

AUGUST 11, 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 11th day of August, 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: Diane Schrader, Ron Templin, Lanette Dammann and Gloria Oltmann (Plato Lions); Joel Lepel; Sargent Caturia (McLeod County Sheriff)

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the Plato Lions presented a donation to the City from the proceeds of their annual golf tournament in the amount of \$9,613.24. They are requesting the funds be used for power to the new shelter, planting of evergreen tree in the park, picnic tables, or other park improvement projects. **Motion:** by KS to accept the donation from the Plato Lions. Second by JS. All in favor.

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

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- July 15, 2025, meeting minutes (unapproved) were provided for review
- The next PPC meeting is set for August 19. KS will attend.
- A public hearing was held on July 15 to discuss the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan. Lloyd G provided notes in that regard. Council was provided a copy of the final draft. **Motion:** by KS to adopt the Plato Comprehensive Plan as presented. Second by AF. All in favor.

Plato Fire Department – none

McLeod County Sheriff – Brief discussion relating to speed on County 9 with Sargent Caturia. Otherwise, it has been pretty quiet around town.

Park and Recreation/Future Plan – Discussion on projects for the funds that have been donated. Suggestions included new shelter tables, power to new open shelter, new picnic tables, trees (trimming, removal, planting), concrete cornhole game. SG to get quotes. Bring additional ideas to next meeting.

Plato Baseball – PF reported the Bluejays are heading to the State tournament.

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 July 2025 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16601	8/11/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$10,505.86
16602	8/11/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$200.00

16603	8/11/2025	181	MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSN	\$450.00
16604	8/11/2025	272	QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC	\$1,825.00
16605	8/11/2025	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$1,578.00
16606	8/11/2025	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$18.90
16607	8/11/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,008.24
16608	8/11/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$61.72
16609	8/11/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	\$351.03
16610	8/11/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$37.98
16611	8/11/2025	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$650.00
16612	8/11/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16613	8/11/2025	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$697.10
16614	8/11/2025	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$317.64
16615	8/11/2025	821	LEPEL JOEL	\$128.58
16616	8/11/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$405.37
16617	8/11/2025	889	DAKOTA ROBINSON CONSTRUCT	\$5,724.00
16618	8/11/2025	891	MIDWEST GROUND COVER	\$2,940.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4581	8/11/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$175.51
4582	8/11/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
4583	8/11/2025	809	BATTERIES PLUS - DAYROBB	\$68.38
4584	8/11/2025	861	SNACK ATAK #36	\$62.17
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16589	7/28/2025	2	AG SPECIALISTS	\$74.74
16590	7/28/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$425.00
16591	7/28/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
16592	7/28/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$67.06
16593	7/28/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$2,391.49
16594	7/28/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$164.85
16595	7/28/2025	476	CONWAY, DEUTH & SCHMIESING	\$6,750.00
16596	7/28/2025	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$144.84
16597	7/28/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,559.57
16598	7/28/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16599	7/28/2025	732	VISA	\$194.93
16600	7/28/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.00
			US Treasury (online) July payroll tax deposit	\$1,535.50
			PERA contribution (online) for 7/1-15/25 payroll	\$577.90
			PERA contribution (online) for 7/16-31/25 payroll	\$469.38
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4578	7/28/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$36.81
4579	7/28/2025	91	PERA	\$16,500.00
4580	7/28/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$199.54

Motion: by JS to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Overline & Son for \$1,620.00, Gerri Scott for \$140.00 and King Pin Pub for \$606.83 (NNO burgers). Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – Brief update provided in regard to the settlement conference. Matter is set for trial on September 4. KS to attend. GS to follow-up with Attorney.

Complaints –

200 Main Street – GS provided update and information on new furnace. GS to follow-up with Attorney.

5 1st Street NE and Adjacent Lot – Keep open. Letter thanking for the work completed and reminder to continue

112 McLeod Avenue N – The 30 days notice to take care of the blight conditions expires on August 13. GS will discuss with Attorney, but may have to wait for outcome of court proceeding.

16 Main Street East – Keep open – JS talked to him – Letter reminding to clean up the area and pallets need to be moved off right away

GS presented a revised version of the Variance/CUP/Zoning Requests Procedures and Fees. Outline was presented to the Planning Commission on July 15 and they agreed with procedures set out. **Motion:** by KS to adopt the variance/CUP/zoning procedures as outlined. Second by PF. All in favor. **Motion:** by KS to implement a \$50 fee to process a zoning application request. Second by AF. All in favor.

Feasibility Study – SG is meeting with engineer on Thursday for an update.

Well House vandalism of December 2, 2024 – City received notification from the Assistant County Attorney advising they will not be bringing charges in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

none

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Quality Flow Quote for new lift station pump – council would like to try to get as much life as possible out of the pump, run until it has to be replaced. SG to check if price would change after 30 days.
- SG submitted quotes from Bargaen and MP Asphalt for street repair – **Motion:** by AF to accept MP Asphalt bid of \$6,500. Second by KS. All in favor.
- Discussion on street cleaning. SG reports the roads are fairly clean and will wait until normal fall cleaning schedule.
- Discussion on electrical power and lights to the new open shelter. **Motion:** by KS to approve the lights/electrical power to new shelter as discussed. Second by AF. All in favor
- Midwest Ground Cover put new chips in the park. The process worked well, but were a bit short on amount of chips. SG could get another 30 yards for \$1760. Council felt the current amount was fine.
- SG would like to take time off on August 21 and 22. Council approved

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS advised the yard waste site saw higher than normal volume as a result of the last storm. This included use by multiple township residents. Need to contact Creekside to make sure they will be grinding this year. Also need to check if Stockman Trucking can come with payloador and push the pile back.
- The State of MN is raising safe drinking water/water testing fee in 2026. Currently it is \$9.72 per connection. It will be \$15.22 per connection starting January 2026. Currently the amount is billed \$0.81 monthly. In 2026 it will be billed \$1.27 monthly.
- Discussion on streamlining the council meetings with the use of a consent agenda and a better system for committees. Council members will consider.
- Blight letter sent to 20 2nd Avenue NE regarding lawn mowing. Lawn has now been mowed.
- GS provided an update in regard to Nuvera's fiber optic installation project. KS provided an update in regard to his conversations with local land owner.

OTHER:

none

Motion: by KS to adjourn meeting. Second by JS. Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer