

JUNE 10, 2024
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 10th day of June, 2024, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Lloyd Graupmann (PPC); Luke Lemmers, Joe Hunt, Ron Templin, Susanne Couval Templin, Jeannie Stumpf

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

none

Motion: by PF to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission – Chairman Lloyd Graupmann has submitted his letter of resignation – resigning as Chairman effective September 1, 2024 and resigning from the Planning Commission when his term is complete, January 1, 2026. **Motion:** by KS to accept Lloyd Graupmann’s resignation and, on behalf of the council, offer a thank you for his years of service. Second by DO. All in favor. Discussion on how the commission will move forward.

Plato Fire Department – Revisions to the Fire District’s SOPs were presented for review. These revisions were accepted by the Fire Department Members at the last District Business meeting. **Motion:** by KS to adopt the revisions to the SOPs as presented. Second by PF. All in favor.

Chief Schlechter advised they have received two new applicants for joining the department – John Amaral and Matthew Thom. Both are going through the application process and then will start training. **Motion:** by PF to accept the applications of John Amaral and Matthew Thom. Second by KS. All in favor.

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Equipment/Building Inventory/Replacement Plan – KS reported the new pickup truck is built and is in the pre-stage to be shipped. It is expected to arrive in July.

Ordinance review – The final Code of Ordinances has been received. Council is unable to adopt them tonight as a 10 ten-day notice is required and GS needs the City Attorney to approve the adopting ordinance. Residents will be advised of the Code of Ordinances being adopted at the next meeting. GS will post the Code of Ordinances on the website. Residents can also stop in and review a book or request a digital copy. At this point, no changes can be made to the Code of Ordinance other than by a new ordinance. After the council adopts the Code, a notice must be published in the paper and then the new Code of Ordinances will be in effect. Short discussion on the procedure for nuisance complaints. GS is still gathering information.

Comprehensive Plan – LG advised that he is working on a new zoning map which the County will help complete.

Walk/Bike/Crossing Plan – PF advised they have another meeting currently scheduled for June 17.

Website/Social Media – GS is still working on the .gov domain.

Liaisons – Lions: SS reported the Dairy Days in the park is June 13 with proceeds going to the Plato Fire Department; Blood mobile is June 20, and the Golf Tournament is August 5.

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 and May 2024 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16164	6/10/2024	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$11,375.51
16165	6/10/2024	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
16166	6/10/2024	98	POSTMASTER	\$590.00
16167	6/10/2024	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$9.45
16168	6/10/2024	473	REINDERS, INC	\$769.75
16169	6/10/2024	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$438.66
16170	6/10/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$289.68
16171	6/10/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,165.11
16172	6/10/2024	547	CENTURYLINK	\$324.09
16173	6/10/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$111.92
16174	6/10/2024	582	CLARKE ENV MOSQUITO MGMT	\$756.13
16175	6/10/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16176	6/10/2024	719	SOHNS STACY L	\$438.66
16177	6/10/2024	742	TRIMARK MARLINN LLC	\$485.94
16178	6/10/2024	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$9.99
16179	6/10/2024	758	HALLETT WARRICIK	\$250.00
16180	6/10/2024	765	ENGELMANN, NEIL	\$854.24
16181	6/10/2024	840	STROBEL KYLE R	\$438.66
16182	6/10/2024	845	FLUSEMANN PEGGY	\$438.66
16183	6/10/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$254.89
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4423	6/10/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$162.04
4424	6/10/2024	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$103.03
4425	6/10/2024	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
4426	6/10/2024	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$57.74
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16154	5/28/2024	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$20.00
16158	5/28/2024	491	OLTMANN DENNIS	\$462.93
16159	5/28/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,155.24
16160	5/28/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16155	5/28/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$179.91
16156	5/28/2024	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$892.92
16157	5/28/2024	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$127.01
16161	5/28/2024	732	VISA	\$619.92
16162	5/28/2024	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$767.42
16163	5/28/2024	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
			US Treasury (online) May payroll tax deposit	\$1,938.60
			PERA contribution (online) for 5/1-15/24payroll	\$490.88
			PERA contribution (online) for 5/16-31/24payroll	\$492.99

