

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
September 12, 2016

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation was given by Don Mejeur of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Councilman Keeler and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel and Councilman Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 08/22/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
None
7. Agenda Amendments: None.
8. Mayor's Report
The Mayor remarked that it hardly seemed 15 years since 9/11.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Chief Bomar reported that the 1982 Ford/Clay Craft ambulance apparatus has been auctioned off with a total of four (4) bidders. He recommends selling the vehicle to the high bidder, Larry Cheesbro of Muskegon for \$1,175.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to approve the sale of the 1982 Ford/ClayCraft fire apparatus to the high bidder for \$1,175. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Treasurer Kelley noted that the city's Investment Policy authorizes the City Treasurer to report on the approved depositories. He noted that the Resolution before Council authorizes the banks that could be used by the city as depositories for the city's money. He also requested the Chemical Bank be listed as the primary depository for the city's funds as its fees and services better fit the city's needs.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve Resolution 16-18 for Approved Financial Institutions as Depositories. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. City Manager Wilson briefed Council on a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project to repair runway cracks at the Airport. The city is responsible for 50% of the project (\$2,500), which has been budgeted. As with other MDOT project, the State requires a resolution from Council authorizing the Manager to sign the documents.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve Resolution 16-19 authorizing the MDOT Contract 2016-0438 to repair cracks in the airport runway to authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to the project. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- D. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the need to move the power supply at the WR plant to a more aesthetic and safe location. Consumers Energy has bid on the project, which was included in the current budget cycle.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve the service project with Consumers Energy to relocate the WR Plant power supply for \$14,221. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- E. Superintendent Updike briefed Council about the city's main front-end loader what had experienced a hardware failure and the repair contractor (AIS Construction) recommended replacing the coupler part rather than repairing it – a better long-term solution. The purchase was made as an emergency purchase due to pending leaf pickup and snowfall.

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, to confirm the emergency purchase of a replacement coupler arm on the John Deere front end loader from AIS Construction for \$7,581.97. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- F. Superintendent Updike briefed Council about a critical component of the water system that had recently failed. A replacement variable frequency drive for Well 7 was ordered, under emergency, in order to maintain the integrity of the water system.

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, to confirm the emergency purchase of a variable frequency drive for Well 7 from Kendall Electric in the amount of \$6,607.25. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- G. Superintendent Pond briefed Council about upgrading the HVAC system in the Control Building and recommends using Thermal Tech Engineering for the design phase.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve the professional services project for design engineering for the HVAC system at the Control Building from Thermal Tech Engineering in the amount of \$7,475.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler to accept and place on file the August 2016 Investment and Fund Balance 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 \$662,930.22 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Public Comments

None.

13. Staff Comments

Economic Development Manager Siegel reminded everyone that the public hearing for the Master Plan Update is September 21, 2016 at 7pm. She also noted applying for a \$6,000 grant from the Delano Foundation for the Dog Park. She reminded everyone that voting continues through September 16 for the photo contest. She also listed a number of community events on Saturday, September 17.

Personnel Manager Lamorandier noted that she is working with Public Safety to interview potential paid-on-call firefighters. She also remarked how wonderful the parks still look.

Superintendent Updike noted that the city's paving projects should be completed by September 23, weather permitting.

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

Chief Bomar noted that he is tracking legislation moving through Lansing regarding legalization of marijuana and would keep Council briefed.

Treasurer Kelley noted that the auditors will be on-site the week of September 19.

City Manager Wilson noted that Kalamazoo Habitat for Humanity would be redoubling efforts to place a family in need into the land owned by the organization inside the city. He also noted that the available real estate in Plainwell is moving fast.

14. Council Comments:

None

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer