

JUNE 16, 2026

CITY OF PLATO PLANNING COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Plato Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson, Shane Palmquist, at 6:30 p.m. on the 16th day of June 2026, at the Plato Fire Hall meeting room.

Planning Commission members present: Shane Palmquist, Danny Hestad, Kris Boesche, Lloyd Graupmann, Troy Baumann, Tony Stepien, and Karl Pinske. (Quorum present – Lloyd Graupmann will be a non-voting member for this meeting).

Absent: Josh VonBerge

Guests: Jeannie Stumpf (Zoning Administrator), Gerri Scott (city clerk), Peg Flusemann (city council), Luke Lemmers, Ron Templin, Lois Wilkens, Mark Wilkens, Peter Ruschmeier, Tom Pinske, and Doug Falk.

Introductions were made by those in attendance.

MOTION: by TB to approve the agenda for today's meeting with a second by DH. All in favor.

MOTION: by DH to approve the May 19 meeting minutes with a second by TB. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING #1: SP read through the main points of the Solar Panel Ordinance and discussion was held. Voting members unanimously voted to approve the Solar Panel Ordinance presented with no changes. It will now be presented to the City Council at their next meeting with a recommendation to adopt.

SP and DH read through the main points of the Shipping Container Ordinance. Discussion was held and one change was made relating to the height of a container. Voting members unanimously voted in favor of the amended version of the Shipping Container Ordinance. It will now be presented to the City Council at their next meeting with the recommendation to adopt the presented (amended) version.

PUBLIC HEARING #2: Luke Lemmers' CUP request for shipping container on his property was reviewed. Luke addressed those in attendance with his plan for use of a shipping container. The CUP form was reviewed and discussion held. A list of conditional uses and ordinance variances was prepared to accompany the CUP request. Voting members then voted by paper ballot on whether to approve Mr. Lemmers' CUP request with the list of conditions/variances determined. With 2 voting yes and 4 voting no, it is the recommendation of the PPC to not allow Mr. Lemmers to place a shipping container on his property for the use he requested. Said recommendation will now be forwarded to the City Council for the final decision.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Three new fences going up in town and Peter Ruschmeier gave an update on his business expansion at Rusch Creek Services.

Next Plato Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: by DH to adjourn the meeting with a second by TB. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kris Boesche
Secretary