

APRIL 13, 2026  
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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, at the Plato Fire Hall.

City Council members present: Andy Fasching, Peggy Flusemann, Kyle Strobel and Jeannie Stumpf

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

Guests: Susanne Couval Templin, Ron Templin, Ryan Neubarth (PFD), Cheryl Parpart

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

none

**Motion:** by PF to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- A draft of the March 17, 2026 minutes were provided for review.
- GS advised the City Attorney has reviewed the new draft of the shipping container ordinance and the draft of the solar energy systems ordinance. Both ordinances will go back to the PPC for final review.
- The next PPC meeting is set for April 21, 2026. JS will attend.

Plato Fire Department

- Chief Ryan Neubarth reported:
  - The department has recently completed numerous trainings, are doing a house burn with NYA, and possibly another one in the near future.
  - Weather training class has been rescheduled to May 11 at 6pm
  - Recruitment efforts look promising

McLeod County Sheriff - none

Committee/Liaison reports:

- 2026 Boards, Committees, Liaisons updated list was provided to Council
- GS provided an initial overview for the Community Hall Committee for its first meeting, hopefully in May.
- Plato Lions will be hosting the Dairy Day event in the park on June 11. They would like to have tractors and some small farm animals; and therefore, would like the street to be blocked off from 1:00pm to 7:00pm on that day. After discussion, Council is fine with their event. SG to handle the street closure. GS will advise affected residents on street.
- Discussion on park and rec/tree management. GS to draft an initial overview of what the committee will do for KS to review and then forward to the committee to get started.

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 March 2026 timesheets.

The two Certificates of Deposit are coming due on April 21. **Motion:** by KS to allow the Certificates to roll over for another 6-month term. Second by PF. All in favor.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16825	4/13/2026	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$11,013.83
16826	4/13/2026	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$900.00
16827	4/13/2026	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$930.60
16828	4/13/2026	113	TC & W RAILROAD	\$473.69
16829	4/13/2026	156	MCLEOD CTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	\$657.66
16830	4/13/2026	342	GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	\$2.70
16831	4/13/2026	474	+T++MOBILE	\$66.00
16832	4/13/2026	476	CONWAY, DEUTH & SCHMIESING	\$7,500.00
16833	4/13/2026	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$160.14
16834	4/13/2026	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,435.98
16835	4/13/2026	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$58.53
16836	4/13/2026	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.89
16837	4/13/2026	629	ARNOLD'S OF GLENCOE, INC	\$634.82
16838	4/13/2026	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$573.89
16839	4/13/2026	747	REC TECH SALES & SERVICE	\$4,290.00
16840	4/13/2026	830	STEPIEN TONY	\$80.00
16841	4/13/2026	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$249.60
16842	4/13/2026	884	SUMMIT INFRASTRUCTURE LLC	\$18,000.00
16843	4/13/2026	899	GLENCOE COLLISION CENTER	\$2,070.88
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4699	4/13/2026	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$6.99
4700	4/13/2026	588	NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL	\$2,312.36
4701	4/13/2026	612	HILLCREST CAFE AND CATERING	\$514.24
4702	4/13/2026	679	ASPEN MILLS	\$403.66
4703	4/13/2026	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$170.53
4704	4/13/2026	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$240.00
4705	4/13/2026	898	KWIK TRIP INC	\$39.21
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16819	3/23/2026	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$988.71
16820	3/23/2026	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$131.73
16821	3/23/2026	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,482.52
16822	3/23/2026	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.89
16823	3/23/2026	732	VISA	\$368.69
16824	3/23/2026	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$111.19
			US Treasury (online) March payroll tax deposit	\$1,653.66
			PERA contribution (online) for 3/1-15/26 payroll	\$570.81
			PERA contribution (online) for 3/16-31/26 payroll	\$561.70
			MN PFML – 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr	\$147.84
			MN Dept of Revenue – 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr Withholding	\$718.00
			Security Bank & Trust – Fire Truck payment 7/10	\$21,895.16
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4694	3/23/2026	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$593.41
4695	3/23/2026	164	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$22.89
4696	3/23/2026	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$174.78
4697	3/23/2026	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$493.84
4698	3/23/2026	861	SNAK ATAK #36	\$58.34

**Motion:** by PF to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with Gavin, Janssen, Stabenow & Moldan for \$224.00. Second by JS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – nothing to report

Complaints – nothing to report

Pavement Management/Road-Infrastructure Project –

-GS reported on her discussion with County Engineer Engel on March 11. The County has scheduled a sealcoat of County Road 9 in the next few months (weather dependent). County 9 is also scheduled for a mill and overlay in 2030. At the current time, they have nothing scheduled for County Road 107 (Main Street/4th Ave). Mr. Engel indicated there is some money to be used in small communities that he would like to use in Plato. He was going to "pencil in" a portion of that money for reconstruction of County 107. Cost participation for that road would be: County would pay for road, curb and gutter. Storm water is split cost with City (roughly 50/50). Utility expenses, sidewalks, and lighting are City expenses.

- GS stated per policy, the councilmembers would be paid special meeting pay for each committee meeting attended as the entire council is requested to attend. Council confirmed.

GS presented a revised Capital Outlay Criteria policy following the discussions from last month's meeting. **Motion:** by KS to adopt the Capital Outlay Criteria policy as presented. Second by AF. All in favor.

GS provided information from her discussion with County Engineer Engel in regard to his thoughts on the crosswalk/traffic calming project. Council was also provided with information received from Blake Barnard at Mid-Minnesota Development Commission. After discussion, it was determined to table this project, to be revisited with the infrastructure project or development.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Motion:** by JS to approve the liquor licenses renewal for the King Pin Pub upon receipt of the insurance certificate. Second by KS. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to approve the liquor license renewal and the tobacco license renewal for MN Stores LLC – Liquor #5. Second by AF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by KS to approve the tobacco license renewal for the MN Stores LLC (convenience store). Second by PF. All in favor.

**Motion:** by PF to approve a Temporary Malt Liquor License for the Plato Baseball Club to run from May through August at a cost of \$25. Second by KS. All in favor.

Council was provided with the 2025 Financial Statement Compilation prepared by CDS. **Motion:** by AF to accept the 2025 Financial Statements prepared by CDS. Second by KS. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

JS – discussion on Economic Development, Growth/Expansion.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Warrick Hallett provided a quote of \$650 for stump chipping. SG does cleanup. **Motion:** by KS to have Warrick Hallett do the stump chipping required in the park as quoted. Second by AF. All in favor.
- SG ordered crush concrete for alleys.
- SG advised that the subcontractor for CenterPoint Energy will be back in mid May to do rehab/repair for the spots damaged by them. SG to push for reimbursement of expenses to repair alleys.
- Parking lot by E/W field is in need of gravel. Township is getting gravel and we can join in to save money. It is \$273 a load. He would like to get 3 loads (\$819). Council is OK with that purchase.
- SG would like to take vacation on June 15-19. Discussion on who to cover. SG to check with local mowing companies about handling the mowing and report back. KS to check with Glencoe about covering the water/sewer aspect.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS presented the outline from the Luke Lemmers bulk water discussion in 2024. This has never been implemented. GS questioned if the Council is still fine with this arrangement as the bulk water season is approaching. Council was OK with process as outlined.
- GS advised that all but one of the garden plots have been reserved and was questioning the tilling. Council believed the gardeners would be responsible for their own tilling.
- GS attended the McLeod County Planning Commission in regard to Tangletown's request and provided an update.
- GS provided an update relating to the installation of Nuvera internet and phone system.
- GS requested to close the office on Thursday, April 16, and Thursday, April 30, as she will be out of town. She requested to take 4 hours of PTO on each of those days. Council approved of time off and use of PTO.

OTHER:

none

**Motion:** by AF to adjourn meeting. Second by PF. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Neil Engelmann  
Mayor

Gerri Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer