

AUGUST 10, 2026
CITY OF PLATO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Neil Engelmann at 7:00pm on the 10th day of August, 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: Chief Ryan Neubarth; Stacy Sohns; Susanne Couval Templin; Ron Templin; Joel Lepel; Rich Pauly; Cheryl Parpart; Les Engelmann

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

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC FORUM

Susanne Couval Templin presented to Council requesting council packets be available for viewing before/during meetings.

Joel Lepel presented with an update on National Night Out. Next year they are thinking of doing pizza from Unhinged instead of burgers/fries. Presented some general information on timing and cost for a possible 150th Celebration.

Motion: by JS to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026, regular City Council Meeting. Second by KS. All in favor.

REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Plato Planning Commission

- Commission did not meet in July.
- The next PPC meeting is set for August 18, 2026. JS will attend.

Plato Fire Department

Chief Neubarth monthly recap: had EMR refresher inhouse training, did search and rescue training in Glencoe, NNO-served root beer floats. He is trying to coordinate a class for new EMR training.

McLeod County Sheriff – none

Committee/Liaison reports:

- Holiday Lights Committee: Joel Lepel presented information on a service to decorate the park for the council's consideration. PF advised that Christine Hestad may be chairing the committee this year and PF would co-chair. PF to follow up on Andy's quote for more information and get the committee together to discuss.
- Park and Recreation/Tree Management Committee: Les Engelmann presented a proposal/quote from Tangletown Gardens to re-landscape the east side of the Community Hall and the area around the park sign in an estimated total amount of \$9,886.50. **Motion:** by JS to contract with Tangletown Gardens as presented. Second by PF. All in favor. Funds donated by the Plato American Legion will be used for the project. KS will continue working on the tree replacement in the park.
- Community Hall Committee: Council was provided with the report and anticipated abatement/management costs following Terracon's Non-Destructive Asbestos and Hazardous Material Inspection. GS advised the Community Hall Committee did not meet in August. Next meeting will be September 3.

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 July 2026 timesheets. GS advised \$15,000 was received in June as an administrative fee relating to the conduit financing.

Approve Claims – The following claims were reviewed for payment:

Check No.	Date	Vendor	Name	Amount
16947	8/10/2026	19	CITY OF GLENCOE	\$10,365.50
16948	8/10/2026	36	GAVIN JANSSEN STABENOW	\$950.00
16949	8/10/2026	65	LITZAU EXCAVATING	\$877.42
16950	8/10/2026	98	POSTMASTER	\$390.00
16951	8/10/2026	181	MINNESOTA RURAL WATER ASSN	\$450.00
16952	8/10/2026	474	+T++MOBILE	\$67.10
16953	8/10/2026	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,563.82
16954	8/10/2026	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$20.58
16955	8/10/2026	582	CLARKE ENVIRON MOSQUITO MGMT	\$682.50
16956	8/10/2026	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.89
16957	8/10/2026	732	VISA	\$169.29
16958	8/10/2026	795	MIDWEST PLAYGROUND CONT	\$695.00
16959	8/10/2026	821	LEPEL JOEL	\$82.14
16960	8/10/2026	865	IMMENSE IMPACT LLC	\$812.00
16961	8/10/2026	900	NUVERA	\$356.29
16962	8/10/2026	903	BENNY'S MEAT MARKET	\$792.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
4740	8/10/2026	453	CITY OF PLATO	\$178.14
4741	8/10/2026	562	GLENCOE FLEET SUPPLY	\$74.99
4742	8/10/2026	715	BRENDA SCHULTZ CLEANING SERV	\$300.00
4743	8/10/2026	824	ANCOM COMMUNICATIONS	\$454.64
INTERIM CLAIMS PAID:				
16937	7/27/2026	46	HAWKINS, INC	\$20.00
16938	7/27/2026	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$59.58
16939	7/27/2026	88	XCEL ENERGY	\$1,419.06
16940	7/27/2026	135	BUSSLER LAWN SERVICE	\$540.00
16941	7/27/2026	239	MCLEOD CO-OP POWER	\$131.30
16942	7/27/2026	504	MINI BIFF, LLC	\$180.54
16943	7/27/2026	544	GERALDINE A SCOTT	\$1,529.05
16944	7/27/2026	598	GRAUPMANN SCOTT	\$1,664.89
16945	7/27/2026	738	POTENTIA MN SOLAR FUND 1 LLC	\$870.59
16946	7/27/2026	777	TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	\$85.35
			US Treasury (online) July payroll tax deposit	\$1,701.52
			PERA contribution (online) for 7/1-15/26 payroll	\$579.90
			PERA contribution (online) for 7/16-31/26 payroll	\$579.90
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
4737	7/27/2026	79	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	\$30.07
4738	7/27/2026	681	FIRE CATT Precision Service Testing	\$2,288.00
4739	7/27/2026	689	JEFFERSON FIRE & SAFETY	\$419.50

Motion: by PF to approve payment of the above-stated claims, along with MN Stores/Snak Atak for \$538.77; Midwest Groundcover for \$3,080.00, League of MN Cities for \$121.00, Gopher State One Call for \$12.15, and RecTech Sales & Service for \$36.00. Second by KS. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hunt – GS advised the Notice of Violations for Abatement and the report were sent to JKH Holdings/Joseph Hunt on 7/28/2026 by certified mail. The Notice was also posted at the property. GS provided an email from Joe Hunt received 8/10/2026 outlining what he intends to do to clean up the property. After short discussion, **Motion:** by KS to declare the property at 112 McLeod Avenue North as containing numerous hazardous conditions and hereby adopt the Order for Abatement as drafted. Second by JS. All in favor. GS will advise attorney and he will serve Joe Hunt with this Order to start the timeframe. If Joe Hunt gets the property cleaned up before the end of the 30 days, then the Order will be dismissed.

JS advised that she received an email from Joe Hunt on 8/10/2026 regarding the installation of a fence. Since there has been a question relating to the south property line of the property and depending on the placement of the fence, a survey might be required before zoning approval would be granted.

Complaints – GS advised she received a complaint relating to a boat parked on the street at 212 1st Street NE for over a month. GS sent a letter to the residents and the boat has been moved. Complaint was closed.

Pavement Management/Road-Infrastructure Project – SG reported the City Engineer did not believe that road core samples would be of any benefit at this time. After short discussion, Council felt the committee needs to meet to look at the project and timeframe to keep moving forward. GS to start the scheduling process to hopefully meet before the September council meeting.

PRE Family LLC et al vs. Mark L Lange, et al (includes the City) – update per Attorney Moldan is that she will be meeting with Plaintiffs’ attorney in the next of couple of weeks to sort through the filings and cross filings.

200 4th Avenue SE – NE and AF met with Rich Pauly on 7/28/2026 in regard to the “house” on the property, which is a zoning ordinance violation. **Motion:** by AF setting a 90-day timeframe to have the “house” removed from the property. If not completed at that time, the matter will be turned over to the City Attorney for violation proceedings. Second by PF. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by PF to accept a donation from the GSL Trapshooting in amount of \$1,909.89 as required per the charitable gambling ordinance. Second by JS. All in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST:

KS believes the City needs to look at its position relating to data centers as other cities in the area are dealing with the issue. GS to do some research on a possible moratorium/ordinance.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- SG confirmed that Dennis Oltmann will cover water/sewer alarms and Bussler Lawn Service will cover the mowing while he is on vacation – August 24-28.
- NE again requested the park slide be addressed. The company came and said it was fixed, but it is still loose. Also, there are still some missing screws. SG to set a time to have a representative meet with NE to address these equipment issues.
- Discussion on marking the grates in the grass in the park. SG to handle.

CLERKS REPORT:

- GS advised during the filing period one candidate filed for Mayor (Kyle Strobel) and three candidates filed for the two open city council seats (Shane Palmquist, Alicia Luckhardt, Susanne Couval Templin).
- GS prepared and provided donation tracking sheets for the Plato Legion and Plato Lions. She will also prepare one for National Night Out and GSL Trapshooting to track where funds were spent.

OTHER:

none

Motion: by AF to adjourn meeting. Second by KS. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Neil Engelmann
Mayor

Gerri Scott
Clerk/Treasurer