SEPTEMBER 8, 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 8th day of September, 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: Joel Lepel (Plato Baseball Club)

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM
Joel Lepel presented on behalf of the Plato Baseball Club in regard to changes/renovations they would like to do at the baseball stadium - removing and planting trees in centerfield; renovations on the first base side (retaining wall, paved path, removal of trees, tile drainage); redo mound, home plate and infield dressing.

Motion: by PF to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.
Motion: by JS to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025, special closed City Council meeting. Second by AF. All in favor.

REPORTS
Committee Reports:
Plato Planning Commission

- The August meeting was cancelled.
- The next PPC meeting is set for September 16. JS will attend. Topics of review could be solar panels or storage containers.

Plato Fire Department

- Due to a fire call, GS was not able to obtain background releases from the fire department members.
- The business meeting was rescheduled to take place on September 22.

McLeod County Sheriff – Council was provided with the 1st quarter call report. Discussion on some issues in town which have been forwarded to the Sheriff's office.

Holiday Lights/Decorating – Committee had first meeting. Trimming will take place November 1 and take-down will be January 10. Some new displays coming this year.

County 9 Traffic Calming/Crossing – SG is ready to take down. GS needs to contact County before doing so.

Tree Management – A quote from L&E Tree Service for removing of two large maple trees from the park and the trimming of other trees was provided in the estimated amount of $11,000 (+/- $1000). **Motion:** by KS accept the quote and schedule the work to occur sometime between now and November 1; or sometime after January 10. Second by JS. All in favor.

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 August 2025 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16631	9/8/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	$9,533.90
16632	9/8/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	$72.50
16633	9/8/2025	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	$434.00
16634	9/8/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	$2,195.71
16635	9/8/2025	80	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	$393.00
16636	9/8/2025	98	POSTMASTER	$605.80
16637	9/8/2025	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	$6,584.00
16638	9/8/2025	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	$48.60
16639	9/8/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	$1,041.15
16640	9/8/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	$351.03
16641	9/8/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	$30.47
16642	9/8/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	$1,619.10
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4587	9/8/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	$175.51
4588	9/8/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	$240.00
4589	9/8/2025	755	SAFETY/SECURITY CONSULT SPEC	$900.00
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16619	8/25/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	$10.00
16620	8/25/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	$66.25
16621	8/25/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	$2,229.67
16622	8/25/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	$163.59
16623	8/25/2025	417	KING PIN PUB	$606.83
16624	8/25/2025	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	$144.84
16625	8/25/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	$140.00
16626	8/25/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	$1,340.43
16627	8/25/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	$1,619.10
16628	8/25/2025	732	VISA	$321.60
16629	8/25/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	$136.66
16630	8/25/2025	818	OVERLINE & SON, INC	$1,620.00
		US Treasury (online) August payroll tax deposit		$1,469.20
		PERA contribution (online) for 8/1-15/25 payroll		$534.50
		PERA contribution (online) for 8/16-31/25 payroll		$475.91
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4585	8/25/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	$35.80
4586	8/25/2025	588	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL	$43.14

Motion: by AF to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Snak Attack #36 for $396.05 (PFD), Snak Attack #36 for $267.77 (City), and RecTech for $89.00. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Joe Hunt – Brief discussion of litigation status.

Complaints –

200 Main Street – Brief discussion following attorney meeting

5 1st Street NE and Adjacent Lot – Keep open. Follow-up letter thanking for the work completed and reminder to continue was sent.

112 McLeod Avenue N – blight complaint will need to wait until litigation concludes per attorney.

16 Main Street East – Follow-up letter reminding to clean up the area and that pallets need to be moved off right-of-way was sent. Pallets were moved from right-of-way.

Feasibility Study – AF, KS, SG and GS met with the City Engineer to go over the draft of the Pavement Management Plan. Engineer will be providing a final report shortly. As part of this study, it was requested the City adopt an assessment policy. GS presented the first draft for council review. She will also discuss with the City Engineer. Tabled any action to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
The 2026 Preliminary Levy was discussed. **Motion:** by KS to set the 2026 preliminary levy at $316,420 (General - $266,420, Sewer - $30,000, Water - $20,000). Second by JS. All in favor.

Upcoming meeting schedule: October 13, 2025 – 7pm – Regular Council Meeting; October 14, 2025 – 6pm – Special Closed Personnel Meeting; November 5, 2025 – 6pm – personnel reviews (closed), Sewer and Water Budget meeting; November 10, 2025 – 7pm – Regular Council Meeting; December 6, 2025 – 8am – Budget Meeting**;** December 8, 2025 – 7pm – Regular City Council Meeting

COUNCIL REQUEST:
NE met with a Nuvera representative in regard to switching the City phones/internet from CenturyLink. GS to follow-up on some questions raised.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:
- An estimate/quote from Dakota Robinson Trucking for snow plowing was provided. SG to follow-up on sanding fees.
- There were some issues with the refrigerator/freezer in the shelter. While it is working now, it is too old to obtain parts. Tabled until budget discussions.
- SG would like to take off October 6-10 and November 10-14 – council is ok with request, SG to talk with DO to cover.

CLERKS REPORT:
- SG talked with Creekside and they will be grinding this year. It appears they will be absorbing 50% of the mobilization charges with the City paying the remainder and all of the grinding charges. GS reported on the information she received from the County meeting. It appears the service may be going away completely or the cost rising significantly. She was advised that something would be coming out from Creekside before budget discussions.
- GS reported on Paid Family Medical Leave that is starting in January 2026. For the first year, there will be a .44% tax for the employee and a .44% tax for the employer.
- GS provided an update on the cannabis licensing/zoning information received at the County meeting. Council does not feel that additional/special zoning needs to be done at this time.
- There has been a question raised on who all has keys to the Community Hall. GS is starting a key inventory.
- GS reviewed the email procedures between the city office and the council members.
- The city office will be closed tomorrow, September 9. GS will be in on Wednesday afternoon.

OTHER:
none

Motion: by KS to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 10:42pm.

Neil Engelmann	Gerri Scott
Mayor	Clerk/Treasurer