

NOVEMBER 10, 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 10th day of November, 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

Guests: Doug Falk

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Doug Falk – concerns relating to the speed of traffic on County Road 9; parking on 1st Street NE – possible one way; yard waste site; community gardens tilling

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025, regular City Council Meeting. Second by PF. All in favor.

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 special closed meeting. Second by AF. All in favor.

Motion: by KS to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2025 special meeting. Second by JS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- A draft of the October 21, 2025 minutes was provided for review.
- Drafts of two ordinances the PPC is working on were provided to Council for initial thoughts.
- The next PPC meeting is set for November 18. JS will attend.

Plato Fire Department

KS provided a brief update on the changing of officers and conducting interviews for positions where only one member has applied. KS will be conducting a Chief 1 interview on Wednesday, November 12.

GS advised of an insurance claim filed in September. She was waiting for information from the PFD

McLeod County Sheriff

GS advised alcohol and tobacco compliance checks were conducted in town and everyone passed.

Holiday Lights: the majority of the lights are up, flyers are out for event, there will not be a decorating contest.

Tree Management: one tree has been taken down in the park. The other will wait until the ground freezes. The planting of the evergreen tree will occur in Spring. Additional discussion on other planting/moving of trees in the Spring.

Plato Lions – GS provided a brief summary of items the group is working on/considering.

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 October 2025 timesheets.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16684	11/10/2025	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$7,781.80
16685	11/10/2025	98	POSTMASTER	\$366.00
16686	11/10/2025	332	BOLTON & MENK INC	\$856.00
16687	11/10/2025	348	TEAM LAB CHEMICAL CORP	\$240.00

16688	11/10/2025	398	WIGFIELD DESIGN	\$240.00
16689	11/10/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,384.66
16690	11/10/2025	547	CENTURYLINK	\$355.60
16691	11/10/2025	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$44.34
16692	11/10/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16693	11/10/2025	703	STAR GROUP LLC	\$28.56
16694	11/10/2025	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$702.69
16695	11/10/2025	748	CORE AND MAIN LP	\$318.66
16696	11/10/2025	830	STEPIEN TONY	\$300.00
16697	11/10/2025	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$185.26
16698	11/10/2025	893	KAHNKE'S	\$571.00

KS approved spending in excess of the \$500 authorized for the tree purchase from Kahnke's.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4608	11/10/2025	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$177.80
4609	11/10/2025	640	MN FIRE SERVICE CERT BOARD	\$105.00
4610	11/10/2025	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$50.26
4611	11/10/2025	688	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	\$148.75
4612	11/10/2025	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
4613	11/10/2025	725	VINKEMEIER STEVEN	\$1,275.85
4614	11/10/2025	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$49.54

INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:

16675	10/27/2025	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$10.00
16676	10/27/2025	65	LITZAU EXCAVATING	\$150.00
16677	10/27/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$59.52
16678	10/27/2025	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,245.32
16679	10/27/2025	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$126.42
16680	10/27/2025	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,152.22
16681	10/27/2025	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,619.10
16682	10/27/2025	732	VISA	\$90.00
16683	10/27/2025	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$75.00
			US Treasury (online) October payroll tax deposit	\$1,522.40
			PERA contribution (online) for 10/1-15/25 payroll	\$497.60
			PERA contribution (online) for 10/16-31/25 payroll	\$543.18

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

4607	10/27/2025	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$31.01
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Motion: by PF to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with two invoices from Gavin, Janssen, Stabenow & Moldan for \$1050 and \$706.75. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – discussion on status of ED foreclosure action and the start of the blight action. Discussion on potential ordinance violation relating to the apartments.

Complaints –

- 5 1st Street NE and Adjacent Lot – AF provided some photos. Discussion on what it would take to clear complaint. AF to talk to owner.
- 16 Main Street East – JS will follow-up on his plan for cleanup, including installation of a fence.

Pavement Management Plan – GS and JS are meeting with the City Engineer and Mr. Sweeney on November 12 to discuss how this large project would be financed.

Phone/Internet Change – NE and GS have met and are still working out the best way to go.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by KS to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – gambling for the Panther Boosters Inc. for an event at the King Pin Pub on January 31, 2026. Second by PF. All in favor.

Motion: by KS to approve the 2026 Emergency Services Contracts for Bergen, Young America and Helen Townships. Second by JS. All in favor.

GS advised that there was some vandalism at the Stadium at some point during the week of October 20. The Baseball Club did call the Sheriff's department and a report was made. GS is waiting to hear the amount of the repair to determine if an insurance claim should be filed or not.

Motion: by KS to accept the \$1,199.96 donation from the Plato Baseball Club to reimburse for electrical expenses at the stadium for the 2025 season (April-September). Second by PF. All in favor.

GS presented the Liability Coverage Waiver Form from the League of MN Cities. **Motion:** by PF to not waive the statutory tort limits. Second by KS. All in favor.

Motion: by KS to increase the public works salary to \$52,610.48 beginning January 1, 2026. Second by JS. All in favor.

Motion: by KS to increase the clerk/treasurer hourly rate to \$32.50 beginning January 1, 2026. Second by AF. All in favor.

GS presented a revision to Ordinance No 87 in regard to the creation of a rural service tax district. The County is requiring this update since the old ordinance included land that is no longer within the City limits. **Motion:** by KS to adopt the revised Ordinance No 87. Second by AF. All in favor. Ordinance will be in effect following publication.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

NE – received a couple of videos and notes of a resident blowing leaves from the front yard on to the street. GS to draft letter for NE's signature.

AF-presented information and forms on obtaining quotes for jetting sanitary sewer and for other projects.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Discussion on timing of the replacement of the lift station pump. Council questioned whether we could purchase the pump now and have it held until Spring or when the current pump quits, whichever is sooner. AF to talk with SG when he returns.
- GS advised the tree next to the Plato sign on the corner of Highway 212 and McLeod Avenue is split in half. If the one section comes down, it will crush the sign. SG advised Tony Stepien is going to remove the tree and will split the cost between the City and Ruschcreek Services.

CLERKS REPORT:

- Discussion on payment of internal finance items and set-aside funds from the 2025 budget. Transfer funds in December.
- **Motion:** by KS to reduce the rental fee on the community hall to \$175 on January 10, 2026, for a GSL fundraising event. Second by AF. All in favor.
- GS advised that per the *Chronicle*, Glencoe will be raising sewer rates in 2026, as the first year of a 5-year plan.
- GS will be attending a seminar on the Paid Family Leave Plan on November 13th in Dassel.
- Reminder: Special meeting for general budget is December 6, 2025, at 8am.

OTHER:

none

Motion: by KS to adjourn meeting. Second by AF. Meeting adjourned at 10:43pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer