

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
August 22, 2011

1. Regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Brooks.
2. Invocation: Was given by Don Imm of the Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Councilman Overhuel, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilman Burnham, Mayor Brooks and Councilman Keeler. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary of 8/8/11 regular meeting:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the Council Minutes/ Summary of the 8/8/11 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. General Public/ County Commissioner:
Heard updates from County Commissioner Black.
7. Mayor's Report/ Agenda Amendments:
The 17th annual Brooks golf outing was held and was a huge success as always.
8. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. **A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to open the public hearing at 7:09pm. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed**
TMD owner Tom Darby presented an application requesting a 198 tax abatement for \$900,853 in personal property for six years. The company is now up to 90 employees with 15 new hires.
No public comment
A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel to close the public hearing at 7:11pm. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adopt resolution 11-23 approving the Act 198 application from TMD Machining for \$900,853 in personal property for six years. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Mayor Brooks opened the discussion of the proposed noise ordinance. He expressed concerns about the 10pm to 7am noise restrictions. He thought it should be changed to 9pm. Councilman Keeler voiced the opinion that the ordinance was too restrictive and vague. He questioned how often the need for a noise ordinance has arisen. Director Bomar replied that there are not a lot of calls. B. Keeler stated that he thought the present ordinance would be sufficient under "Disturbance of the peace". Mayor Brooks agreed as long as the disturbance of the Peace was amended to include times from 9pm to 7am that the noise was restricted.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Burnham to not adopt proposed ordinance #360 Noise. On a voice vote. Motion passed.

Steele left the meeting at 7:37 pm

Staff was directed to amend the present ordinance to include the times of 9pm to 7am under "Disturbance of the Peace". The revised wording will be brought back to Council at their next regular scheduled meeting.

- C. Bob Wilcox engineer for Flies and Vandenbrink provided an overview of the steps needed and timeline to submit an application for S2grant funding. September 1st the applications will become available on a first serve basis. The Council needs to make a motion to authorize Erik Wilson to enter into an engineering agreement and hold a special meeting on Sept 1st or after to pass a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement.

A motion by Brooks, seconded by Keeler to authorize E. Wilson to enter into an engineering agreement with Flies & Vandenbrink. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

A special meeting was set for September 2 at 9am to consider a resolution to enter into a grant agreement for the S2 funding.

9. Communications:

A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel to accept and place on file the 8/17/11 Planning Commission minutes, 7/31/11 YTD Revenue/Expenditure, Investment Activity and the 7/11 Water Renewal reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler supported by Overhuel that the bills be allowed and the orders drawn in the amount of \$290,260.23. On a roll, call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. General Public:

None.

12. Staff Comments:

Director Bomar reported that the DPS gave a presentation about elder abuse at the Community center. They also have been working with Borgess-Pipp to develop a weapons free policy.

Superintendent Pond reported to Council that four other cities as well as Plainwell declined to enter into the TMDL agreement. The state is providing new language that is less restrictive and most will sign the new agreement. The agreement will be on the September 12 Agenda for Councils consideration.

ED Manager Schada announced that the CBDG Facade grant that was postponed is now able to move forward at the 25% match. There is \$200,000 in projects proposed.

Clerk Farmer stated she has been working with the Planning Commission concerning the proposed noise ordinance.

Manager Wilson reported that the punch list for Pell Park has been reviewed and the park is 99% done.

13. Council Comments:

Councilman Burnham asked when the port-a-john would be removed from Pell Park.

14. Adjournment:

A motion by Overhuel, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

Submitted by
Noreen Farmer
City Clerk