

FEBRUARY 9, 2026  
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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Sergeant Caturia, Chief Ryan Neubarth (PFD)

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

none

**Motion:** by KS to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, regular City Council Meeting. Second by AF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026, special City County Meeting. Second by JS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- A draft of the January 20, 2026 minutes was provided for review.
- The next PPC meeting is set for February 17, 2026. JS will attend.

Plato Fire Department

- Chief Neubarth presented before the council with an update:
  - Annual banquet went well.
  - The department has recently done grain bin rescue training and EMR training (CPR certifications)
  - Still recruiting for additional firefighters and rescue reserve members
  - Fire School graduation is Friday, February 13.
  - Short discussion on the consumption of alcohol and responding to calls/officer on duty
  - Fish fry is February 20<sup>th</sup> – still looking for people to help
- After interview, it is KS's recommendation to approve Joe Ehrke as Captain 1 and Secretary. Chief Neubarth agrees with that recommendation. **Motion:** by KS to approve Joe Ehrke as Captain 1 to complete the two remaining years for that position's term and the three year term for Secretary for the department. Second by AF. All in favor.

McLeod County Sheriff – Sargent Caturia provided a brief update and answered questions.

Committee/Liaison reports:

- Park and Recreation/Tree Management – the large tree in the park has been taken down, trees have been trimmed, there was evidence noted of emerald ash bore in one of the trees trimmed.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by KS to approve the Treasurer's Report presented. Second by JS. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report, and January 2026 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16775	2/9/2026	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$7,807.38
16776	2/9/2026	98	POSTMASTER	\$106.00
16777	2/9/2026	324	FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS INC	\$400.00
16778	2/9/2026	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$51.35
16779	2/9/2026	348	TEAM LAB CHEMICAL CORP	\$1,573.50
16780	2/9/2026	474	+T++MOBILE	\$66.10
16781	2/9/2026	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$160.14
16782	2/9/2026	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,310.26
16783	2/9/2026	547	CENTURYLINK	\$355.22
16784	2/9/2026	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$190.00
16785	2/9/2026	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$127.84
16786	2/9/2026	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.89
16787	2/9/2026	707	MINNESOTA VALLEY TESTING LABS	\$25.00
16788	2/9/2026	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$128.50
16789	2/9/2026	834	XTREME ELECTRICAL SERVICES INC	\$4,780.00
16790	2/9/2026	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$131.70
16791	2/9/2026	895	SCOTT RACHEL	\$165.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
4667	2/9/2026	98	POSTMASTER	\$106.00
4668	2/9/2026	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$150.00
4669	2/9/2026	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$177.61
4670	2/9/2026	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$29.99
4671	2/9/2026	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$301.66
4672	2/9/2026	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$1,101.75
4673	2/9/2026	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$752.85
4674	2/9/2026	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4675	2/9/2026	739	EHRKE JOE	\$569.40
4676	2/9/2026	755	SAFETY/SECURITY CONSULT SPEC	\$1,500.00
4677	2/9/2026	784	SIEWERT JAKOB	\$569.40
4678	2/9/2026	852	TERLINDEN RYAN	\$569.40
4679	2/9/2026	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$30.32
4680	2/9/2026	894	STUEDEMAN COLE	\$294.00
4681	2/9/2026	897	RUSCH CREEK SERVICES	\$533.05
<b>INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:</b>				
16763	1/26/2026	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$20.00
16764	1/26/2026	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$959.82
16765	1/26/2026	86	MN DNR ECOLOGICAL AND WATER	\$230.78
16766	1/26/2026	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,629.67
16767	1/26/2026	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$132.53
16768	1/26/2026	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$9.45
16769	1/26/2026	525	ST OF MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$100.00
16770	1/26/2026	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,584.47
16771	1/26/2026	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.89
16772	1/26/2026	732	VISA	\$205.39
16773	1/26/2026	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$132.55
16774	1/26/2026	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$453.00
			US Treasury (online) January payroll tax deposit	\$1,647.70
			PERA contribution (online) for 1/1-15/26 payroll	\$591.27
			PERA contribution (online) for 1/16-31/26 payroll	\$536.67
			Dept of Revenue (online) 2025 Sales Tax Payable	\$711.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

4660	1/26/2026	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$570.84
4661	1/26/2026	640	MN FIRE SERVICE CERT BOARD	\$1,493.25
4662	1/26/2026	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$1,544.92
4663	1/26/2026	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$86.50
4664	1/26/2026	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$68.48
4665	1/26/2026	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$224.72
4666	1/26/2026	896	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$498.32

**Motion:** by AF to approve payment of the above-stated claims along with League of MN Cities for \$3,955.00, L&E Tree Service for \$6,575.00, and Mid-American Research Chemical for \$873.58. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – no update

Complaints – no update

Pavement Management/Road-Infrastructure Project – Very preliminary letter went out to all residents/businesses with their utility bill. GS still working on a meeting with the USDA representative.

GS provided the current 2026 Boards, Committee, Liaisons. A note was sent to all residents about serving on the committees. **Motion:** by AF to adopt the 2026 Liaisons, Planning Commission, and Ordinance Review Committee as listed. GS will work to fill the positions on the other committees. Second by JS. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Motion:** by KS to approve the One-Day Malt Liquor License for the Plato Lions for February 7, March 7, November 7, and December 5, with a fee of \$10.00. Second by AF. All in favor. **Motion:** by KS to approve the gambling (bingo) application with the State for the same dates. Second by JS. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to enter into the annual contract with Frontline Warning Systems for service of the warning sirens in 2026 with a fee of \$400.00. Second by AF. All in favor.

An incident occurred on January 23, 2026 between the City skidsteer and an automobile causing property damage to the automobile in the estimated amount of \$2,000. SG was operating the skidsteer and the vehicle was owned and operated by Leah Strobel. Discussion on paying the repair versus filing an insurance claim. Tabled for further information.

Discussion on the contract renewal with Dean Engelmann and also the contract renewal with Waste Management.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

None

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG will be attending the water conference in St Cloud on March 3 and 4, 2026
- SG was checking back as to whether the Council was going to move on new water meters this year. Discussion on additional information needed. GS to look at utility billing software.
- SG questioned if the Council would consider renting a building for more Public Works space. Council did not like the idea of renting.

CLERKS REPORT:

- Discussion on what to do with the old tables in the park shelter now that the Lions have purchased new ones. Decided to try and sell for \$5.00 a piece.
- A questions was raised on limiting the yearly use of the park shelter over garage sales to allow others the opportunity. Decided that there will be no “holds”. First one with contract and check turned in gets it.
- Nuvera is tentatively scheduled for installation mid February.
- Dennis Oltmann has advised that he will not be renewing his water licensure.
- GS advised there have been many warnings coming out about scam emails and everyone needs to be cautious on what they respond to.
- Discussion on creating job descriptions for Public Works and City Office. GS to obtain some examples. Also discussion on what the City would do if SG was out for an extended period of time.

OTHER:

none

**Motion:** by KS to adjourn meeting. Second by AF. Meeting adjourned at 10:08pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer