

MINUTES  
Plainwell City Council  
October 28, 2024

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Department of Public Safety building.
2. Invocation: Given by Sean Fowler of Lighthouse Baptist Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: None
5. Approval of Minutes:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 10/14/2024 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioner Report: Commission Gale Dugan gave an update on happenings throughout Allegan County.
8. Agenda approval:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the October 28, 2024 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
9. Mayor's Report: Mayor Keeler shared that he had toured the Old Orchard and that things were looking good.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Superintendent Pond discussed the purchase of gas sensing equipment for the Screen Building.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the purchase of gas sensing equipment from USA Bluebook for \$10,846.20. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Superintendent Pond discussed the purchase and installation of an exhaust fan at Cushman Lift Station.  
**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, approving the purchase and installation of an exhaust fan from RW LaPine for \$6,406.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
11. Communications:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the September 2024 Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
12. Accounts Payable:  
**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$658,392.46 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
13. Public Comments: None.
14. Staff Comments:

Community Development Manager Siegel reminded everyone about all the exciting events upcoming for the City. Indoor Farmer's Market begins 11/9 and Ladies. Leaves and Laughter is on 11/08. There is an upcoming Shop Local event as well as the tree lighting ceremony,

Deputy Superintendent Keyser shared that he is working on winterization and maintenance projects.

Superintendent Pond shared that training is going well for Deputy Superintendent Keyser.

Director Callahan reminded everything to be watchful for kids on Halloween, noting that Bridge St is a popular area for trick or treaters. Most kids go door to door from 5pm until 9pm.

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Clerk Leonard stated that Early Voting has had a record turnout, and everything is going well.

City Manager Lakamper noted that the Old Orchard project is wrapping up for the season. The contractors will be back in the spring to address any remaining issues. The newly formed Old Mill Committee met and discussed an overlay district for the Mill site, discussed zoning, and possible development options. Plainwell has posted a job opening for a new Finance Director, which can be found on the City website. Sigs have been ordered for Brook's Plaza. Consumer's Power was called in to repair a gas leak near Hicks park.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele thanked Finance Director Kelley for his years of service to Plainwell, noting she was sad to see him leave.

Councilmember Overhuel also thanked Finance Director Kelley, and will miss him.

Councilmember Keeney thanked Finance Director Kelley, stating it has been a pleasure working together over the years.

Councilmember Wisnaski congratulated Finance Director Kelley and wished him well.

16. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
Submitted by,  
JoAnn Leonard  
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
November 11, 2024

  
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JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk