

AUGUST 14, 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 14th day of August, 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 and Clerk/Treasurer Gerri Scott

Guests: Representative Bobbi Harder, Joel Lepel, Diane Schrader, Lloyd Graupmann (PPC), Rick Fruetel, Patricia Fruetel

Motion: by KS to approve the revised agenda as presented. Second by PF. All in favor.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Representative Bobbi Harder presented before council to provide a legislative update.

Joel Lepel presented before council in regard to the National Night Out.

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes with one correction of the July 10, 2023, regular City Council Meeting. Second by DO. All in favor.

The City Council had a workshop on July 24, 2023 to discuss new water meters. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by NE and all council members were present, as well as the Public Works Director and the City Clerk. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- LG presented before council with Rick and Patricia Fruetel in regard to a variance request for 21 2nd Avenue NE. A public hearing was held at 6:00pm today. Following the public hearing, it is the Planning Commission's recommendation to grant the variance request as set out. **Motion:** by SS to grant the variance request relating to garage replacement at 21 2nd Avenue NE as presented by the Planning Commission. Second by KS. All in favor.

Plato Fire Department: The next business meeting will be held in October, not September, due to training conflict.

Park and Recreation:

- Diane Schrader presented before council in regard to planting an evergreen tree in the park now that the pine tree was removed. SG to check on a tree for fall planting.

Ordinance Review:

- GS presented the McLeod County ordinance in regard to curfew for minors. It is her recommendation to adopt this ordinance by reference, as well as McLeod County ordinances in regard to clandestine drug lab sites and adult business/licensing ordinances. Council agreed. GS questioned whether the City wanted a peddlers/solicitors ordinance at this time and council did not feel it was needed now, maybe in the future. GS also questioned if the current cabaret and dance hall ordinance could be removed. Council agreed it was outdated. GS also discussed the tobacco ordinance and possibly adopting the county's since they regulate anyway. Council agreed if the County's covers it.

Water Meters:

- SG provided some information he obtained on the process for changing out meters. SG to check on the purchase process. GS to provide that information to council to determine if purchase should occur now.

Liaison’s report:

- Lions: SS advised of an upcoming event being held in Glencoe

Treasurers Report – Motion: by DO to approve the Treasurer’s Report presented. Second by KS. 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
15870	8/14/2023	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$7,960.85
15871	8/14/2023	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$2,341.92
15872	8/14/2023	58	KOHL'S SWEEPING SERVICE	\$1,260.00
15873	8/14/2023	90	MNSPECT, LLC	\$12,892.03
15874	8/14/2023	181	MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSN	\$420.00
15875	8/14/2023	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$9.45
15876	8/14/2023	417	KING PIN PUB	\$775.00
15877	8/14/2023	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$134.64
15878	8/14/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,365.79
15879	8/14/2023	547	CENTURYLINK	\$321.50
15880	8/14/2023	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$450.43
15881	8/14/2023	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$71.88
15882	8/14/2023	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$667.44
15883	8/14/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
15884	8/14/2023	712	SYSTEMHOUSE INC	\$140.00
15885	8/14/2023	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$993.49
15886	8/14/2023	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
15887	8/14/2023	848	PLATO BASEBALL CLUB	\$610.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4306	8/14/2023	92	PLATO C STORE	\$75.63
4307	8/14/2023	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$209.13
4308	8/14/2023	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$200.35
4309	8/14/2023	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
15863	7/24/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$55.17
15864	7/24/2023	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,785.85
15865	7/24/2023	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$93.13
15866	7/24/2023	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$8.10
15867	7/24/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$876.72
15868	7/24/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
15869	7/24/2023	732	VISA	\$350.71
			US Treasury (online) July payroll tax deposit	\$1,397.86
			PERA contribution (online) for 7/1-15/23payroll	\$428.48
			PERA contribution (online) for 7/16-31/23payroll	\$523.90
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4302	7/24/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$27.92
4303	7/24/2023	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$116.45
4304	7/24/2023	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$8,555.71
4305	7/24/2023	809	BATTERIES + BULBS	\$89.42

Motion: by KS to approve payment of the above-stated claims along with Share Corporation for \$195.31, Plato Baseball Club for \$40.00, GSL Activities (Cheerleaders) for \$150.00 and Gavin, Janssen, Stabenow & Moldan LTD for \$420.50. Second by PF. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Shelter update: revised building plans have been submitted and the building permit has been received. Still waiting on a new contract from Brad Radtke and Assoc. A new quote from Flatworks Concrete Construction has been received in the amount of \$10,854.40. **Motion:** by SS to accept the proposal from Flatworks Concrete as presented. Second by PF. All in favor. KS abstained from voting.

NEW BUSINESS:

GS provided information relating to the Public Safety Aid the City will receive in 2023. It appears the aid will go to the Fire Department but GS is waiting for some clarification on uses and reporting.

Discussion on cannabis legalization and how the City will handle certain issues. GS provided a draft resolution prohibiting tobacco and cannabis from any city owned outdoor recreational facilities including the park, playgrounds, athletic fields, shelters, etc. GS advised McLeod County is working on an ordinance that would also cover this. **Motion:** by KS to adopt a resolution establishing a tobacco-free and cannabis-free policy relating to City owned outdoor recreational facilities. Second by PF. All in favor. **RESOLUTION 2023-08** The sale of cannabis is not legal in the State until 2025. Will wait to see how County and State handle to determine if an ordinance is required.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

DO provided a pickup quote for reference. KS also doing some checking.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG provided two quotes for re-roofing the gazebo and the well house – Stuedeman Construction Services and Bohlmann Exteriors. After discussion, **Motion:** by KS to contract with Bohlmann Exteriors to re-roof the gazebo and the well house for \$6,500 yet this year. Second by SS. All in favor.
- Discussion on the lead pipe survey and how the program will run. SG to see if there is a flyer that can be sent out with a water bill.
- SG advised it will be approximately \$2500 to fix the curb and gutter at the corner of 2nd Ave and 1st Street where there was catch basin repair, on 1st Ave SW where the water main was repaired, and the driveway on 1st Ave NE. **Motion:** by KS to have NR Bruch Concrete repair the curb/gutter at these three spots up to \$3000. Second by SS. All in favor
- SG would like to take off work on Tuesday, September 5. DO to cover.

CLERKS REPORT

- Discussion of fees to be charged to GSL High School, Community Ed, and other organizations that may want to use them. **Motion:** by PF to charge \$25 per day per field. Second by KS. All in favor.
- Discussion on the yard waste site. GS provided information on the end of the county assisted program. Discussion on restricting use of the area to avoid dumping from outside of the City now that residents will be paying for all of the expense. No action taken.
- National Night Out wrap-up information and statistics provided.
- Newsletter – GS will draft. One side will be devoted to National Night Out.
- An inquiry was made in regard to a city designated storm shelter.
- GS would like to use 6 PTO hours on Tuesday, August 22. She will be in the office on Wednesday, August 23 also.
- GS reminded council that September is preliminary budget deadline.

OTHER

PF will be unable to attend next month's meeting.

Motion: by KS to adjourn meeting. Second by SS. Meeting adjourned at 10:42pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer