

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**April 25, 2011**

1. Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Brooks.
2. Invocation: Was given by Scott Fenner of the Lighthouse Baptist church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Councilman Overhuel, Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilman Keeler, and Councilman Burnham. Absent: none.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary of 4/11/11 regular meeting:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler to accept and place on file the Council Minutes/ Summary of the 4/11/11 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.**
6. General Public/ County Commissioner:  
Director Bomar congratulated Dillon Thomas & Jacob Vyverman on their completion of the firefighter academy. Clerk Farmer then gave them the oath to swear them in as firefighters for the City of Plainwell.
7. Mayor's Report/ Agenda Amendments:  
None.
8. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Resolution 11-12 was presented to Council to declare Friday April 29, 2011 as Arbor Day in the City of Plainwell. The City is celebrating its thirtieth year as a Tree City USA. The Arbor Day ceremony will be held in Darrow Park at 1:15pm and a lilac Tree will be planted in honor of Barbara Magiera.  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel to adopt Resolution 11-12 declaring Friday April 29 as Arbor Day. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. The Otsego Lions Club presented a Special Event permit to allow a pancake breakfast to be held at the Plainwell airport on May 29. This is to raise money for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks fund.  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel to approve Special Event permit 2011-001 for the Otsego Lions club pancake breakfast. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
9. Communications:  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to accept and placed on file the 4/6/11 Planning minutes and 3/11 Water Renewal report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
10. Accounts Payable:  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Steele that the bills be allowed and the orders drawn in the amount of \$146,367.89. On a roll, call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
11. General Public:  
Nick White of CRA gave an update on the Pell Park project. The bridge will be here on Thursday and will be installed next week. They will be bringing the entrance plans to council in the next few weeks.

12. Staff Comments:

Director Bomar gave a reminder that the drug drop off is this Saturday from 10 until 2pm. Officer Glerum will be on duty here in City Hall.

Several of our officers will represent Plainwell at the Zapata funeral in Kalamazoo.

Next week the High School Jr. and Sr. classes will take part in an OWI vehicle simulator.

E D Manager Schada stated that the pre- application for the Façade improvement project has been submitted. We are requesting \$240,000 for several downtown businesses.

Steensma Lawn & Power is having their ribbon cutting Saturday at 9am.

Superintendent Pond informed Council that the RBC bearing was replaced and it went well.

Superintendent Updike reported that the streets have been swept and the hydrants flushed.

Clerk Farmer announced that the Clerk's office would be open Saturday from 10 until 2pm to accept absent voter ballots for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> election.

Manager Wilson stated that a budget meeting would be scheduled within the first two weeks of May. He announced that the City has been awarded a \$367,000 enhancement grant for the M-89 project.

13. Council Comments:

Councilman Overhuel reminded everyone that Flower planting day is May 21 and invited all to volunteer. It starts at 9am in Hicks Park.

14. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

Submitted by  
Noreen Farmer  
City Clerk