

OCTOBER 13, 2025
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:05pm on the 13th day of October, 2025, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: none

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

None

Motion: by PF to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- A draft of the September 16, 2025 minutes was provided for review.
- GS presented a draft resolution placing a temporary moratorium on shipping containers and solar panels/solar systems until the PPC can present ordinance wording. **Motion:** by KS to declare said moratorium. Second by JS. All in favor. **RESOLUTION 2025-11**
- There is a husband/wife “team” that would like to share a planning commission seat. Only one of them would be allowed to vote at each meeting. The other, if present, would be a non-voting member. **Motion:** by KS to allow the sharing of a planning commission seat. Second by AF. All in favor.
- The next PPC meeting is set for October 21. PF will attend.

Plato Fire Department

Chief Schlechter presented before council:

- The Department would like to approve Cole Stuedeman as a new firefighter member. Cole has already started training classes. **Motion:** by KS to accept Cole Stuedeman as a member of the Plato Fire Department. Second by PF. All in favor.
- The Department will be starting to add Rescue Reserve members. Revisions to the SOPs in this regard are being drafted. The Department would like to approve Scott Graupmann and Brad Droege as Rescue Reserve members. **Motion:** by PF to accept Scott Graupmann and Brad Droege as Rescue Reserve members of the Plato Fire Department. Second by KS. All in favor.

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Holiday Lights: Would like to purchase 100ft of green rope lights for \$42.28 plus tax from donated funds. Council approved the purchase.

Park and Recreation: Question was raised if the cement benches by the skate park would have a better purpose somewhere else – park, stadium. SG to start by checking with the BB club if they would like them at the stadium.

County 9 traffic calming/crosswalk – The demonstration crosswalk has been removed. GS is trying to reach the County Engineer to discuss future options. SG to follow up on the digital speed sign on the north side of town

Tree Management: KS presented info on trees for the park. **Motion:** by KS to purchase a 16ft spruce tree for the park from Wesley Tree Moving for \$3,040 installed. Second by PF. All in favor. **Motion:** by KS to purchase an Autumn Blaze Maple tree for the park, in an amount up to \$500 installed, from Kahnke's. Second by PF. All in favor. SG to make sure there is room for tree removal access before planting anything new.

Plato Baseball – PF provided updates on the team and the upgrades being done at the stadium.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by KS to approve the Treasurer's Report presented. Second by AF. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report and September 2025 timesheets.

Council was provided with notices relating to the two Certificate of Deposits which will mature on October 21, 2025. **Motion:** by KS to renew both Certificates of Deposits for another 6-month term. Second by JS. All in favor.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16653	10/13/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$7,807.38
16654	10/13/2025	32	FOUR SQUARE BUILDERS	\$27.27
16655	10/13/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$40.00
16656	10/13/2025	65	LITZAU EXCAVATING	\$3,302.00
16657	10/13/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$61.27
16658	10/13/2025	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$1,860.00
16659	10/13/2025	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$58.05
16660	10/13/2025	473	REINDERS, INC	\$840.70
16661	10/13/2025	499	MOEHRING JOHN	\$502.00
16662	10/13/2025	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$144.84
16663	10/13/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$257.88
16664	10/13/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,417.58
16665	10/13/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	\$351.03
16666	10/13/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$40.21
16667	10/13/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16668	10/13/2025	611	ZIEGLER INC	\$1,240.25
16669	10/13/2025	703	STAR GROUP LLC	\$158.99
16670	10/13/2025	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$1,698.97
16671	10/13/2025	854	CHRISTMAS COTTAGE LIGHTS	\$338.00
16672	10/13/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$398.75
16673	10/13/2025	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$80.35
16674	10/13/2025	890	MP ASPHALT MAINTENANCE	\$6,500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4596	10/6/2025	892	WATSON, SEAN	\$400.00
4597	10/13/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$175.51
4598	10/13/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$469.09
4599	10/13/2025	681	FIRE CATT Precision Service Testing	\$2,394.00
4600	10/13/2025	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$1,101.25
4601	10/13/2025	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$215.50
4602	10/13/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4603	10/13/2025	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$209.10
4604	10/13/2025	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$200.00
4605	10/13/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$393.63
4606	10/13/2025	867	UNHINGED PIZZA	\$269.89
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16643	9/22/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
16644	9/22/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,443.94
16645	9/22/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$148.82
16646	9/22/2025	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$144.84
16647	9/22/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,351.74
16648	9/22/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16649	9/22/2025	732	VISA	\$193.28

16650	9/22/2025	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$89.00
16651	9/22/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$82.12
16652	9/22/2025	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$267.77
			US Treasury (online) September payroll tax deposit	\$1,615.50
			PERA contribution (online) for 9/1-15/25 payroll	\$536.67
			PERA contribution (online) for 9/16-30/25 payroll	\$549.68
			MN DEPT OF REVENUE – 3 rd QTR WH	\$672.00
			SECURTIY BANK – TRUCK PAYMENT 6/10	\$21,895.16

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4590	9/22/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$31.06
4591	9/22/2025	219	JERRY'S TRANSMISSION SERVICE	\$225.00
4592	9/22/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$206.91
4593	9/22/2025	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$830.00
4594	9/22/2025	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$750.00
4595	9/22/2025	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$396.05

Motion: by PF to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Litzau Excavating for \$150.00. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – Brief discussion of litigation status. Review and discussion relating to draft of letter to MN Department of Public Safety regarding dealership licensing. **Motion:** by KS to forward letter as drafted. Second by AF. All in favor.

Complaints –

- 200 Main Street – Brief discussion. Matter is considered closed.
- 5 1st Street NE and Adjacent Lot – AF to determine specific blight issues and will create a checklist to provide to residents to complete by a certain date.
- 112 McLeod Avenue N – blight complaint will need to wait until litigation concludes per attorney.
- 16 Main Street East – GS provided an update she received from owner. Keep complaint open until fence is installed and items are put away.

Assessment Policy – GS presented a second draft for the council to review. The Engineer made one change. **Motion:** by KS to adopt the Assessment Policy as presented. Second by JS. All in favor.

Phone/Internet Change – NE and GS are still working on best plan. Will have something prepared for next council meeting and budget meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by KS to accept the \$100 donation from Ronald and Debra Donnay for pickleball. Second by AF. All in favor.

Motion: by KS to approve a Malt Liquor License for the Plato Baseball Club for November 21, 2025 (poultry party) in the amount of \$5.00. Second by JS. All in favor.

Motion: by AF to approve a Resolution for Payment of Paid Family Medical Leave Premiums and Use of Paid Time Off To Supplement Program. Second by KS. All in favor. **RESOLUTION 2025-10**

A complaint was received relating to parking at 5 1st Street NE. After discussion, GS to send letter to owner and remind of parking ordinance and advise complainant.

A complaint was received relating to parking at 9 1st Street NE. After discussion, GS to send letter to owner and remind of parking ordinance and advise complainant.

Council was provided with the final copy of the Pavement Management Plan. Next step would be a financing meeting to discuss the ins and outs of how to fund this plan. GS to set up meeting and report back. Also, Council would like to know if it would be possible to do the entire project all at once (over 2-3 years) instead of spreading it out. GS to check with engineer on that.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG provided clarification relating to the snowplow contract with Dakota Robinson. Sanding of intersections would be billed on an hourly basis, no minimum. **Motion:** by PF to enter into the snowplowing contract with Dakota Robinson for the 2025-26 season. Second by KS. All in favor.
- **Motion:** by KS to store the dump trailer for the winter at Door Power for \$300, same arrangement as last year. Second by JS. All in favor.
- Discussion on timing of the replacement of the lift station pump – SG to check if price will be good to end of year and bring information to sewer budget meeting.

CLERKS REPORT:

- Information from Creekside Soils in regard to servicing the yard waste site for this year and into the future was provided to Council. SG advised Creekside will be here the last week in October to do this year's grinding. SG to get better signage. SG will also obtain a quote from Pine Products for the service and compare for next year.
- A resident is requesting a sewer credit for water used to water new sod. She used approximately 1000 gallons more than average in August and 1500 gallons more than average in September. After discussion, council determined that no credit would be given. Residents were to use the bulk water meter if doing outside watering and did not wish to set a precedent for future requests.
- GS provided information from the State Auditor in regard to annual audit threshold changes. Per the new threshold, the City would not be required to have an annual audit. However, there are some potential future issues that may arise. After discussion, GS should have that discussion with Mr. Sweeney and report back.
- The Fire Department would like to set up a charge account at Kwik Trip. GS discussed account options with a representative from Kwik Trip and advised council of how the program would work. It was determined the City did not need a card. **Motion:** by KS to set up the charge account with Kwik Trip for the Fire Department. Second by PF. All in favor.
- GS started an inventory of keys which was provided.
- GS advised the majority of the background/DMV checks have been completed. There are four fire department members that still need to complete the releases.
- GS was contacted by Security Bank again in regard to the conduit financing. This will now take place in 2026 and appears it will require the City's full bond amount for that year. After discussion, GS will discuss this further with Mr. Sweeney on any implications that it may create.
- GS advised that she is working on the local licensing for retail of low potency product now that the Office of Cannabis Management will now oversee those licensures as well. Essentially, it will be run the same as the Tobacco license. Council is thinking a \$50 license fee, same as tobacco.
- The Glencoe Cub Scouts would like to have their annual camp-in at the Community Hall on December 12. **Motion:** by KS to waive the rental fee for their camp-in in lieu of community service that SG will arrange. Second by JS. All in favor.
- GS would like to close the office on Tuesday, October 21, and use 6hrs of PTO. Council approved.
- Reminder: Special closed personnel meeting is tomorrow at 6:30pm and on November 5, 2025, at 6pm will be personnel reviews (closed), sewer and water budget meeting.

OTHER:

none

Motion: by AF to adjourn meeting. Second by JS. Meeting adjourned at 10:34pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer