

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**September 26, 2016**

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation was given by Matt Hooper of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Keeney and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 09/12/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
  - A. Ryan Kronk, Operations Manager from Plainwell Area EMS, presented Chief Bomar and the Plainwell Public Safety Department with an award on behalf of the American Heart Association. The award is part of the AHA's program called Mission Life Line, recognizing excellent first-responder care for heart patients. As part of the award, the AHA presented the city with a new Life Pack AED 1000 machine with a market value of \$2,500. Special recognition was given to Public Safety Officer David Rantz for managing the first-responder team for training and certifications. The text of Mr. Kronk's award presentation is below:

"Plainwell Public Safety has earned the team Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze award from the American Heart Association. This award acknowledged the work, training, and commitment by EMS agencies and Medical First Responders to improve the overall quality of care for the STEMI patient. EMS providers are vital to the overall success of Mission: Lifeline STEMI Systems of Care, as early identification of the STEMI patient and early access to 12 lead ECG machines with implemented protocols, are agents that are driving significant improvements in the care of STEMI patients. On behalf of the American Heart Association, as well as your patients, thank you for your hard work and dedication."
  - B. Economic Development Manager Denise Siegel present the city's photo contest winners.

9-12 year People's Choice – Janae Yoder- "Two Tailed Swallowtail"  
13-16 year People's Choice – Katie Groner – "Fall is in the Air"  
Adult People's Choice 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Becca Mitchell – "Decked Out for Christmas"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Becca Mitchell – "Snowy Morning on the River"  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Earl Batenburg – "Double Rainbow"  
Best In Show winner – Alex Wieland "Reflection"
7. Agenda Amendments: None.
8. Mayor's Report: None.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Denise Sweet notified Council of the annual Pumpkins in the Park event and the tradition it's become over the years. The event is scheduled for October 15, 2016.  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to approve Special Event Permit 2016-016 for the Pumpkins in the Park Fall Festival on October 15, 2016. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Mayor Brooks has reappointed members to several boards & commissions.  
**A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, to confirm the Mayor's reappointments as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

- C. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the need for new component parts to compliment the recently approved and purchased methane gas flare. This purchase will help the city realize the efficiencies from the new flare.

**A motion by Keeney, supported by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of supplementary waste gas flare components from Shand & Jurs for \$9,620. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

- D. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the next phase of the budgeted project to upgrade the Wedgewood Lift Station.

**A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of a replacement control panel for the Wedgewood Lift Station from Control Systems Integrator for \$8,713. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

10. Communications:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the August 2016 Water Renewal and Public Safety reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$189,744.93 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Public Comments

None.

13. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier thanked Denise Sweet for her work with the kids in the parks.

Economic Development Manager Siegel reminded everyone of many community-wide events taking place on October 15. She noted the Christian Neighbors Path Walk on October 2. She briefed Council about doing some re-work on a DNR grant proposal for an accessible restroom at Sherwood Park. Finally, she noted that the Planning Commission had approved the Master Plan and that it would be considered by Council on October 10.

Superintendent Pond remarked that his capital projects are moving along nicely.

Chief Bomar noted the 57<sup>th</sup> District Court would be having a real-life court session at the Plainwell Performing Arts Center at 1pm on September 30, open to the public. He also noted that the Red Cross along with Plainwell firefighters would be canvassing neighborhoods to hand out and install smoke detectors.

Treasurer Kelley noted that the auditors completed the fieldwork on September 21, 2016 without incident.

14. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem Overhuel noted that City Manager Wilson had won his fantasy football game.

Councilwoman Steele noted that there was an issue with the barbed wire around the chlorinator near her home because turkeys were getting stuck inside the fence.

15. Adjournment:

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

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer