

JUNE 9, 2025  
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:02pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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: Doug Falk, Roland McAllister, Les Engelmann, Jamie Schlechter, Stacy Sohns

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Roland McAllister – presented to council with an update in regard to his cleanup process which is basically done. He also inquired about a storage container, roofing, and a fence. He will work with the Zoning Administrator and GS on those items.

**Motion:** by KS to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, regular City Council Meeting. Second by PF. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- May 20, 2025, meeting minutes (unapproved) were provided for review
- The next PPC meeting is set for June 17. PF will attend.
- A zoning approval for construction of a detached garage at 220 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE was submitted, discussed and a recommendation to approve submitted by the PPC. **Motion:** by KS to accept the PPC recommendation and approve the detached garage per plans submitted and inside his property lines. Second by AF. All in favor.
- A public hearing will be held on June 17 to consider the CUP request for an accessory building at 604 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE.

Plato Fire Department

- The SOP Revision Log was provided. Noted 2025 revisions were approved at the PFD Business Meeting on June 2. After discussion, **Motion:** by PF to adopt the 2025 revisions to the PFD Standard Operating Procedures as presented. Second by KS. All in favor.
- Chief Schlechter answered questions and provided a general update on the Department. Scott Graupmann retired in April after 26 years of service; Mike Eggers is retiring in July, after 26 years of service; two members are attending the fire academy in August.

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Comprehensive Plan – nearing completion – looking for feedback on the “final” draft by June 15.

Traffic Calming Project – Part one of the installation of the crosswalk/traffic calming project was installed on May 28. The State will be re-installing the data collection equipment this week. When that is complete, the second part of the project (walkway along County Road 9) will be installed. Residents are encouraged to provide comments relating to the project.

Tree Management/Plan – All ash trees have been treated. Treatment would be required again in 2027. Short discussion on moving and/or planting new trees. SG to do more research on that to hopefully implement in the fall.

Plato Lions – Stacy Sohns provided an update on the Dairy Day event; blood drive is June 19, and August 4 is the golf tournament.

Plato Legion – Les Englemann advised they will be donating funds to the Fire Department for their turnout gear fund. They will also be donating funds to the City and would like to see the electrical in the shelter be completed, mulch in the park and \$1000 towards the stadium lights electrical expense.

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 May 2025 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16531	6/9/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$10,531.44
16532	6/9/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$210.00
16533	6/9/2025	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	\$393.00
16534	6/9/2025	407	REGION V EMERGENCY MGT ASSOC	\$25.00
16535	6/9/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,206.75
16536	6/9/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	\$351.47
16537	6/9/2025	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$142.50
16538	6/9/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$48.75
16539	6/9/2025	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$650.00
16540	6/9/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16541	6/9/2025	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$737.37
16542	6/9/2025	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$2,620.00
16543	6/9/2025	765	ENGELMANN, NEIL	\$831.15
16544	6/9/2025	767	CROW RIVER CONSTRUCTION	\$1,700.00
16545	6/9/2025	840	STROBEL KYLE R	\$415.57
16546	6/9/2025	845	FLUSEMANN PEGGY	\$415.57
16547	6/9/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$306.30
16548	6/9/2025	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$415.57
16549	6/9/2025	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$164.04
16550	6/9/2025	885	FASCHING ANDREW	\$415.57
16551	6/9/2025	886	HAS LLC dba Dehmer Central Fire Protect	\$157.00
16552	6/9/2025	887	COUSIN TREE CARE	\$2,044.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4564	6/9/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$175.73
4565	6/9/2025	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$235.00
4566	6/9/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4567	6/9/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$232.80
4568	6/9/2025	886	HAS LLC dba Dehmer Central Fire Protect	\$177.75
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16519	5/27/2025	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$275.84
16520	5/27/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$212.08
16521	5/27/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,127.85
16522	5/27/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$156.80
16523	5/27/2025	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$8,488.50
16524	5/27/2025	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$13.50
16525	5/27/2025	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$144.84
16526	5/27/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,552.26

16527	5/27/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16528	5/27/2025	732	VISA	\$636.53
16529	5/27/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$85.07
16530	5/27/2025	883	STUMPF MARSHA J	\$143.96
			US Treasury (online) May payroll tax deposit	\$2,062.00
			PERA contribution (online) for 5/1-15/25 payroll	\$575.72
			PERA contribution (online) for 5/16-31/25 payroll	\$508.46

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

4557	5/27/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$180.23
4558	5/27/2025	588	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL	\$472.87
4559	5/27/2025	588	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL	\$956.46
4560	5/27/2025	612	HILLCREST CAFE AND CATERING	\$195.08
4561	5/27/2025	724	180 COLLISION, INC	\$301.50
4562	5/27/2025	739	EHRKE JOE	\$370.00
4563	5/27/2025	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$52.78

**Motion:** by KS to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Gavin Janssen Stabenow & Moldan for \$2,253.16, Herald Journal Publishing for \$67.15; and Jeannie Stumpf for \$33.77. Second by PF. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

**Complaints –**

200 Main Street – GS still needs to arrange a date for council to meet with City Attorney and then parties involved.

9 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE – complaint closed

5 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE and Adjacent Lot – Doug Falk presented to council and advised of his progress. Council noted noticeable improvements made. He will continue to work on it.

205 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE – see public forum above – complaint closed

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

16 Main Street East – keep open

Variance/CUP/Zoning Requests Procedures and Fees were discussed. GS to draft outline for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Motion:** by PF to approve the gambling exempt permit for 2B Continued for a raffle at the King Pin Pub on September 6, 2025. Second by JS. All in favor.

KS, AF, SG and GS met with the City Engineer. It was determined a feasibility study, starting with roads and storm water, needs to be completed. Cost of study would be approximately \$15,000. Once that is complete, then a study of water and sanitary sewer would be completed.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Electrical service to park shelter – SG will obtain a new quote including size of service, internal lights, gable lights and bring to next meeting.
- Playground mulch – **Motion:** by PF to accept the bid from Midwest Ground Cover for 70 yards blown in to park at a cost of \$2,940. Second by KS. All in favor.
- **Motion:** by KS to obtain up to two loads of crushed concrete/asphalt mix at an approximate cost of \$400 per load. Second by AF. All in favor.

- Discussion about coverage while SG is gone, June 16-20. DO will cover. Discussion on different options for coverage.
- SG will obtain quotes for street repair that has to be done this year.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS advised that someone rented the park shelter and gazebo for a graduation party. Upon setup they determined the gazebo was not going to work as planned. They did not use it and are questioning if the rental fee of \$45.00 could be refunded. After discussion, no refund will be given as the contract states.
- GS is looking for some guidelines in regard to expenses incurred at the Blue Jay stadium and who is responsible. After discussion, GS to check what similar size cities are doing or have for guidelines.
- GS provided an update on the building inspection company transition. She downloaded all the information from MNSPECT/SafeBuilt's system and now has to sort it out. There are active and expired permits that will need to be addressed. Prokore will take over the active ones. There may be a cost the City will need to absorb. GS will send out letters to those with expired permits stating they must start the permit process over.
- National Night Out is August 5. Committee has met and started planning.
- Discussion on zoning relating to cannabis sales. Was determined that a retail store would only be allowed in an area zoned commercial, so no zoning changes need to be made.
- GS requested to take off June 24 and use 6 hours of PTO. Council approved.

OTHER:

none

**Motion:** by AF to adjourn meeting. Second by KS. Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer