

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
November 11, 2024

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Ken Fritz 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 10/28/2024 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. Harvest Stroll Contest - Winners: People's Choice Award – Jaqua Realtors
Best In Show Award – A Bushel & a Peck
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the November 11, 2024 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Lakamper discussed Resolution 2024-22 to update the 2024-2025 Fines and Fees schedule to include a Hydrant Access Fee. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the fee being based on the replacement cost of a hydrant, the meter and back-flow preventer, and the ball valve, and would be used to replace only as needed.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, adopting Resolution 2024-22 as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Assistant Superintendent Keyzer discussed the sale of two used lawn mowers at auction that both need repair and are used mostly for parts.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving City staff to market and sell two used lawn mowers that need repair. 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 October 2024 Investment and Fund Balance Reports, the 9/10/2024 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes and the 9/12/2024 Parks & Trees meeting minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
12. Accounts Payable:
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$181,502.38 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
13. Public Comments: None.
14. Staff Comments:

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated that the new packer truck has streamlined the leaf collection process from 200 man hours per week down to around 80.

Community Development Manager Siegel stated that the Brooks Plaza sign had been delivered. She reported the Ladies' Night function this past Friday was a huge success. She noted that the Indoor Farmers Market was off to a great start. She

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also noted that the Michigan Economic Development Commission (MEDC) staff would be in Plainwell Friday the 15th touring various sites.

Assistant Superintendent Keyser noted ongoing maintenance work.

Superintendent Pond reported an annual removal of 500,000 gallons of bio-solids from the plant facility.

Director Callahan noted continued work on accreditation for the department.

Finance Director/Treasurer Kelley thanked Clerk Leonard and her staff for successfully processing 2,000 total ballots for the November 5 election. He thanked all the Veterans for their service, and noted continued work on the work transition.

City Manager Lakamper asked Council if anyone was interested in a Thursday the 14th visit to Grand Rapids to tour developments undertaken by a group that is interested in developing a portion of the Mill Site. He also asked Council if they would be interested in asking questions of a Finance Director candidate. He thanked Denise Siegel for a great Ladies' Night event. He noted the near completion of the Capital Improvement Plan which will soon be presented to Planning and then the Council. He reminded Council of the upcoming staff Christmas Party and asked for their RSVPs. Lastly, he noted a possible upcoming amendment to the purchase agreement with Plainwell Auto regarding a relocation of the land to be purchased.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Keeney and Mayor Pro-Tem Steele thanked all the Veterans.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
Deputy City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
November 25, 2024



JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk