

Guests: Troy Kendrick, Joel Lepel, Lloyd Graupmann, McLeod County Sheriff

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Joel Lepel presented costs and usage of electrical usage at the baseball park and comparisons of fees charged by surrounding community baseball fields.

**Motion:** by SS to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission: LG presented the conditions with regard to the conditional use permit for 14 First Avenue NE, following Zoning ordinance 5303A and 5301; 1. Storage areas must remain in the building. 2. No activities that have a negative affect on the community. Painting must be limited to touch up only and the body shop must be limited to minor repairs. A **Motion** was made by SS to approve the conditions set forth by the conditional use permit. **Second** by DO. All in favor. Council voted in favor.

Fire Department: KS attended the SOP meeting. Upon updated and review of the SOPs they will seek approval by the department, followed by City Council. The next FD meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion regarding outside upkeep and landscaping. SG will reseed between the city office and the hall. FD to determine what they want for landscaping and present to Council.

McLeod County Sheriff: Discussed additional patrol during HS and Comm Ed games at the baseball field to mitigate some of the speeding through the area during games. GS to provide schedule of HS and Comm Ed games. Sheriff will provide a report at the next meeting regarding parking on County 9 during snow days. Will require ordinance discussion.

Park & Recreation – Discussion on field use and fees. Will continue to move forward with fees as set at the March meeting.

Discussed removal trees in danger of causing damage due to rot and replanting of trees in a phased approach. SG will seek bids.

Pickleball – court is set up, has only been used a little. No advertisement or word of mouth through trial period. Will ask ML and TV to come to June meeting. Will move back outside after May 18. GS created a Liability Waiver sign in sheet. SG feels comfortable with the tape around the floor and is working good.

Yoga – No yoga at this time due to insurance costs for instructor. May do in fall if Comm Ed will do in the hall. GS will keep looking for different instructors.

Holiday Lights/Decorating: Most items have now been removed. Discussed potential of leaving lights in the evergreen tree.

Community Hall – Discussed removal of the small stage at a later date. Discussion regarding use of the hall as community center and invite more use by Community Ed for activities such as Pickle Ball, etc to increase use.

Public Works Building: No update

Comprehensive Plan: The group met with MnDOT as it relates to future highway plans. Currently no plans for an interchange at 212 and County 9. Plans for bridge work in the next couple of years. New committee member: Troy Baumann

Water Meters: SG discussed the need to make a decision soon to move forward early next year. Can get a count and complete sump pump checks when walking through for the lead pipe inspection.

Plato Lions: Dairy Day and Burgers in the Park is set for June 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be free ice cream. SS will provide more information at the June meeting.

Legion: DO reported that everything is in line for the shelter. Estimates have been signed and returned; waiting for final plans to be received for GS to send to MNSPECT.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by KS to approve the Treasurer’s Report presented. Second by PF. All in favor.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
15777	5/8/2023	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$18,013.00
15778	5/8/2023	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
15779	5/8/2023	74	MCLEOD PUBLISHING INC	\$43.20
15780	5/8/2023	90	MNSPECT, LLC	\$718.84
15781	5/8/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$110.50
15782	5/8/2023	113	TC & W RAILROAD	\$500.00
15783	5/8/2023	120	WM MUELLER & SONS INC	\$336.00
15784	5/8/2023	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$582.40
15785	5/8/2023	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$8.10
15786	5/8/2023	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$233.20
15787	5/8/2023	473	REINDERS, INC	\$714.94
15788	5/8/2023	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$138.72
15789	5/8/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,230.69
15790	5/8/2023	547	CENTURYLINK	\$320.85
15791	5/8/2023	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$210.51
15792	5/8/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
15793	5/8/2023	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$785.22
15794	5/8/2023	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$302.98
15795	5/8/2023	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$2,544.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4278	5/8/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$119.60
4279	5/8/2023	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$160.42
4280	5/8/2023	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15766	4/24/2023	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$1,775.56
15767	4/24/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$583.26
15768	4/24/2023	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,308.50
15769	4/24/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$227.75
15770	4/24/2023	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$101.32
15771	4/24/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$980.20
15772	4/24/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
15773	4/24/2023	712	SYSTEMHOUSE INC	\$229.00
15774	4/24/2023	732	VISA	\$689.18

