

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
Budget Workshop
June 8, 2011
6:00PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Mayor Brooks

Present: Mayor Brooks, Councilman Overhuel, Councilman Burnham, Councilwoman Steele and Councilman Keeler. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Wilson.

E. Wilson started the meeting by going over the capital improvement projects throughout the various funds.

E. Wilson presented revenue and expenditure summaries for each fund.

B. Keeler mentioned that the personal property taxes might be eliminated. The General Fund loss would be approximately \$111,000. B. Keeler stated that Snyder is doing what he said he would.

D. Burnham stated that he feels the City should pave the dirt portion of Oak Street. R. Brooks stated we should pave the street now instead of waiting until next year.

At 7:00pm a tour of the former de-watering building occurred on the mill site. Council returned at 7:55pm.

Burnham asked who would get the scrap metal. E. Wilson stated that through an agreement with MDEQ the City would receive these funds.

Steele questioned if the Public Safety Department sent any employees to meth training? E. Wilson stated he did not know but will find out.

Burnham opened discussion on thoughts of renovation versus new.

Steele supported the idea of renovation. Brooks stated he thought the bays opened to the north but preferred them opening to the east, which they do.

Wilson stated that one negative is how far back the building sites and this could affect proposed housing.

Burnham stated that if the green space had to be eliminated to help with this concern, he didn't see a problem.

Wilson stated that with this plan there would not be any drive-thru bays.

Burnham indicated that there is an option to have drive-thru bays. There is a lot of flexibility to build the bays later. The frontage on M-89 is open and space is available.

Steele expressed the desire to start right away.

Burnham asked, with Council approval, how soon can the project be started.

Wilson stated it could be put Monday night's agenda.

Wilson asked each Councilmember if there were any reservations with renovating the existing de-watering building or if additional information is needed. Everyone was comfortable with the structure and Council had no reservations moving forward with the renovation.

Adjourned