Minutes

Plainwell DDA, BRA and TIFA:

February 12, 2019

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:33 a.m. by Larabel
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Members Present: Jim Turley, Paul Rizzo, Nick Larabel, Erik Wilson, Adam Hopkins

EJ Hart. Members Zelda Schippers, Mayor Rick Brooks, Tracee Dunlop – excused.

1. Approval of Minutes of Motion by Rizzo, seconded by Hart to approve 1-09-19 minutes. Motion carried.
2. General Public: None
3. Chairman’s Report: None
4. BRA Action Items
5. **Motion to accept accounts payable for January of $5,970.85 was made by Hart and seconded by Rizzo. Motion carried.**

City Manager Wilson stated the bulk of these expenditures related to mill roof repairs.

1. DDA Action Items
2. **Motion to accept accounts payable for January of $618.61 was made by Rizzo and seconded by Larabel. Motion carried**.
3. TIFA Action Items
4. **Motion to accept accounts payable for January of $890.27 was made by Larabel and seconded by Hart. Motion carried.**
5. Communications:

12/26/18 and 1/14/19 Council Minutes and 1/31/19 Financial Report were accepted and placed on file.

1. Public Comments: None
2. Staff Comments:

Manager Wilson updated the Board on the Council’s efforts to sell land on 1st Avenue and M89. Wilson stated there were some housekeeping issues with selling the property at the end of 1st Street but the M-89 property would be for sale sometime in March.

Manager Wilson stated staff was working on a grant application for demolition related to the Plainwell Paper Mill.

Manager Wilson stated the City did not receive a grant for the paving of Acorn Street, but the project has been included for funding through the Small Urban Program.

Manager Wilson stated a business owner has asked why parking tickets need to be issued for individuals leaving their car in parking lots overnight (during winter); why can’t we tag it and wait 24 hours before issuing ticket. This issue is being refereed to Public Safety.

Manager Wilson stated that a business in the industrial park has inquired about a variance for the purpose of constructing a new building. Additionally a water main that runs adjacent to the property could be an issue.

1. Member Comments:

Hart commented that a new business will be opening in the place of Dancing Dogs.

Hopkins commented that the proposed business expansion would depend on how much space will be needed to work on the water main if an issue arose.

Larabel added that water main depth would be a factor and Rizzo added the type of soil would need to be considered as well.

Adjournment: **A** **Motion by Larabel supported by Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:16a.m. was made and passed.**

Submitted by Erik J. Wilson, City Manager