

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
January 8, 2024

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. The invocation was given by Scott Fenner 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 12/27/2023 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the January 08, 2024 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Superintendent Pond discussed upgrading the lighting at the Water Renewal Plant Buildings. This upgrade comes with a \$2,362.29 rebate from Consumers Energy, and has a 3-year return on investment in which the energy savings will total the cost of the upgrade.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the contract with Michigan Energy Solutions for removal of the remaining fluorescent bulbs and to replace them with L.E.D. lighting for \$6,324.35. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Pond discussed preventative maintenance and repair for seven Rotork Actuators. These valves were installed in 2005 and have had maintenance work in the past. On-site service cost is approximately \$1,100.00 per valve, covering repair and preventative maintenance. The cost of a full rebuild is approximately \$3,500.00. This quote was provided by a sole source contractor.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeney, to approve the contract with System Specialties for maintenance and repair of seven Rotork valves for \$7,941.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Pond discussed repair work on the West Clarifier Scum Arm. The Arm was damaged when a fire hose fell in the tank during cleaning. The tank is a backup to the East tank, and will be operable after repairs are made.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, to approve the contract with W Soule to remove the scum and center well arms and to fabricate and install new arms for \$6,562.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

D. Director Callahan discussed the sale of forfeited and seized firearm inventory. Proceeds from the sale of these firearms will go toward the purchase of Glock 45 9mm pistols with red dot sights, replacing the Sig Sauer P320 pistols currently in use by the department.

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, authorizing the Department of Public Safety to sell forfeited and seized weapon inventory, as well department issued Sig Sauer P320 firearms. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. New Business:

City Manager Lakamper discussed creating an Old Orchard Special Assessment District. There are 54 homes and 2 vacant lots that would be part of this assessment. The creation of a Special Assessment District would allow the City to assess each of the 56 affected parcels a portion of the cost of upgrading to City Sewer. After discussion, Council decided to proceed with the Special Assessment District.

12. Communications:

A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the December 2023 Investment and Fund Balance reports. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$1,036,697.46 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

14. Public Comments: None.

15. Staff Comments:

Treasurer/Finance Director Kelley reported working on the budget & policies.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported that the ribbon cutting for MI Grounds went well, and that there was an article in the paper about the business as well.

Manager Lakamper shared that RFQ's are due Friday. An environmental attorney is going over the paperwork.

16. Council Comments: None.

17. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
January 22, 2024


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