15775	4/24/2023	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$109.94
15776	4/24/2023	789	VADIM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC	\$2,175.41
			US Treasury (online) April payroll tax deposit	\$1,385.76
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/1-15/23payroll	\$448.80
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/16-30/23payroll	\$493.44
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
4273	4/24/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$514.41
4274	4/24/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$273.71
4275	4/24/2023	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$175.00
4276	4/24/2023	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$1,085.38
4277	4/24/2023	829	STEPIEN STEPHANIE	\$659.94

**Motion by KS** to approve claims. Second by SS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COUNCIL REQUEST:

None

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Catch Basin at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and 1<sup>st</sup> St NE – phone approval received. After the fact **Motion** by KS and second by SS. All in favor
- Catch Basin and line repair in ally by Post Office. SG presented quotes received by Ken’s Excavation for repairs. **Motion** to approve made by SS and second by PF. All in favor.
- Manhole lining: SG presented options for priority repairs of manhole linings at Boone Road and Buffalo Creek. Suggestion to measure and price the 4 presented and a decision will be made at the June meeting. SG to seek bids.
- Updates and other: Resident at 125 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW has requested to take a portion of the curb in front of his house down to slope the lawn so the water coming from a neighbor’s yard will flow over the curb and go to the drain. He is aware the cost is his responsibility. SG has no issues with this from a snow removal standpoint. May mark the spot with a flag in the winter.
- Curb repair due to catch basin repair. SG questioning whether or not to charge resident. Typically the resident is responsible unless the repair is due to sewer work. SG to get an inventory of curbs that need repairs and report at the June meeting. Question regarding how residents are charged when the curb is their responsibility; assessment or give the invoice to the resident to let them decide how they want to handle it? SG will check with budget with GS.
- Bargaen will be in town next week to price road repairs. SG to bring inventory and pricing to June meeting.
- SG requesting up to 2 loads of crushed concrete for alleys. This material is working better than redrock. SG estimates the cost to be \$350 - \$400 per load but will get bids.
- Shop Tools – SG requested to purchase an electric angle grinder and a cordless hammer drill. All approved.
- SG Time Off – Tuesday , May 30<sup>th</sup>; Friday, June 2, Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> ½ day;
- SG will be at a class on May 24<sup>th</sup>

CLERKS REPORT – PF Reporting in GS Absence

- The hall is rented on September 2<sup>nd</sup> for a wedding and they would like to reserve the hall for a partial day on September 3<sup>rd</sup> for a family gathering. Council approved reservation at the ½ day rate with the stipulation they are out by 6pm or they will be charged for a full day. City will not clean prior to the reservation on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, so the party will need to clean prior to the Sunday gathering. Council determined that a security officer is not necessary.
- The GSL FFA Club needed a location for their banquet. GS Rented to them for \$100 for 4 hours. Council approved.
- Question has been raised regarding a fish house on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW. No ordinance that says it cannot be parked there but it is creating an obstruction for garbage haulers and would be an obstacle for a fire truck. PF questioned Sheriff if he could stop at the home if he views it as an obstacle, to just let them know that it would be a good idea in the eye of public safety to move the fish house. Also applicable for other troublesome trailers in town. Sheriff agreed due to the obstacle for fire and suggested adding an ordinance regarding number of days a trailer may be parked on the street, stating Winsted has a 3 day rule.
- Ownership at the bar at 116 Main Street is switching and the utility bill will be paid. If a liquor license is discussed, Council is in agreement that new owners must start from scratch and they must provide formal proof of ownership.
- GS had lengthy discussion with JH regarding the old school building. Will report at the June meeting.
- Delinquent utility accounts – Water service was disconnected at 321 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE. Owner has paid and service has been re-connected. Several other residents will receive disconnect warnings if not paid when doing delinquent bills.
- Community Garden – all plots have been spoken for. Did not receive any additional requests, so no new plots were added this year.

OTHER

none

**Motion:** by DO to adjourn meeting. Second by KS. Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Peggy Flusemann  
Acting Secretary