

FEBRUARY 10, 2025  
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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Peggy Flusemann, Kyle Strobel, Andy Fasching and Jeannie Stumpf

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

Guests: Annette Ahlfs (Plato Lions), Jason Schroeder

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Oath of Office administered to Steven Vinkemeier as Chief 3/Training, Jakob Siewert as Fire Captain 3, and Chad Zellmann as Firefighter.

Annette Ahlfs presented before council on behalf of the Plato Lions. The Lions would like to install a Little Free Library in the park and are also thinking of having small animals (petting zoo) at the Dairy Days event on June 12. Council was fine with both requests but would like more information on location and logistics.

**Motion:** by KS to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025, regular City Council Meeting. Second by PF. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- The January 21, 2025, meeting minutes (unapproved) were provided for review
- The next PPC meeting is set for February 18. PF will attend.

Plato Fire Department – a copy of the PFD 2026 Budget which was approved at the annual meeting was provided

McLeod County Sheriff – call reports for 2024 were provided

Tree Management/Plan – SG reported they have received the inventory, findings, and suggestions from the arborist. Committee will meet to determine plan.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by KS to approve the Treasurer's Report presented. Second by PF. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report and January 2025 timesheets. Discussion on placing funds from the Money Market into a CD or other instrument to earn more interest. KS and GS to research.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16415	2/10/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$7,999.22
16416	2/10/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$764.50
16417	2/10/2025	98	POSTMASTER	\$100.00
16418	2/10/2025	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$55.40
16419	2/10/2025	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$412.50

16420	2/10/2025	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$160.14
16421	2/10/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,030.85
16422	2/10/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	\$342.27
16423	2/10/2025	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$190.00
16424	2/10/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$53.12
16425	2/10/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16426	2/10/2025	619	VOS CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$240.00
16427	2/10/2025	629	ARNOLD'S OF GLENCOE, INC	\$2,500.00
16428	2/10/2025	721	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$947.25
16429	2/10/2025	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$10,529.69
16430	2/10/2025	789	VADIM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC	\$2,466.92
16431	2/10/2025	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$128.61
16432	2/10/2025	881	DAKOTA ROBINSON TRUCKING	\$700.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4530	2/10/2025	98	POSTMASTER	\$100.00
4531	2/10/2025	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$390.00
4532	2/10/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$171.13
4533	2/10/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4534	2/10/2025	860	HALSTEAD BRAND	\$47.00
4535	2/10/2025	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$41.00
4536	2/10/2025	882	KUNKEL ELECTRIC INC	\$150.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16404	1/27/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
16405	1/27/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$770.69
16406	1/27/2025	86	MN DNR ECOLOGICAL AND WATER	\$235.80
16407	1/27/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,342.04
16408	1/27/2025	196	QUILL CORPORATION	\$28.55
16409	1/27/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,406.28
16410	1/27/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16411	1/27/2025	732	VISA	\$163.38
16412	1/27/2025	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$229.95
16413	1/27/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$80.50
16414	1/27/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$105.89
			US Treasury (online) January payroll tax deposit	\$1,488.04
			PERA contribution (online) for 1/1-15/25 payroll	\$547.50
			PERA contribution (online) for 1/16-31/25 payroll	\$473.74
			MN Dept of Revenue – 2024 Sales Tax	\$675.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4525	1/27/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$606.39
4526	1/27/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$394.74
4527	1/27/2025	640	MN FIRE SERVICE CERT BOARD	\$25.00
4528	1/27/2025	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$159.30
4529	1/27/2025	755	SAFETY AND SECURITY CONSULT	\$1,500.00

**Motion:** by PF to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with League of MN Cities for \$4,096.00; Gavin, Janssen, Stabenow & Moldan for \$362.50; and Dakota Robinson Trucking for \$700.00. Second by KS. All in favor.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – A copy of the draft Complaint in the foreclosure action was provided. GS to follow-up on service and timing.

Vandalism at Well House – GS advised the matter has been sent to the County Attorney. Per email, the County Attorney has asked for some additional investigation before making a charging decision.

Complaints – discussion as to the status and the log of complaints received. GS to follow up with the Attorney on questions previously posed and also what the process/timing would look like to revoke the CUP.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council was advised of a failure by the King Pin Pub in an alcohol compliance check. The council unanimously agreed to not be assess any additional penalty/fines.

**Motion:** by KS to accept a \$300 donation from the “ladies group” of pickleball players in appreciation for having pickleball available in the hall. Second by JS. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to approve a one-day malt liquor license for the Plato Fire Department Relief Association for sales at the fish fry. Second by AF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by PF to adopt the Amendment to Chapter 31: Departments, Boards and Commissions of the Plato City Code of Ordinances as presented. Second by KS. All in favor. Ordinance amendment will be effective upon publication.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG presented a quote from RecTech Sales for replacement of the lawn mower. **Motion:** by KS to proceed with the replacement as quoted. Second by AF. All in favor.
- SG presented a suggestion for a toolbox for the pickup at a cost of approximately \$400. Council is fine with purchase if meets his needs.
- SG advised he has received a road assessment/quote for street maintenance. SG and KS will be meeting to work out a plan from that information.
- AF reported that he found another company that does manhole lining which appears to be cheaper than the company we currently use. SG to contact company and receive a quote. AF suggested it be done now while area around manholes is frozen.

CLERKS REPORT:

- Review of Open Forum policy and form. After discussion, GS to draft a type of sign-in form and update the policy.
- Discussion on status of city attorney and use of the county attorney for criminal matters.
- GS advised a workers compensation report was filed for SG for muscle strain/sprain during water meter reading on January 30, 2025.
- GS advised the County continues to work on their cannabis ordinance and they are now looking at zoning. County ordinance will be provided to Council once adopted by County.

OTHER:

none

**Motion:** by KS to adjourn meeting. Second by JS. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer