

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**May 24, 2010**

1. Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Brooks
2. Invocation: None.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Keeler, Councilwoman Steele, Councilman Overhuel and Councilman Fuller. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary of 5/10/10 Regular meeting:  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Fuller to accept and place on file the Council Minutes/ Summary of the 5/10/10 Regular meeting. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.**
6. General Public/ County Commissioner:  
Commissioner Jones introduced Judicial Candidate Marge Baker. Ms. Baker is running for the judicial seat being vacated by Judge Corsiglia. E. Wilson asked about the possibility of video testimony for police officers to save time & funds rather than have an officer sit in court a full day. It's not available at this time.

Commissioner Jones gave an update on County issues.

E. Schada presented the spring beautification award to the Lohse family of 1078 N. Main. Mr. Lohse spoke of his decision to move his family to Plainwell and thanked the City for recognizing the love and care that he puts into his yard.

7. Mayor's Report/ Agenda Amendments:  
None.
8. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Marc Rowlson of 900 E. Bridge presented a site plan to allow a propane refill station. Mr. Rowlson applied for a permit from the DEQ and was approved.  
**A motion by Keeler, supported by Fuller to approve the site plan as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Victoria Hill was present to request the use of the fire hall for a senior health and information event on July 14. Ms. Hill received a copy of Director Bomar's memo regarding the use of the fire hall and stated that they would comply.  
**A motion by Fuller, supported by Keeler to approve the event permit 2010-007 as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - C. City Manager Wilson proposed a contract for the preliminary engineering for the Pell parking lot and pedestrian bridge. The City has applied for a \$639,000 grant with the cities portion of \$71,000. Permission has been granted to begin the preliminary engineering. The contract is for \$28,000 to be taken out of the matching funds.  
**A motion by Fuller, supported by Overhuel to authorize a contract with CRA to do the preliminary engineering for the Pell Park project. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - D. Superintendent Updike discussed an offer from the company paving Main Street to fill a gap in their scheduling they proposed discounted pricing to pave several additional streets within

the City. R. Updike's memo (see attached) lists the lowest ranking streets within the city. Discussion followed regarding whether to include patching and repairing of portions of W. Bridge St. as well. Council decided to send out bids to compare prices  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Fuller to authorize staff to bid out the paving of W. Bridge, Chart, Gilkey and Forbes Streets. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

9. Communications:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler to accepted and placed on file 4/29/10 PS Building Engineering Meeting, 5/17/10 Planning minutes and the 4/10 DPS & Water Renewal reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

10. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Fuller that the bills be allowed and the orders drawn in the amount of \$67,350.73. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. General Public:

Hill St was suggested for repaving.

12. Staff Comments:

Superintendent Pond suggested that the RR spur be made into a bike path and walkway. E. Schada stated that we could apply for a non-motorized trail grant.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Street landfill cleanup is underway and the water from the landfill will be treated at the wastewater plant. We have a special state permit to treat the landfill water.

ED Manager Schada attends the festival committee meetings held on Thursday mornings at 8:30. The festival plans are moving forward, additional information is posted on the City web site. The second round of the façade improvement program is underway with six applicants. The concert in the park schedule is now posted on the web page.

Superintendent Updike gave an update on the Main St. paving project and the RR spur removal. The contractor has requested a detour during the storm sewer repair on S. Main. The proposed detour does not address a truck route. Truck traffic must be addressed with any detour.

The contractor gave an option of paving on the weekends to help with traffic flow. Council was of the opinion that Saturday traffic is heavier than weekdays and did not want to consider the weekend paving option.

Clerk Farmer discussed the new legislation that will allow overseas and military voters to receive a ballot by E-mail. This will allow for easier voting for our military.

The proposed rental inspection ordinance is at the City Attorney's for review.

E. Wilson expressed sorrow at seeing the historic rail go.

13. Council Comments:

T. Overhuel thanked the volunteers for their work on Flower Planting day.

L. Steele expressed safety concerns after she witnessed the contractors working in the road without the proper safety equipment.

R. Fuller asked if the final public safety building drawing was finished. E. Wilson stated that we have not received it from the architects.

It was noted that several properties need to have grass mowed. By ordinance, the properties have to be notified before they can be cut. Notices have gone out.

14 Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

Submitted by  
Noreen Farmer  
City Clerk