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4422	5/28/2024	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$351.00
4420	5/28/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$104.73
4421	5/28/2024	640	MN FIRE SERVICE CERT BOARD	\$382.00

Motion: by KS to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Ag Specialists for \$75.65, Crow River Construction for \$1,413.60, Overline & Son for \$2,380.00, Central Fire Protection for \$151.10, Central Fire Protection 105.95, and RecTech Sales for \$167.96. Second by SS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Luke Lemmer – The PPC advised the temporary accessory building meets the zoning requirements, but have concerns about it being temporary and building without any oversight. Discussion on how to address the concerns. **Motion:** by KS to allow Luke to proceed with this temporary accessory building on the stipulation that an Agreement be drafted which outlines the project and includes actions should the agreement not be followed. Second by PF. All in favor.

Joe Hunt – Lengthy discussion on the current status and the lack of anything done since the last meeting and the lack of anything provided on when it will be completed. Joe was advised by the Council that he needs to get going on the cleanup, he needs to provide a detailed land use document on his plans for the property, and he needs to get caught up on the ED loan. The Council wants him to attend the next council meeting to discuss the progress. In the interim, the City will begin exploring options to facilitate these items getting done.

Grimm, et al. v. State of Minnesota, et al. – Council was provided with some additional documentation related to this action for their review. GS will attend the Zoom motion hearing on June 13, 2024, to see what is transpiring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by KS to accept a donation of \$100 from Ron and Debbie Donnay for allowing pickleball in the hall. Second by DO. All in favor. Money will be applied to the new net purchased.

A donation has been received from the Plato American Legion in the amount of \$6000. They have requested \$1,000 to go to the stadium light energy expenses and the remaining \$5000 to be applied to the park shelter construction expense.

Motion: by KS to accept the donation and to use the funds as suggested by the American Legion. Second by PF. All in favor.

The National Night Out Committee had its organizational meeting and have started planning the event on August 6. Letters to businesses for donations will be going out this week. The event will be held in the park this year. Invites will go out to everyone in the 55370 zip code and council members will hand-deliver invites in City limits.

GS presented a memo from the League of MN Cities in regard to Early Cannabis Cultivation and the potential need for a moratorium on cannabis businesses. Council determined that a moratorium is not necessary at this time.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

KS received a quote for a snow plow for the new public works truck in the amount of \$10,798.13 (includes installation) from RecTech. **Motion:** by SS to proceed with the order/purchase of the snow plow from RecTech Sales. Second by PF. All in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Lead Service Line Inventory – SG is hoping to have everything wrapped up by the end of the month. It will not be 100%, but will need to submit what he currently has.
- SG presented an estimate from Litzau Excavating in regard to creating a water main loop from McLeod Avenue to 4th Avenue S as an FYI for future discussion.
- Quality Flow conducted their annual service inspection and determined that two air relief valves (ARV) need repair. SG did not have a quote yet on the repair cost. It was determined that the valves needed to be repaired as soon as possible. **Motion:** by DO to proceed with the repair of the ARVs and GS to send out the quote to Council as an FYI as soon as received. Second by SS. All in favor.

- Discussion on the potential timing of water meter purchase and installation. Council felt it was looking more towards next year.
- Discussion on water backup in the park. SG to find out why it is occurring and what it will cost to repair.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS advised the MN State Demographic Center annual population estimate puts Plato's population at 328 as of April 2023; up two from 2022. Households remained the same at 131.
- GS attended the first of a series of election meetings today. The council seats currently held by Dennis Oltmann and Stacy Sohns are up for election this year. Filing period is July 30 to August 13.

OTHER:

DO provided an update on the making of and installation of the plaques for Veterans that have passed to be placed in the park shelter.

Luke Lemmers and Susanne Couval Templin questioned the Council on the mail-in-ballot system. Council advised that if a petition was received signed by the majority of eligible voters that requested a change, they would take it into consideration.

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer