

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**June 20, 2023**

1. Mayor Keeler called the special meeting to order at 5:33 PM in Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: None.
4. New Business:

- A. Finance Director Kelley gave a report on the draft 2023/2024 city budget. He noted that the Solid Waste and Motor Pool (Equipment) Funds were of the biggest concern from a financial standpoint. The Motor Pool Fund provides the gas and diesel for the Public Works and Public Safety departments and with the uncertain cost of fuel into the budget year, the budget reflects an increase in operational costs.

City Manager Justin Lakamper discussed the General Fund and long-term revenue options. He gave an update about the proposed sale of land in the Industrial Park area, and the challenges with offering utility service to entire area.

Discussion continued regarding the collection of fees for the recycling and bulk-trash program. These fees can only be collected on a tax bill once they are delinquent for a 3-month period. The city has the opportunity to create special assessment districts which would allow the collection of the charges on future tax bills. Council discussed whether the majority of the property owners would want to continue the recycling program. Council recommended to pursue the special assessment process for collecting the recycling and bulk-trash revenue.

Council discussed the options for contract services for vehicle maintenance.

5. Public Comments: None.
6. Council Comments: None.
7. Adjournment:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
Submitted by,  
Brian Kelley  
Deputy City Clerk / Finance Director

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June 26, 2023

  
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Brian Kelley, Deputy City Clerk