

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
November 25, 2019

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Don Mejeur from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Councilmember Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 11/11/2019 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comments: None.
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
9. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Keeler welcomed a Cub Scout group in attendance.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Wilson reported on efforts to promote the Kalamazoo River as an opportunity for economic development asking Council to endorse a plan for further development efforts.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adopt Resolution 19-21 endorsing a plan outlined in the Lower Kalamazoo River Greenway Plan. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Personnel Manager Lamorandier briefed Council about the recently implemented Michigan Paid Leave Act, which allows new hires to use sick leave time as earned instead of the city's current policy to wait 6 months, and provides sick leave to certain part-time employees. The sick leave policy has been reviewed and updated accordingly.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to adopt Resolution 19-22 modifying the city's sick leave policy as per the Michigan Paid Leave Act. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. City Manager Wilson reported that the boiler system that heats City Hall and the GHD building needs repairs after the heat went out on November 16, 2019. GHD solicited three quotes and selected the low vendor at an approximately cost of \$24,000. The city's shared cost of the repair is \$9,941.00.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve boiler repairs for the City Hall Heating System with GHD at a cost of \$9,941.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

D. City Manager Wilson reported that the city is waiting for approval for a \$5.1-million grant for mill demolition, after having received a 90-day extension. As part of the approval process, the city needs to provide bids for demolition, which is dependent upon the city obtaining architectural services to determine specifications to be included in the bid document.

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve an architectural contract from HopkinsBurns in the amount of \$49,500.00. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

E. City Manager Wilson reported that the bid documents are also dependent on structural engineering specifications. He also reported that both HopkinsBurns and Robert Darvas had worked on previous demolitions at the Mill, so they are familiar with the site.

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to approve a structural engineering contract from Robert Darvas Associates in the amount of \$29,500. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications:

A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the October 2019 Water Renewal and Public Safety Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$205,913.03 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments:

Cub Scouts John Dalaet and Jackson Albrecht asked Council about the water tower on the mill site and discussed the options of maintaining the tower versus demolition.

14. Staff Comments:

Personnel Manager Lamorandier discussed having reviewed options for training software to update the city's training schedule.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported that the loose leaf pickup ended today and that the street sweeping would be complete by Thanksgiving.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported the Shop Small Saturday event on November 30. She also noted the December 6 Holiday Walk and Tree Lighting, then the December 7 Holiday parade.

Superintendent Pond reported repairs to the tanks, reinstating the backup tank to working condition.

Director Bomar reported an upcoming meeting with the Secret Service to plan a December 4 motorcade for the Vice President. He also briefed Council on an upcoming training simulation.

Treasurer Kelley reported that winter tax bills, with the calendars, are being mailed on November 27 and have a February 14 due date.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and wished safety for everyone.

Council Member Wisnaski wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Keeler again thanked the Cub Scouts for attending the meeting


16. Adjournment:

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

December 9, 2019



Brian Kelley, City Clerk