

MAY 11, 2026
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:08pm on the 11th day of May, 2026, at the Plato Fire Hall.

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

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

Guests: Ron Templin; Luke Lemmers; Cheryl Parpart

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Luke Lemmers presented before Council to discuss the shipping container ordinance and his CUP and to express his appreciation of the Council.

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, regular City Council Meeting. Second by JS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- A draft of the April 21, 2026 minutes were provided for review.
- GS provided a timeline for the adoption of the new ordinances and Mr. Lemmers' CUP request
- The Shipping Container ordinance with revisions was presented to the Council for final approval. With no additional revisions, ordinance will be set for Public Hearing on June 16, 2026
- The Solar Energy Systems ordinance was presented to the Council for final approval. With no additional revisions, ordinance will be set for Public Hearing on June 16, 2026.
- The next PPC meeting is set for May 19, 2026. JS will attend.
- GS advised of a potential cannabis cultivation business looking at Plato.

Plato Fire Department

- Chief Ryan Neubarth provided an update that included: touring Ag Specialist to know the layout; participated in mock crash at High School; EMR refresher; and applying for a grant from the State for a new gear washer and dryer. This Saturday they are hosting a house burn training with surrounding departments, weather permitting. The PFD business meeting has been moved to June 15. The SOP review meeting will take place on May 20.

McLeod County Sheriff - none

Committee/Liaison reports:

- GS advised the first meeting for the Community Hall Committee was held on May 6. Group decided to meet monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.
- Dairy Days - Plato Lions have decided they would like 1st Avenue closed for the June 11 event. They have also requested use of the park shelter. Council was fine with these requests.
- PF reported the improvements are continuing at the stadium.
- Cheryl Parpart asked if the Lions could explore purchasing the carts for the tables and chairs in the community hall. Council was fine with them doing so.

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 April 2026 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16854	5/11/2026	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$11,627.11
16855	5/11/2026	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$20.25
16856	5/11/2026	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$233.20
16857	5/11/2026	473	REINDERS, INC	\$1,039.05
16858	5/11/2026	474	+T++MOBILE	\$67.12
16859	5/11/2026	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,073.81
16860	5/11/2026	547	CENTURYLINK	\$154.91
16861	5/11/2026	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$52.74
16862	5/11/2026	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$682.50
16863	5/11/2026	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.89
16864	5/11/2026	703	STAR GROUP LLC	\$115.00
16865	5/11/2026	712	SYSTEMHOUSE INC	\$259.17
16866	5/11/2026	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$678.77
16867	5/11/2026	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$38.55
16868	5/11/2026	818	OVERLINE & SON, INC	\$2,861.88
16869	5/11/2026	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$368.70
16870	5/11/2026	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$33.31
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4706	5/11/2026	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$341.60
4707	5/11/2026	219	JERRY'S TRANSMISSION SERVICE	\$6,689.20
4708	5/11/2026	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$192.50
4709	5/11/2026	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$659.10
4710	5/11/2026	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$1,101.75
4711	5/11/2026	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$419.50
4712	5/11/2026	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
4713	5/11/2026	860	HALSTEAD BRAND	\$71.00
4714	5/11/2026	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$51.42
4715	5/11/2026	898	KWIK TRIP INC	\$215.63
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16844	4/27/2026	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$224.00
16845	4/27/2026	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$404.53
16846	4/27/2026	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,694.39
16847	4/27/2026	98	POSTMASTER	\$845.60
16848	4/27/2026	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$148.37
16849	4/27/2026	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$144.84
16850	4/27/2026	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,529.05
16851	4/27/2026	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.89
16852	4/27/2026	732	VISA	\$180.53
16853	4/27/2026	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$73.30
			US Treasury (online) April payroll tax deposit	\$1,559.82
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/1-15/26 payroll	\$579.90
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/16-30/26 payroll	\$488.90

Motion: by PF to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with State Chemical Solutions for \$103.50. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – short discussion on plan for report preparation for abatement process

Complaints – JS had received a complaint relating to the speed through the alley/4th Avenue. GS to reach out to the County regarding possible signage to direct traffic away from using that alley.

Pavement Management/Road-Infrastructure Project –

-GS provided an email from Laurie Balata at the USDA regarding funding. GS had a virtual meeting with Shannon Sweeney and Joshua Eckstein on 5/8/2026 to go over this email. Mr. Sweeney has requested some clarification from Ms. Balata, but it appears from the information she provided that obtaining funding through the USDA will not be in the City's best interest – it now requires a larger affordability amount, higher interest rates and mentions that grant funds may not be available. Mr. Sweeney will report back when he has clarification.

NEW BUSINESS:

In regard to the documentation provided and the public hearing held earlier, **Motion:** by KS to approve the issuance of revenue bonds for the benefit of the GRHS project and granting authority to Mayor Engelmann/Acting Mayor Strobel and Clerk/Treasurer Gerri Scott to execute all documents relating to that transaction. Second by PF. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2026-07

Motion: by KS to approve the application for a gambling permit for the Plato Baseball Club for the event on November 20, 2026, at the Community Hall. Second by JS. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG presented a quote from Midwest Groundcover for mulch in the park in the amount of \$3,080.00. **Motion:** by JS to proceed as quoted. Second by KS. All in favor.
- Overline was called to jet some storm sewer lines following the last rain event. SG has requested they come back with camera and see what the issue is with that line.
- SG researched cost of backup mowing when he is gone. Andy's was not interested in bidding, he could not connect with Sawyer Wischnack, Honey Do quoted \$940 per time to mow all the grass, no trimming. AF requested SG check with Curt Bussler for a quote.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS presented a Lease Agreement and Damage Waiver from Mini Biff for the rental at the park shelter. **Motion:** by KS to enter into said lease agreement and to include the \$16.00 per month for the damage waiver. Second by JS. All in favor.

OTHER:

none

Motion: by AF to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer