

CITY OF PLAINWELL
MINUTES
Planning Commission
September 6, 2017

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p. m. by Chair Lubic
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Jay Lawson, Lori Steele, Diana Lubic, Jim Higgs, Chris Haas, Gary Sausaman
Excused: Chris Slinkman
4. Approval of Minutes – 7/19/17
Sausaman motioned to approve minutes as received seconded by Steele. Minutes approved.
5. Chairperson’s Report:
Lubic reported that she will be attending the Michigan State Planning Conference on Mackinac Island in October.
6. New Business:
 - A. **A motion by Hass, supported by Higgs to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to hear comment on the request to rezone the Mill property of 542,548,554, 600 Allegan St. from CBD (Central Business District to C2 (General Commercial) for the development of Sweetwater Donut Mill. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
 - B. *Discussion* – the property was originally listed as CBD to avoid Industrial businesses, such as a junk yard from being developed on the Mill property, thus protecting the surrounding neighborhood and businesses. Knowing there was an option of re-zoning at an appropriate time. Rick Schell, of R. E. Schell Enterprises L.L.C. spoke about the fit of the Sweetwater Development in a C2 zone would work due to the parking requirements and the need for a free standing sign along M89, as well as the other businesses on M89 is all zoned C2.
7. Old Business:
None
8. Public Comment:
None
9. Reports and Communications:
A. Accepted the 7/10, 7/24, 8/14 & 8/17 Council Minutes. **Minutes were accepted as presented.**
10. Staff Comments:
Siegel mentioned that the City is in the review process for the Redevelopment Ready Certification through the MEDC.
11. Commissioner Comments:

Higgs commented on the County Commission minutes regarding Allegan County millage for more Sheriff Patrols in the County.

12. Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Denise Siegel, Community Development Manager