

FEBRUARY 12, 2024
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:01pm on the 12th day of February, 2024, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Stacy Sohns, Kyle Strobel, Peggy Flusemann, and Dennis Oltmann

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

Guests: Lloyd Graupmann (PPC); Jason Schroeder; Doug Falk; Ally Schueren; Jessica Jacques; Josh Schueren; Cody Hess, Deputy B Kroll; John Schauer; Gradela Bloch (Attorney for Schuerens)

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

- Jessica Jaques addressed the council in regard to the smoke smell in and around her home from the outside wood burning furnace/boiler at 200 Main Street and the garage wood burner at 221 1st Street NE.
- Ally Schueren addressed the council in regard to the smoke issue in her home from the outside wood burning furnace/boiler at 200 Main Street.
- John Schauer addressed the council in regard to the smoke in and around his home from 200 Main Street and 221 1st Street NE
- Attorney Bloch addressed the council in regard to the smoke complaints on behalf of her clients, the Schuerens
- Cody Hess addressed the council in regard to the smoke in town from 200 Main Street and 221 1st Street NE
- Jason Schroeder addressed the council in regard to the smoke smell from 200 Main Street and 221 1st Street NE

Motion: by DO to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024, regular City Council Meeting. Second by SS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission - none

Plato Fire Department – none

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Ordinance review – GS advised the ordinance codification has been received from American Legal Publishing. She needs to go through to make sure all notes have been incorporated. Committee to review before submitted for “final” print.

Walk audit – PF provided a recap of a zoom meeting with Brett Nelson from Meeker McLeod Sibley Community Health Services in regard to a potential project using the SHIP grant.

Plato Lions – SS advised blood drive coming up.

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by KS to approve the Treasurer’s Report presented with one correction. Second by DO. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report and January 2024 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16059	2/12/2024	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$8,753.77
16060	2/12/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$491.21
16061	2/12/2024	86	MN DNR ECO-WATERS	\$259.86
16062	2/12/2024	90	MNSPECT, LLC	\$180.08
16063	2/12/2024	92	PLATO C STORE	\$80.51
16064	2/12/2024	98	POSTMASTER	\$100.00
16065	2/12/2024	324	FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS INC	\$400.00
16066	2/12/2024	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$54.05
16067	2/12/2024	348	TEAM LAB CHEMICAL CORP	\$1,573.50
16068	2/12/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$160.14
16069	2/12/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,605.10
16070	2/12/2024	547	CENTURYLINK	\$325.49
16071	2/12/2024	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$974.61
16072	2/12/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$13.48
16073	2/12/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16074	2/12/2024	629	ARNOLD'S OF GLENCOE, INC	\$574.40
16075	2/12/2024	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$9,968.36
16076	2/12/2024	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$334.30
16077	2/12/2024	835	AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING	\$2,374.02
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4382	2/12/2024	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$347.00
4383	2/12/2024	98	POSTMASTER	\$100.00
4384	2/12/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$162.74
4385	2/12/2024	593	NEUBARTH RYAN	\$549.56
4386	2/12/2024	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$246.03
4387	2/12/2024	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$4,990.03
4388	2/12/2024	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
4389	2/12/2024	852	TERLINDEN RYAN	\$549.56
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16047	1/22/2024	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$1,820.20
16048	1/22/2024	61	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	\$350.00
16049	1/22/2024	67	LMCIT	\$23,646.00
16050	1/22/2024	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,247.31
16051	1/22/2024	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$99.80
16052	1/22/2024	407	REGION V EMER MGMT ASSOC	\$15.00
16053	1/22/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,197.75
16054	1/22/2024	555	KEN'S EXCAVATION	\$265.00
16055	1/22/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,569.89
16056	1/22/2024	732	VISA	\$214.86
16057	1/22/2024	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$277.68
16058	1/22/2024	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$122.81
			US Treasury (online) January payroll tax deposit	\$1,602.48
			PERA contribution (online) for 1/1-15/24payroll	\$499.28
			PERA contribution (online) for 1/16-31/24payroll	\$579.08
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4378	1/22/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$196.19
4379	1/22/2024	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$39.44
4380	1/22/2024	829	STEPIEN STEPHANIE	\$112.15
4381	1/22/2024	860	HALSTEAD BRAND	\$45.00

Motion: by SS to approve payment of the above-stated claims with the addition of League of MN Cities for \$5,014.00. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Shelter – no update – DO states project is next on list.

Outdoor Wood Boiler/Smoke Complaints – NE provided an update on what the Council has been done since the last meeting. Further discussion which included input from the guests present. **Motion:** by KS to implement a 30 or 60 day moratorium on use of wood burning stoves, **IF** the City Attorney advises that the City has the authority to do so. Second by DO. All in favor.

Sump Pump Discharge in Winter Months – GS created a draft of a form that could be used to allow connecting to the sanitary sewer if a dangerous condition exists as discussed at previous meeting. Council agreed to the form and SG is to contact all residents that are or may need to change connections to complete form and then follow-up in April for disconnection.

Motion: by KS to set the 2024 Boards, Committees, and Liaisons as discussed. Second by DO. All in favor.
RESOLUTION: 2024-06

NEW BUSINESS:

Outdoor wood boiler/smoke complaints. Handled new complaint in the old business discussions.

The Plato American Legion has donated \$2500 to the Plato Fire District. **Motion:** by PF to accept the donation for the Fire District. Second by KS. All in favor.

GS presented the 2024 emergency siren contract from Frontline Warning Systems. **Motion:** by SS to enter into said contract presented. Second by KS. All in favor

GS advised that Scott Graupmann was injured at work on January 31, 2024. He is currently on desk-only restrictions until February 19 at which point he can return to work with limitations on carrying and climbing ladders. The City does not have desk-only work for him to do, so he remains off. He can return with the work restrictions given to start February 19. DO is covering. **Motion:** by PF to pay DO \$20 per day to cover Public Works while Scott is out. Second by KS. All in favor.

Application has been made for: a tobacco license for MN Stores LLC - Snak Atak #36; a tobacco license for MN Stores LLC – Snak Atak Liquor #5; and an off-sale liquor license for MN Stores LLC – Snak Atak Liquor #5. **Motion:** by KS to issue a tobacco license to MN Stores LLC – Snak Atak #36, a tobacco license to MN Stores LLC – Snak Atak Liquor #5, and an off-sale liquor license to MN Stores LLC – Snak Atak Liquor #5, all with an end date of May 20, 2024 for a total pro-rated amount of \$72.00. Second by PF. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- A copy of the report from the MN Department of Health following their onsite inspection of the water supply system was provided to Council. Short discussion held.

CLERKS REPORT

- Discussion in regard to glass bottles being used at the hall. Council felt the issue related more to the bottles going outside and breaking on sidewalk. Notices will be posted on the doors that no glass bottles may leave the building. GS will also advise hall security of this.
- GS advised that the 2013 paper financial records have been destroyed by shredding.

Motion: by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer