

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**February 10, 2025**

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Brian Warren of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Wisnaski, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Green. Absent: None
5. Approval of Minutes:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Meeting Minutes of the 01/27/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioners Report: None.
8. Agenda approval:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Agenda for the February 10, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
9. Mayor's Report: Mayor Keeler mentioned how beautiful the sun was, but to expect snow on Wednesday.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. City Manager Lakamper, Superintendent Pond and Deputy Superintendent Keyzer discussed the purchase and use of an asset management software system. Asset management software is required by our NDPES Permit, and it's uses extend to other City departments, like Public Safety and the Department of Public Works. Silversmith Data is Michigan based, and priced lower than competitors.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the purchase of asset management software from Silversmith Data for \$6,592.00 and approving the annual hosting fee of \$2,185.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Deputy Superintendent Keyzer discussed the purchase of a replacement auger for the grit mitt. Council had previously approved the fabrication and installation of a new main body piece by W Soule, which requires disassembly of the grit mitt unit. W Soule can fabricate a replacement auger as well, and install it while the grit mitt is apart.  
**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, approving the fabrication and replacement of the existing grit auger by W Soule for \$8,749.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - C. City Manager Lakamper discussed the sale of land in Industrial Park. There are 28 acres available, and the City has received two offers. Offer 1 is from USA Earthworks for 15 acres. Offer 2 is from Complete Remarketing Services for the full 28 acres.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the sale of approximately 28 acres of real property located at 830 Miller Road, Plainwell, MI 49080 with a permanent parcel ID# of 55-020-056-00 to Complete Remarketing Services and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the property subject to final approval by the City Manager and City Attorney. Further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any documents or other agreements necessary to close on the sale of the property subject to final review by the City Manager and City Attorney. Further authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the property subject to this motion. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
11. Communications:

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**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the January 2025 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Green, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$275,231.57 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Public Comments: Eric Fein of 219 Washington spoke about the Ordinance restricting overnight street parking during the winter months. He has limited parking space, and four drivers with vehicles at his residence.

14. Staff Comments:

Personnel Coordinator/Treasurer Kersten had nothing to report.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated that the light pole by Edward Jones downtown had been hit during the ice storm. A replacement has been ordered and should arrive in about 5 weeks.

Community Development Manager Siegel shared that the Chocolate Stroll had a great turnout. She has asked for architectural designs for Hick's Park, including the fire pit and Brook's Plaza. There will be a Mill Committee meeting later in the week.

Deputy Superintendent Keyzer stated he is preparing for the asset management program and budget preparation.

Superintendent Pond had nothing to report.

Director Callahan shared the importance of reminding young adults of the potential consequences of inappropriate text messages.

Clerk Leonard had nothing to report.

City Manager Lakamper reported that NAPA Auto had provided some conceptual drawings of the new building planned for construction on the Mill property. There are three parties interested in developing the Mill property. All three will be discussed at the upcoming Mill Committee meeting. The City was donated land at Darrow Park that will be used for a kayak launch. 123net has finished in Plainwell for now, but will return in the spring.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Green asked about the date for Art Hop.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele thanks Community Development Manager for an excellent Chocolate Stroll Event. Everything was great, and she and her sisters had a wonderful time together.

Mayor Keeler shared that he enjoyed sitting and visiting with Dale Burnham during the Chocolate Stroll.

16. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
submitted by,  
JoAnn Leonard  
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
February 24, 2025

  
JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk