

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**June 13, 2016**

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Invocation: Was given by Steve Smail of the Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeney, Councilman Keeler 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 06/08/2016 special meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. General Public / County Commissioner:  
None.
7. Agenda Amendments:  
None
8. Mayor's Report  
Mayor Brooks said it was a privilege to recite the Pledge of Allegiance especially given recent tragedies locally and nationally.
9. Recommendations and Reports:  
  
**A. A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to set a public hearing for June 27, 2016 at 7pm for consideration and adoption of the 2016/2017 Plainwell City Budget. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
10. Communications:  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele to accept and place on file the 05/31/2016 Investment and Fund Balance Reports, the 2015 Annual Public Safety Report, the April 2016 DPS Report and the Many 2016 Water Renewal Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
11. Accounts Payable:  
**A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$133,328.66 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
12. Public Comments  
Jim Turley, member of the DDA Board, spoke to the issue of parking in the Anderson Lot, specifically behind his new business, RW Eats at 137 E. Bridge St. He noted that the

congestion and minimal maneuvering space was at issue with the increased traffic with the new business. He noted that his building has recently been hit twice and that a delivery vehicle was recently damaged while in the lot. There is currently 18' between the back of his building to the nearest parking spot. He showed Council a plan to have the entrance to the parking lot off Anderson become a one-way entry (to the West) with angled parking in the row nearest to the E. Bridge buildings/businesses. Mr. Turley indicated that he'd talked with several of the E. Bridge property owners and had not received any negative feedback to the plan. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1,100 and Mr. Turley offered to carry a "lion's share of the cost" if it would benefit the community. Mayor Brooks offered to make contact with the owner of Joe's Pizza. Chief Bomar has reviewed the proposal and noted the need for signage and handicap spots as part of the project. Council referred the proposal to the Administration and recommends all the business owners adjacent to the parking lot be notified and further recommended the project be added to the June 21, 2016 BRA-TIFA-DDA Meeting agenda.

State Representative Mary Whiteford provided Council an update on the recently approved State of Michigan budget that includes funding for firefighters, education and Detroit schools. She further noted recently passed legislation that affects local units as it relates to empty business buildings and the options before the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Finally, she noted an upcoming breakfast training opportunity for elected officials that will discuss topics such as internet services, Kalamazoo River issues and revenue sharing.

#### 13. Staff Comments

Superintendent Pond updated Council on a building painting project.

ED Manager Siegel reported that the Master Plan draft was complete and would be considered at the June 15 Planning Commission meeting, in preparation for an August 22, 2016 public hearing. She updated Council on the Farmer's Market and a recent visit from the Michigan DNR related to the Sherwood Park restroom grant. Finally, she invited everyone to the RW Eats Grand Opening at 137 E. Bridge on Thursday June 16, 2016 at 4pm.

Chief Bomar reported that he was heavily involved in cooperating with multiple agencies for a Tuesday June 14, 2016 memorial bike ride through Plainwell commemorating the June 7, 2016 bike accident victims. He noted there would be traffic delays during the event on Douglas, South Main, East Bridge and Sherwood – primarily between 7pm and 9pm.

Treasurer Kelley reported that he is working on wrapping up the budget, starting the audit and keeping the victims in Kalamazoo and Orlando in his thoughts.

City Manager Wilson noted that Tony and Sharon from the Plainwell Community Center would be invited to the June 27, 2016 meeting to discuss options for the future of the center and the building that the city owns.

#### 14. Council Comments:

None

15. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer