

APRIL 14, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Annette Ahlfs, Anita Bahr, and Bob Scheidt (Plato Lions), Ron Templin, Susanne Couval Templin, Chad Stuewe

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Annette Ahlfs presented before council on behalf of the Plato Lions in regard to the free library installation on April 24, the Easter Egg hunt on April 19, and a request to block 1<sup>st</sup> Street by the park on June 12 for Dairy Days; council approved.

Anita Bahr presented on behalf of the Plato Lions in regard to gambling events (bingo, meat raffle) they wish to host. They are looking at October 5, November 2, and December 7 this year. She was just looking for approval from the Council before proceeding with their gambling application submission to the State. Council approved.

**Motion:** by JS to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, regular City Council Meeting. Second by AF. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- March 18, 2025, meeting minutes (unapproved) were provided for review
- The next PPC meeting is set for April 15. NE will attend. A public hearing will also be held that night.
- GS clarified the new role of the zoning administrator within the planning commission

Plato Fire Department – none

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Comprehensive Plan – Open House scheduled for April 24, 2025, from 6:00p to 7:00p, at the King Pin Pub

Traffic Calming Project – GS provided an update. Project will get started in May.

Tree Management/Plan – SG advised the Arborist prepared a report which included a map of trees and their conditions. The two large maple trees in the park are showing signs of age and should be removed. Discussion on the ash trees. SG received a quote for treating a portion of the ash trees – 2 treatments for \$2480. After further discussion, it was tabled until next month.

Plato Baseball Liaison – PF provided information from the last meeting

Plato Legion Liaison – Discussion on quote for installing electricity in the new park shelter. SG to obtain another quote.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by AF 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 March 2025 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16472	4/14/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,817.71
16473	4/14/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW &	\$1,134.00
16474	4/14/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$1,769.52
16475	4/14/2025	85	MN DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY	\$1,123.80
16476	4/14/2025	90	SAFEbuilt LLC	\$191.36
16477	4/14/2025	98	POSTMASTER	\$448.00
16478	4/14/2025	113	TC & W RAILROAD	\$465.52
16479	4/14/2025	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$639.18
16480	4/14/2025	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$11,709.00
16481	4/14/2025	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$5.40
16482	4/14/2025	476	CONWAY, DEUTH & SCHMIESING	\$11,000.00
16483	4/14/2025	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$160.14
16484	4/14/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,475.12
16485	4/14/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	\$351.27
16486	4/14/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$12.49
16487	4/14/2025	574	STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	\$589.50
16488	4/14/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16489	4/14/2025	712	SYSTEMHOUSE INC	\$423.50
16490	4/14/2025	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$590.53
16491	4/14/2025	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$3,210.00
16492	4/14/2025	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$284.05
16493	4/14/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$106.72
16494	4/14/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$142.00
16495	4/14/2025	884	SUMMIT INFRASTRUCTURE LLC	\$17,180.00
16496	4/14/2025	885	FASCHING ANDREW	\$126.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4544	4/14/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$266.95
4545	4/14/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$978.50
4546	4/14/2025	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$671.50
4547	4/14/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4548	4/14/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$48.94
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16460	3/24/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW &	\$1,759.60
16461	3/24/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
16462	3/24/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$1,044.80
16463	3/24/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,492.23
16464	3/24/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$126.04
16465	3/24/2025	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$4,584.50
16466	3/24/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,296.21
16467	3/24/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16468	3/24/2025	732	VISA	\$744.40
16469	3/24/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$99.65
16470	3/24/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$72.00
16471	3/24/2025	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$218.95
			US Treasury (online) March payroll tax deposit	\$1,637.78
			PERA contribution (online) for 3/1-15/25 payroll	\$525.81
			PERA contribution (online) for 3/16-31/25 payroll	\$560.54
			State of MN 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr withholding	\$678.00
			Security Bank – Truck Payment 5/10	\$21,895.16

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

4541	3/24/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$613.03
4542	3/24/2025	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$372.76
4543	3/24/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$175.32

Clarification on the Summit Infrastructure claim. Previous Motion by AF/KS was to do as many manholes as possible within the budget of \$16,000. Summit was able to do three manholes for approximately \$16,000, but with mobilization it came to \$17,180. Both AF and KS were contacted and agreed to this amount.

**Motion:** by PF to approve payment of the above-stated claims. Second by AF. All in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Joe Hunt – GS provide an update on the legal action and proposed agreement. Deadline for Hunts to comply with requests is April 18.

Gambling Ordinance – The draft ordinance was provided to the King Pin, Plato American Legion, and the GSL Trap Shooting Club for review. After discussion, approval of ordinance was tabled until next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion:** by PF to enter into an agreement with McLeod County GIS for the aerial flight project in 2026, with a not to exceed amount of \$365.00. Second by JS. All in favor.

SAFEbuilt (fka MNSPECT) has terminated our contract effective June 28, 2025. GS and JS have conducted initial interviews with other companies. AF will see if he can get any other names. GS and JS will continue to gather information and will have a recommendation for the Council at the next meeting.

GS presented the current Water Service Disconnection policy for the Council to review. GS has requested to take out the specific late fee charge and refer to the Fee Schedule. Discussion on the remainder of the policy. GS to update and present at next meeting.

Luke Lemmers has requested a renewal of his Land Use/Temporary Structure Agreement. He would like this agreement to be perpetual if there are no complaints.

**Complaints:**

200 Main Street – GS requested an update from Mr. Tusha. No response received to date.

9 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE – Letter was sent to property owner in regard to cars.

5 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE and Adjacent Lot – was determined a blight/ordinance violation condition exists. Letter to property owner stating complaint and advising of 20 days to rectify.

16 Main Street East – was determined a blight/ordinance violation condition exist. Request property owner to attend next meeting to discuss, along with the Temporary Structure Agreement (noted above)

205 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE – was determined a blight/ordinance violation condition exists. Letter to property owner stating complaint and advising of 20 days to rectify.

**Motion:** by AF to approve the liquor license renewal for the King Pin Pub. Second by JS. All in favor.

**Motion:** by AF to approve the liquor license renewal, upon receipt of the insurance certificate, and the tobacco license renewal for MN Stores LLC – Liquor #5. Second by PF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by AF to approve the tobacco license renewal for the MN Stores LLC (convenience store). Second by PF. All in favor.

**COUNCIL REQUEST:**

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG presented a quote from Core & Main for a 5 star diffuser. Tabled until he gets additional information.
- SG re-presented a quote from Kohls Sweeping Service for street/curb/court painting. After discussion, **Motion:** by JS to accept the quote from Kohls for street/curb/court painting as presented. Second by AF. All in favor.
- A contract from Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management was presented. **Motion:** by AF to enter into a 3year contract with Clarke Environmental as presented. Second by PF. All in favor
- SG provided historical information on the streets and projects completed. He presented three quotes relating to crack repair/sealing. After discussion, tabled until a full street assessment can be completed to direct the City in how to proceed.
- SG presented a quote from Dakota Robinson Construction for curb and gutter repair. Tabled for SG to get additional quotes.
- Issue when doing hydrant kits, one would not come loose – hydrant is working now, but will need to be replaced. Discussion for next year's budget.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS provided a general procedure for zoning requests and discussion relating to the associated fees. No discussion. Tabled to next meeting.
- Tim Schuette/King Pin Pub would like permission to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue adjacent to the establishment for two parties in July (12 – street dance, 26 – birthday party). Will be handled as done in the past. **Motion:** by JS to allow closure of the street on the two dates requested. Second by AF. All in favor.
- Investing in CDs. GS advised the best rate right now is for a 6month CD over \$50,000. After discussion, **Motion:** by AF to purchase two \$75,000 CDs with funds from the General Money Market Fund for a term of 6 months. Second by PF. All in favor. GS to check on placing some funds in a high-yield savings type account.
- Update on CUP for gravel mining west of town filed with the County. KS attended the public hearing on March 26 in Hutchinson.
- GS provided an update on the 2024 audit conducted in February. It will be presented at the May meeting.
- Short discussion on the usage of east/west baseball fields.
- Discussion on a laptop for the Zoning Administrator and a new Chromebook and/or peripheral devices (monitor, keyboard) for the public works.
- GS requested to close the office on Thursday, May 8 and Thursday, May 15. She would like to use 6hrs of PTO on each day. Council approved.

OTHER:

none

**Motion:** by PF to adjourn meeting. Second by AF. Meeting adjourned at 10:55pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer