

OCTOBER 9, 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 9th day of October, 2023, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Amanda Schauer, Raelyn Schauer, Chief Jamie Schlechter

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Amanda Schauer presented before council in regard to her utility bill for August 2023.

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, regular City Council Meeting. Second by SS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission - none

Plato Fire Department:

- Chief Jamie Schlechter presented on behalf of the Fire Department with a brief update. Selection committee is being scheduled for the end of this month. Kid's night went well. Two new members are finishing up schooling and should be done by end of the year.

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Holiday Lights/Decorating

- Committee had first meeting. November 4 will be decorating and November 25 will be the lighting.

Ordinance Review:

- Discussion on liquor ordinance and on the nuisance/blight ordinance. GS will have all ordinances to City Attorney tomorrow. If Attorney raises anything that requires Council decision, GS will send by email. Otherwise she will incorporate all corrections/additions/modifications to the “official draft” and send them to American Legal Publishing.

Lions – Two upcoming events: October 12 is the chili feed and October 26 is the blood drive.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by SS 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.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

| Check No. | Date | Vendor | Name | Amount |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|--|------------|
| 15928 | 10/9/2023 | 19 | CITY OF GLENCOE | \$7,679.49 |
| 15929 | 10/9/2023 | 45 | LLOYD GRAUPMANN | \$64.41 |
| 15930 | 10/9/2023 | 80 | MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH | \$23.00 |
| 15931 | 10/9/2023 | 90 | MNSPECT, LLC | \$90.00 |
| 15932 | 10/9/2023 | 342 | GOPHER STATE ONE CALL | \$6.75 |
| 15933 | 10/9/2023 | 348 | TEAM LABORATORY CHEM CORP | \$293.00 |
| 15934 | 10/9/2023 | 521 | MOEHRING JOHN | \$502.00 |
| 15935 | 10/9/2023 | 544 | GERALDINE A SCOTT | \$948.86 |
| 15936 | 10/9/2023 | 547 | CENTURYLINK | \$321.53 |
| 15937 | 10/9/2023 | 562 | GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY | \$125.23 |
| 15938 | 10/9/2023 | 598 | GRAUPMANN SCOTT | \$1,523.29 |
| 15939 | 10/9/2023 | 721 | MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM | \$1,230.41 |
| 15940 | 10/9/2023 | 738 | POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC | \$952.13 |
| 15941 | 10/9/2023 | 818 | OVERLINE & SON, INC | \$2,320.00 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT: | | | | |
| 4325 | 10/9/2023 | 91 | PERA | \$6,500.00 |
| 4326 | 10/9/2023 | 453 | CITY OF PLATO | \$160.76 |
| 4327 | 10/9/2023 | 590 | MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC | \$1,535.00 |
| 4328 | 10/9/2023 | 592 | WOOD JAY | \$200.00 |
| 4329 | 10/9/2023 | 640 | MN FIRE SERVICE CERT BOARD | \$105.00 |
| 4330 | 10/9/2023 | 674 | SCHLECHTER JAMIE | \$200.00 |
| 4331 | 10/9/2023 | 715 | BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV | \$240.00 |
| 4332 | 10/9/2023 | 764 | LEWIS, MIKE | \$200.00 |
| 4333 | 10/9/2023 | 829 | STEPIEN STEPHANIE | \$200.00 |
| INTERIM CLAIMS PAID: | | | | |
| 15917 | 9/25/2023 | 46 | HAWKINS, INC | \$10.00 |
| 15918 | 9/25/2023 | 79 | CENTERPOINT ENERGY | \$54.49 |
| 15919 | 9/25/2023 | 88 | XCEL ENERGY | \$1,230.02 |
| 15920 | 9/25/2023 | 239 | MCLEOD CO-OP POWER | \$94.09 |
| 15921 | 9/25/2023 | 504 | MINI BIFF, LLC | \$134.64 |
| 15922 | 9/25/2023 | 544 | GERALDINE A SCOTT | \$1,239.41 |
| 15923 | 9/25/2023 | 598 | GRAUPMANN SCOTT | \$1,517.89 |
| 15924 | 9/25/2023 | 732 | VISA | \$203.24 |
| 15925 | 9/25/2023 | 738 | POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC | \$1,037.02 |
| 15926 | 9/25/2023 | 777 | TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA | \$75.02 |
| 15927 | 9/25/2023 | 797 | CLABO THOMAS | \$166.23 |
| | | | US Treasury (online) September payroll tax deposit | \$1,413.30 |
| | | | PERA contribution (online) for 9/1-15/23payroll | \$499.54 |
| | | | PERA contribution (online) for 9/16-30/23payroll | \$442.70 |
| | | | MN DEPT OF REVENUE – 3 rd Qtr payroll taxes | \$625.00 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT: | | | | |
| 4320 | 9/25/2023 | 79 | CENTERPOINT ENERGY | \$27.92 |
| 4321 | 9/25/2023 | 593 | NEUBARTH RYAN | \$529.22 |
| 4322 | 9/25/2023 | 689 | JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY | \$1,349.62 |
| 4323 | 9/25/2023 | 851 | MN FIRE SERVICE FOUNDATION | \$750.00 |
| 4324 | 9/25/2023 | 852 | TERLINDEN RYAN | \$87.62 |

Motion: by SS to approve payment of the above-stated claims. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Shelter – SG will get the materials moved from the Ag Specialists lot as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alley between 1st Avenue and County Road 9 – There is a neighbor dispute over the use of this unimproved alley. GS to draft a letter to the residents involved and advise that the unimproved alley is City property and that nothing should be parked/stored on it and there should be clear access for the utility company.

Utility Bill for 115 2nd Avenue NW – There was a large water usage charge in August. The owners do not know why and believe the only thing it could possibly be is garden watering. Owners are asking for sewer credit. **Motion:** by KS to do a sewer credit pursuant to a three-month average usage. GS to advise this is a one-time only credit. Second by DO. All in favor

Motion: by DO to approve a one-day liquor license to the Plato Baseball Club for the Poultry Party on November 17, 2023 at the Plato Community Hall at a cost of \$5.00. Second by KS. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- An email was received from a resident concerned about the removal of trees. KS talked to that resident. KS and Joel L located a former DNR arborist that would be willing to come and take a look at the trees in the City and provide some direction and input. KS to follow-up.
- SG presented three “quotes” relating to stump grinding. After discussion, **Motion:** by KS to contract with Warrick Hallett for removal of the five stumps for \$600. Second by PF. All in favor.
- Bargen was in town last week to start on the street repair. A representative from Bargen would be willing to meet with council to discuss street repair/maintenance to give Council a better understanding. Council will look at doing a meeting after the first of the year.
- SG would like to take off November 3, November 6, November 9, and November 10. Council approved.
- GS provided an update relating to the lead service line inspection grant from the State.
- Yard waste site was briefly discussed.

CLERKS REPORT

- Discussion on pickleball in the community hall this winter. It was determined to set up the court inside to begin on Thursday, November 9. The hall would be open for play on Tuesdays from 8:00a-10:00a and Thursdays from 6:00p-8:00p. There will be no fee. Liability waivers will be included on a sign-in sheet that will be at the hall. GS to check on possible signage as well.
- GS provided brief information relating to the new Earned Safe and Sick Time (ESST) law which takes effect on January 1, 2024. She is obtaining more information on options and will hopefully have all information before the October 17 personnel meeting as it may affect the PTO policies.
- GS provided a new draft of the no tobacco/cannabis signs for the parks. Council was OK with the new design and GS was instructed to order 15.
- GS provided an update on the Community Garden. It is going great and additional plots may need to be added next year.
- MNSPECT contract is coming up for renewal. GS to check if there are any other companies for comparison.
- Reminder of upcoming personnel and budget meetings – October 17, November 7, and December 2.

OTHER

none

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer