

MAY 12, 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 12th day of May, 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: Justin McGraw (CDS), Luke Lemmers, Ron Templin, Susanne Couval Templin, Doug Falk, Bob Scheidt (Plato Lions), Jason Schroeder, Chad Stuewe

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Justin McGraw from CDS presented the 2024 Audit information. **Motion:** by KS to accept the 2024 audit as presented. Second by JS. All in favor.

Bob Scheidt – advised the Plato Lions will be conducting gambling under the Legion for their first year to learn and see how it goes.

Motion: by JS to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- April 15, 2025, meeting minutes (unapproved) were provided for review
- The next PPC meeting is set for May 20. KS will attend.
- The Conditional Use Permit application for 207 2nd Street NE (Owner – Schroeder) was discussed. The permit is for construction of an accessory building on a vacant lot. Owners' occupy the adjacent lot. Following the Public Hearing on April 15, 2025, the PPC recommended approving the request (with conditions) in a vote of 5 in favor, 2 against. Following discussion by Council, **Motion:** by JS to deny the Conditional Use Permit request. Second by KS. All in favor.

Plato Fire Department – SOP annual review was done. Changes/additions will be presented to members at the June business meeting.

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Comprehensive Plan – 54 people attended the open house. The steering committee has the first “final” draft of the comprehensive plan for review.

Traffic Calming Project – Results of the traffic data collection were provided. GS advised that the project will now be a crosswalk. County Engineers are assisting. Once the project is in place, the State will bring back the data collection equipment. Installation of the project is set for May 21.

Tree Management/Plan – SG provided some additional information/quotes relating to treating of the ash trees. **Motion:** by KS to have SG research the methods and dosing amounts between the quotes obtained and then, if still best choice, to contract with Cousin Tree Care for treatment as quoted, \$2,480 per treatment. Second by PF. All in favor. Discussion on trees in the park. SG to research on types to plant and where.

Plato Lions – GS read an email update provided by Annette Ahlfs and also advised the Lion's Golf Tournament proceeds are being earmarked for City Park improvements.

Plato Legion – SG has obtained a second quote on electrical service to the park shelter in the amount of \$3,780. NE will pass on to the Legion.

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

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16505	5/12/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$10,544.23
16506	5/12/2025	58	KOHL'S SWEEPING SERVICE	\$1,295.00
16507	5/12/2025	65	LITZAU EXCAVATING	\$7,379.00
16508	5/12/2025	90	SAFEbuilt LLC	\$125.00
16509	5/12/2025	328	USA BLUE BOOK	\$227.46
16510	5/12/2025	473	REINDERS, INC	\$926.49
16511	5/12/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,328.13
16512	5/12/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	\$351.47
16513	5/12/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$67.79
16514	5/12/2025	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$650.00
16515	5/12/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16516	5/12/2025	696	HERALD JOURNAL PUBLISHING	\$79.90
16517	5/12/2025	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$600.00
16518	5/12/2025	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$211.17
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4554	5/12/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$175.73
4555	5/12/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SER	\$300.00
4556	5/12/2025	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$325.14
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16497	4/28/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$322.79
16498	4/28/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,290.62
16499	4/28/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$137.19
16500	4/28/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,585.19
16501	4/28/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16502	4/28/2025	732	VISA	\$258.47
16503	4/28/2025	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$747.59
16504	4/28/2025	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$73.65
			US Treasury (online) April payroll tax deposit	\$1,664.22
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/1-15/25 payroll	\$582.22
			PERA contribution (online) for 4/16-30/25 payroll	\$532.32
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4549	4/28/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$125.00
4550	4/28/2025	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$147.71
4551	4/28/2025	593	NEUBARTH RYAN	\$727.98
4552	4/28/2025	684	SEWER SERVICES INC.	\$764.00
4553	4/28/2025	809	BATTERIES PLUS - DAYROBB	\$134.76

Motion: by KS to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Gopher State One Call for \$13.50, Bolton & Menk for \$8,488.50; Ag Specialists for \$275.84; and North Central International for \$956.46. Second by JS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – GS provide an update on the legal action.

Gambling Ordinance – After discussion, **Motion:** by KS to adopt the Lawful Gambling Ordinance as presented. Second by PF. All in favor. Ordinance will be in effect upon publication.

Water Service Disconnection Policy – **Motion:** by KS to adopt the revised Water Service Disconnection Policy as presented. Second by JS. All in favor.

Complaints –

200 Main Street – Email complaint provided in packet. After discussion, GS to arrange date for council to meet with City Attorney and then parties involved.

9 2nd Street NE – majority of junk/unlicensed cars have been removed. One car on side of house will be moved to the back so they can work on it.

5 1st Street NE and Adjacent Lot – Doug Falk presented to council and advised of his clean up in progress. He advised the trailer on the street is parked there to protect his vehicles which have been hit. After discussion, Mr. Falk will continue the clean up process and come to the next council meeting with an updated report.

205 2nd Avenue NE – no response was received from letter and nothing has been done on property. GS to send second letter.

112 McLeod Avenue N – letter was mailed certified return receipt – no receipt yet received. Also trying to hand deliver.

16 Main Street East – Luke Lemmers presented to council with an update and questions. A privacy fence between buildings was discussed. Items should be removed from street as soon as possible (preferably within 72 hours). Anything on the street should be coned or flagged to be more visible.

Land Use/Temporary Structure Agreement at 16 Main Street East – **Motion:** by KS to extend the Agreement for another year (through September 2025). Agreement will require annual renewal by owner, not automatic. Second by AF. All in favor.

Building Inspection Company – JS and GS provided information on the three inspection companies they located and interviewed. After discussion, **Motion:** by PF to enter into a contract with Prokore Inspections LLC for one year. Second by KS. All in favor. Discussion of permit fees. **Motion:** by KS to increase the flat permit fee to \$65.00 beginning June 1, 2025. Second by PF. All in favor. **RESOLUTION: 2025-09**

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by PF to approve the temporary malt liquor license for the Plato Baseball Club for the 2025 season at the Blue Jay Stadium at a cost of \$25. Second by AF. All in favor.

Motion: by JS to approve the gambling exempt permit for the Plato Baseball Club for the poultry party in November 2025. Second by PF. All in favor.

Discussion on having the Blight Inspector perform city wide inspections. **Motion:** by JS to have the Blight Inspector do semi-annual citywide inspections. Findings will be reported to the Council for discussion/handling. Second by KS. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG obtained corrected information from Core & Main relating to the purchase of a 5 Star diffuser. **Motion:** by KS to purchase the 5 Star diffuser from Core & Main for \$2,620. Second by AF. All in favor.
- Discussion on streets/crack repair. **Motion:** by JS to enter into a contract with MP Asphalt for crack sealing throughout the City in the amount of \$17,500. Second by KS. All in favor.
- Additional discussion on curb/gutter repair. Curb/gutter are City's responsibility. **Motion:** by KS to contract with Dakota Robinson to repair 200ft of curb, the "must needed" repair list. Second by AF. All in favor.
- **Motion:** by KS to do generator maintenance/load bank testing as recommended by Ziegler. Second by JS. All in favor.
- SG would like to get 1-2 loads of crushed concrete at a cost of approximately \$390 per load. SG to get other quotes and look at a mixed concrete.
- SG would like to take off June 16-20, using PTO time. Council approved.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS provided a general procedure for zoning requests and discussion relating to the associated fees. No discussion. Tabled to next meeting.

OTHER:

none

Motion: by AF to adjourn meeting. Second by KS. Meeting adjourned at 10:46pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer