

JANUARY 8, 2024  
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:00pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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; Kristi Falk; Ally Schueren; Jessica Jacques; Josh Schueren; Cody Hess; Deputy Darrell Caturia; Steve Tusha; Nick Aurich

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

Oath of Office administered to Ryan Terlinden as Fire Captain 2

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

- 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.
- Jason Schroeder addressed the council in regard to the smoke generated from the outside wood burning furnace/boiler at 200 Main Street

**Motion:** by DO to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission - none

Plato Fire Department – none

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Treasurers Report – **Motion:** by KS to approve the Treasurer’s Report presented. Second by PF. All in favor. Council was provided with a current bank account balance/internal transfer report and December 2023 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16031	1/8/2024	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$9,239.75
16032	1/8/2024	61	LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	\$350.00
16033	1/8/2024	65	LITZAU EXCAVATING	\$1,190.00
16034	1/8/2024	90	MNSPECT, LLC	\$905.44
16035	1/8/2024	92	PLATO C STORE	\$154.00
16036	1/8/2024	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$5.40
16037	1/8/2024	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$270.00
16038	1/8/2024	441	DIANE SCHRADER	\$114.04
16039	1/8/2024	490	OMNI-SITE	\$870.00
16040	1/8/2024	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$149.94
16041	1/8/2024	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,032.45
16042	1/8/2024	547	CENTURYLINK	\$325.42

16043	1/8/2024	549	VALLEY VIEW ELECTRIC INC.	\$91.99
16044	1/8/2024	556	DVS RENEWAL	\$40.50
16045	1/8/2024	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$31.85
16046	1/8/2024	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.82

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4367	1/8/2024	92	PLATO C STORE	\$127.59
4368	1/8/2024	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$464.03
4369	1/8/2024	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$400.00
4370	1/8/2024	590	MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	\$705.00
4371	1/8/2024	604	MED COMPASS-MOBILE HEALTH	\$1,780.00
4372	1/8/2024	640	MN FIRE SERVICE CERT BOARD	\$504.00
4373	1/8/2024	651	ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC	\$108.00
4374	1/8/2024	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$397.38
4375	1/8/2024	702	CUSTOMIZED FIRE RESCUE TRAINING	\$3,450.00
4376	1/8/2024	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4377	1/8/2024	841	JOHNSON TYLER	\$1,171.14

INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:

16014	12/26/2023	36	GAVIN, JANSSEN & STABENOW LTD	\$159.50
16015	12/26/2023	45	LLOYD GRAUPMANN	\$599.00
16016	12/26/2023	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$20.00
16017	12/26/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$302.50
16018	12/26/2023	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,194.24
16019	12/26/2023	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$89.25
16020	12/26/2023	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$149.94
16021	12/26/2023	629	ARNOLD'S OF GLENCOE, INC	\$159.91
16022	12/26/2023	652	CREEKSIDE SOILS	\$1,346.63
16023	12/26/2023	710	ENGELMANN DEAN	\$340.00
16024	12/26/2023	732	VISA	\$256.93
16025	12/26/2023	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$531.58
16026	12/26/2023	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$69.09
16027	12/26/2023	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.02
16028	12/26/2023	798	MN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	\$10.00
16029	12/26/2023	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,208.07
16030	12/26/2023	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,517.89
			US Treasury (online) December payroll tax deposit	\$1,403.84
			PERA contribution (online) for 12/1-15/23payroll	\$448.80
			PERA contribution (online) for 12/16-31/23payroll	\$458.94
			MN Dept of Rev-4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Withholding	\$596.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4364	12/26/2023	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$222.36
4365	12/26/2023	592	WOOD JAY	\$15.57
4366	12/26/2023	824	ANCOM COMMUNICATIONS	\$127.00

**Motion:** by KS to approve payment of the above-stated claims with the addition of Hawkins for \$1,800.20, Emergency Management Association for \$15; Ken's Excavation for \$265 and League of MN Cities for \$23,646.00. Second by DO. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Shelter – no update

NEW BUSINESS:

Outdoor wood boiler/smoke complaints. After discussion which included input from the guests present, GS is to contact the City Attorney for another review of current ordinances and to set up a meeting between the attorney and KS to discuss actions the City can legally pursue. NE and LG will set up a meeting with Steve Tusha to discuss other solutions that may mitigate the smoke. All to be completed as soon as possible.

**Motion:** by KS to approve the gambling permit for the Glencoe-Silver Lake Trapshooting club for an event they are hosting at the King Pin Pub on March 23, 2024. Second by SS. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to enter into the 2024 Assessment Agreement with the County. Second by PF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to set the 2024 Appointments and Designations as discussed. Second by SS. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION: 2024-01**

**Motion:** by KS to set the 2024 Holiday Schedule as discussed: Second by PF. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION: 2024-02**

**Motion:** by KS to set the 2024 Salaries and Compensation as discussed. Second by DO. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION: 2024-03**

**Motion:** by KS to set the 2024 Fees, Licenses, Rentals as discussed. Second by SS. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION: 2024-04**

**Motion:** by KS to set the 2024 Water and Sewer Rates as discussed. Second by DO. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION: 2024-05**

The 2024 Board, Committees, Liaisons were discussed and tabled until next meeting.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

none

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Discussion on sump pump discharge during winter months that is causing icing concerns. **Motion:** by DO to allow a sump pump to discharge into the sanitary sewer from November 1 through April 1, when the discharge creates a dangerous situation (case by case situation), and after completing an application with the City, and by signing the agreement grants the right for the City to verify the removal of the connection in April to prevent abuse. GS to draft application. SG to do verifications. Second by SS. All in favor.
- **Motion:** by DO to purchase the hydrant modification kits per budget meeting discussions. Second by SS. All in favor.
- **Motion:** by DO to purchase a new lawn mower this Spring from Rec Tech Sales & Service for \$2,891. Second by PF. All in favor.

CLERKS REPORT

- The cornhole game arrived and is set up in the hall. Pickleball open hall has been well attended, especially over the holidays.
- Audit pre-work date is set for Thursday, January 18. In person audit to begin on February 26.
- Council approval for GS to purchase a standing desk, per previous discussion and budget.

**Motion:** by SS to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 10:38pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer