City of Plainwell

Rick Brooks, Mayor Lori Steele, Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Keeler, Council Member Roger Keeney, Council Member Todd Overhuel, Council Member



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Agenda Planning Commission December 21, 2016 7:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Approval of Minutes: 11/02/16 Planning Meeting
- 5. Chairman's Report
- 6. New Business:
 - A. Zoning Permit Application Review 900 E. Bridge St.

Commission will review the application to erect a 6 foot fence around the property.

- 7. Old Business:
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Reports and Communications: A. 10/24/16, 11/14/16 and 11/28/16 Council minutes
- 10. Staff Comments
 - A. City Update
- 11. Commissioners Comments
- 12. Adjournment

CITY OF PLAINWELL MINUTES Planning Commission November 2, 2016

- 1. Call to Order at 7:00 p. m. by Chair Lubic
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
- 3. <u>Roll Call</u>: Present: Chris Haas, Jim Higgs, Jay Lawson, Lori Steele, Diana Lubic. Excused Absent: Chris Slinkman, Gary Sausaman
- Approval of Minutes 9/21/16: Higgs moved to approve the 9/21/16 meeting with a correction of the word motion being changed to moved, Haas moved to approve minutes, as corrected. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
- 5. <u>Chairperson's Report:</u> Lubic gave a review of the 3 day training session of the Michigan Association of Planning Conference she attended, and her acknowledgement of 20 years.
- <u>New Business:</u> Welcome to Jay Lawson to the Planning Commission
 A. Site Plan Review of the Plainwell Diner / Barbed Wire Café Discussion. Time
 line to be completed is by Plainwell Fest Days, discussion around the Jenson Lot
 (sell, lease). Higgs Moves to approve site plan to go before the City Commission
 supported by Steele. Motion carried
- 7. <u>Old Business</u>: A. None
- 8. <u>Public Comment:</u> None
- 9. <u>Reports and Communications:</u> A. Accepted the 9/12/16; 9/26/16 & 10/10/16 Council Minutes. B. Accepted the 7/26/16 M40/M89 Corridor Committee Minutes
- 10. Staff Comments:

Erik Wilson reported out about the new medical marijuana zoning, stating growing, processing, testing transporting and sales facilities are now legal in Michigan. Question is does Plainwell want to allow one or more of these facilities in the community; we would have to pass an ordinance to allow it.

Reported out on the RRC application process Announce staff changes, Denise Siegel taking over planning portion of duties from the City Clerk, Noreen Farmer Wesco Lot clearance from the EPA Harding's Interest in building

11. <u>Commissioner Comments</u>: All Commissioners' welcomed Jay Lawson Haas announced a fundraiser on Nov. 20 for the Christmas Project, to be held at Gun Plain Township cost is \$20 from 12 noon – 3 p.m. Lawson thanked the City and commission for his position

12. <u>Adjournment:</u> **The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Denise Siegel, Economic Development Manager

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City of Plainwell -	Zoning Permit Application Rev: 2/2010
Fee: \$5.00 / Additional review fees may be i Date: 12-6-16 Address of Project: 900 E Brodge S	mposed Permit #: $2016 - 032$ Parcel ID Number: $55 - 029 - 073 - 00$
Owner: - JAMES WEIGHT Owner's Address: BABAE GALE C LALAMAZOO, ME, Owner's Phone Number: 269-806-7583 C	Contractor: WELGHT Faste LLC Contractor Address: 8984 E G Ave Kacanazoo, Mt Contractor Phone Number: ZBR-806-7583
Work to be done (please check all that app New Building Construction Building Demolition Fence	Dly): Existing Building Addition/Alteration Moving a Building Sign
Other (please describe):Zoning District of this property (check):Single Family Residential(R-1A)Single and Two Family Residential (R-1C)Planned Mobile Home (R-MH)Planned Unit Development (PUD)Central Business (CBD)Community Service(C-S)General Manufacturing (M-2)General Description of Project (use back of page if	Single Family Residential (R-1B) Multi-Family Residential (R-2) Local Commercial (C-1) Service Business (SB) Restricted Manufacturing (M-1)
Will the work performed in this application change the <u>Use</u> of this property? <u>Yes</u> <u>X</u> No Total Cost of Project: <u>Yes</u> <u>Appo</u> After project is complete, the setbacks established will be (if applicable):	
Front:ft. Back:ft. Side:ft. Sideft. Does this project involve a (check one):Non-conforming useNon-conforming structureN/A X_N/A Is this a home occupation? \mathcal{NO} If so what kind Any type of special equipment use? \mathcal{NO} Electrical Plumbing	
Is this project consistent with the Master Plan <u>yes</u> no If no please explain on back.	
Will this project result in an increase in off-street pa	urking?yes <u>K</u> no
I understand that before the issuance of a building permit Application. Additionally, the UNDERSIGNED affirms property authorized to represent the interests of all prope answers and statements herein contained and all maps, pl attached are in all respects true to the best of his/her/thein UNDERSIGNED acknowledges they have received or har relevant to said project, and further, will comply with sait Signature of Applicant(s):	that he/she/they is (are) the owner of subject rty owners involved in this application and that the lans, and other information herewith submitted and knowledge and belief. Additionally, the ave been made available all applicable Ordinances d-Ordinances
Office Use Only Approved: Denied: Signature and Date of Zoning Administrator (or des Remarks:	



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December 4, 2016

Gary Sausaman 1289 West M-89 Plainwell, MI 49080

Mr. Sausaman,

Please find the rough sketch drawing attached with this letter. It shows the proposed fence line for the property at 900 E Bridge St:

Along the west property line from the front edge of the building the fence will be 6' high Black Coated Chain Link Fence. The fence will stop approximately 70' from the front lot pin.

Along the east property line from the front edge of the building extended the fence will be 6' high Black Coated Chain Link fence. The fence will stop approximately 25' from the front lot pin.

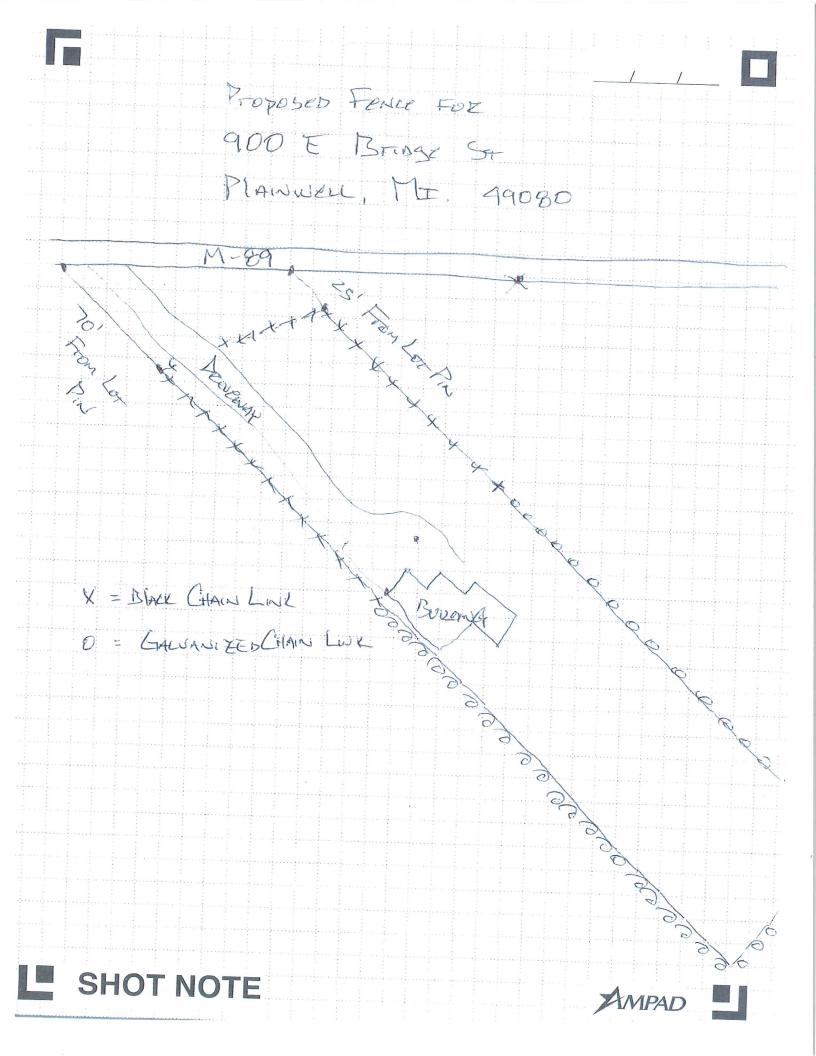
The front fence running somewhat parallel to Bridge St, the fence will be 6' high Black Coated Chain link fence with a 20' wide gate opening across the existing driveway.

Remainder of fence will run along property lines from the front edge of the building to the back of the property and enclose the property. This fence material will be 6' tall Galvanized Chain Link fence.

The front area outside the fence will be kept open for signage in the future and possible fence displays.

The above layout and attached sketch are for the City of Plainwell to review for approval of the future fence. Thank you for your time and consideration.

James Wright The Wright Fence LLC



MINUTES Plainwell City Council October 24, 2016

- 1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
- 2. Invocation was given by Robert Beltran of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
- 4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Keeney and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: None.
- Approval of Minutes/Summary: A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 10/10/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- General Public / County Commissioner: County Commissioner Don Black continues to look for feedback regarding the American Psychiatric Foundation's desire to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails.
- 7. Agenda Amendments: None.
- 8. Mayor's Report: Mayor Brooks recognized Plainwell High School football and boys soccer for recent victories over Otsego, and wished the boys soccer team well in upcoming state tournament play.
- 9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Treasurer Kelley briefed Council on the permit requesting the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade ceremonies, scheduled for December 2 and 3, 2016.
 A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve Special Event Permits 2016-17 and 2016-18 for the Community Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Economic Development Manager Denise Siegel presented the updated Master Plan that had been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. She briefed Council on the process and showed maps for future land use, non-motorized transportation and a concept plan for the mill site. City Manager Wilson noted involvement from the community and the Planning Commission for many aspects of the Master Plan and recognized/thanked a group of city residents who have been very involved specifically with the non-motorized transportation plans. It was noted that the Zoning maps were the most challenging part of the process given differing data between jurisdictions, which are mostly related to timing of information. Council considered the resolution documenting the process.
 A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to approve Resolution 16-20 adopting the updated City of
 - Plainwell Master Plan. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.C. Chief Bomar briefed Council on the updated weapons ordinance which incorporates recent State Law
 - changes and new definitions, as well as brings the city back into compliance with the Second Amendment. A motion by Keener, supported by Keeler to adopt Ordinance 377 updating the Weapons Ordinance. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the sewer jetter machine which had a recent pump failure. The machine is 25 years old and has had engine repairs last year, yet it still more cost effective than outsourcing the work that is done by these machines.
 A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, to approve the emergency purchase of a high pressure pump for the 1991 Sewer Cleaning Machine, as presented. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the June 2, 2016 Inter-Municipal Sewer Minutes, the September 2016 Public Safety and Water Renewal 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 \$153,916.49 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- 12. Public Comments None.
- 13. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier noted a successful birthday party for Noreen Farmer last week and was pleased at the community turnout.

Superintendent Updike noted successful testing of all the recent paving projects and that his staff continues to work the leaves as they fall.

Superintendent Pond briefed Council that testing was underway for the new permit, and that the electric pole onsite had been moved to a safer location and the electric wires raised substantially.

Economic Development Manager Siegel noted success for last weekend's community events downtown, than 94 home tour tickets were sold and that the indoor farmers' market is coming. She also noted that the 2016 Christmas Ornaments arrived today and are for sale.

Chief Bomar noted recent trainings department-wide and with other jurisdictions, moving toward standardizing procedures state-wide. He also updated Council on a recent vehicle accident which resulted in totaling the 2007 Crown Victoria vehicle, which is now out of service.

Treasurer Kelley noted that he continues to prepare for the November election.

City Manager Wilson thanked Julie Shannon and Denise Sweet for their continued work with Pumpkins in the Park. He also thanked Economic Development Manager Siegel for her work on last weekend's success in bringing people to downtown. Finally, he noted that City Clerk Noreen Farmer had submitted her letter of resignation.

14. Council Comments: None.

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully Submitted by, Brian Kelley Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer

MINUTES Plainwell City Council November 14, 2016

- 1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
- 3. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Keeney and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: None.
- Approval of Minutes/Summary: A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 10/24/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- 5. General Public / County Commissioner: County Commissioner Don Black discussed funding at the County Parks.

Economic Development Manager Siegel introduced Holly Thomas of Jaqua Realtors as the winner of the Scarecrow Contest. Of the 17 scarecrow entries this year, Jaqua's "Olaf" was voted the winner.

- 6. Agenda Amendments: None.
- 7. Mayor's Report: Mayor Brooks recognized City Clerk Noreen Farmer, who passed away on November 11, 2016, as a great asset to the city and the community as a whole, and that she will be greatly missed.
- 8. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Economic Development Manager Siegel briefed Council on the 2nd annual Candy Cane Hunt in Hicks Parks that will be combined with several downtown activities, including open classes at Dance Kraze in the former City Hall at 141 N. Main Street.
 A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, to approve Special Event Permit 2016-19 for the Community / Family Plainwell Christmas Festival on December 10, 2016. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Economic Development Manager Siegel presented a site plan for the current Plainwell Diner, which has acquired the former bait shop building just to its north. The buildings will be combined. Owner Barb Bechtel spoke about the location becoming a true community destination on the south side of downtown. She wants to continue the small-town farming feel to her establishment and anchor the history on the south side. She is anticipating an investment of \$100,000 and may employ 12 persons. The Planning Commission has reviewed the site plan and is recommending approval.
 A motion by Keeney, supported by Keeler to approve the site plan for 140 and 138 South Main. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the solicitation of bids for city-wide pipefitting and mechanical services, which would be primarily focus on well and water-renewal projects. . A motion by Keeney, supported by Overhuel, to enter into a 5-year contract for mechanical services with Allied Mechanical Services Inc., as presented. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
- 9. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler to accept and place on file the October 2016 Fund Balance and Investment Activity Reports, the 09/01/2016 Draft Inter-Municipal Sewer Minutes, the 11/02/2016 Draft Planning Commission Minutes and the 11/08/2016 Draft DDA/BRA/TIFA Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$144,699.25 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Public Comments None.

12. Staff Comments

Economic Development Manager Siegel noted November 26 is "Shop Small Saturday" and kicks off the indoor farmer's market. She noted that she is prepping for Holiday celebrations, working on the RRC Grant application and writing a grant for the dog park. She is working on learning many things related to Planning & Zoning.

Superintendent Updike noted that the city received a \$2,500 grant from Consumers for plants for the nursery. He initiated a discussion about the leaf pickup and the timing of such pickups this season with the autumn weather having been so warm. City Manager Wilson questioned the value of the fall street sweeping, which was scrubbed to allow the DPW staff to put up holiday decorations and then have time to make a last run at leaves the week after Thanksgiving, weather permitting. Finally, there was much discussion about the process for finding a suitable vehicle for the budgeted purchase of a new dump truck. Superintendent Updike is worried that he will find a vehicle only to lose it because of waiting for Council approval, which is required by Ordinance. Discussions of making a deposit on a suitable vehicle resulted in **a motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, to authorize the City Manager to make a deposit of up to \$8,750 for the budgeted dump truck purpose. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

Superintendent Pond reported that biosolids hauling was underway and that he was researching osmosis practices from Texas that may be suitable for use in the city's facility.

Personnel Manager Lamorandier noted that Noreen's visitation and funeral were scheduled at Life Story Funeral Home on Woodhams Street. Visitation is Tuesday November 15 from 4pm to 8pm. Funeral services are Wednesday November 16 at 10am.

Treasurer Kelley congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel and Councilwoman Steele for being the top two candidates for the Council seats at the November 8, 2016 election. He reported that 1,695 ballots were tallied and that 1,329 voters came through the doors on Election Day. He thanked the election inspectors for enduring an 18+ hour day.

City Manager Wilson requested of Council that City Hall be closed on Wednesday November 15, 2016 from 9.30am until 1.30pm to allow staff to attend the funeral of City Clerk Noreen Farmer. Council supported the closure without question. He also noted that the city had received an offer for the Harding's Building on Monday the 14th and that the offer was delivered to Council for consideration at the November 28, 2016 meeting.

13. Council Comments: None.

14. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully Submitted by, Brian Kelley Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer

MINUTES Plainwell City Council November 28, 2016

- 1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
- 2. Scott Fenner of Lighthouse Baptist Church offered condolences for Noreen Farmer's passing and gave the invocation.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
- 4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Keeney and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: None.
- Approval of Minutes/Summary: A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 11/14/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- 6. Mayor Brooks turned the meeting over to Deputy Clerk Brian Kelley at 7:02pm, who congratulated Lori Steele and Todd Overhuel for being re-elected to the Plainwell City Council. Oaths of Office were administered to both.
- Deputy Clerk Kelley stated that the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem were slated to election. He opened the floor for nominations for both offices.
 A motion by Keeney, supported by Keeler, to nominate Richard Brooks as Mayor. With no further nominations, Deputy Clerk Kelley took a voice vote with all in favor to elect Richard Brooks as Mayor, passed.

A motion by Keeney, supported by Overhuel, to nominate Lori Steele as Mayor Pro-Tem. With no further nominations, Deputy Clerk Kelley took a voice vote with all in favor to elect Lori Steele as Mayor Pro-Tem, passed.

Deputy Clerk Kelley turned the meeting back over to Mayor Brooks at 7:06pm.

8. General Public / County Commissioner:

Chief Bomar recognized Joy Sausaman for 15 years of service. He listed many of the duties Joy performs and has performed over her career thus far. She provides many support functions to the Plainwell Public Safety Department as well as other related organizations and is the main "go-to" for the department. City Manager Wilson echoed the positive sentiments.

Superintendent Updike recognized Aaron Bird for his 10 years of service. Aaron is a versatile worker with many skills from welding to repairs to flat-work. He is always in motion and works hard for whatever task is at hand.

- 9. Agenda Amendments: None.
- 10. Mayor's Report: Go Broncos!
- 11. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Wilson presented three (3) amended job descriptions to reflect what has been shifted as a result of Noreen Farmer's retirement. The election management and record retention duties are included in the Clerk/Treasurer combined job description, most of the planning responsibilities are included in the new Community Development Manager job description, which will be Denise Siegel's position, and some administrative and tracking duties are included in the new Senior Office Clerk job description, which will be Shirley Wilfinger's and Cheryl Pickett's new job title.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve the amended job descriptions as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

B. City Manager Wilson segued the Clerk/Treasurer job description into an introduction of Brian Kelley as the new Clerk/Treasurer. He noted that Brian has been doing the work and believes this is the best action for the city going forward.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Brian Kelley as City Clerk/Treasurer. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley thanked the City Council, the Manager and the Administration for its support during the election process and looks forward to learning many new roles and responsibilities while working with the citizenry of Plainwell.

C. Community Development Manager Siegel briefed Council on a resolution that allows the City Manager to act as a liaison with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to certify the city as a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC). There are many practices to be documented in accordance with best practice models. Each of six (6) categories must be met for grant approvals. City Manager Wilson noted that this designation helps standardize practices across the state, which is a benefit to developers/investors. He noted that this project will be a lot of work up front for city staff, but the future benefits are worth the work.

A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, to approve Resolution 16-21, authorizing the City Manager to proceed toward application for Redevelopment Ready Community designation. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

D. Chris Olsen from Ridgeview Retail Limited presented a Council a concept plan for the sale and development of four parcels at the northeast corner of Allegan and Prince Streets. He noted that the company has reviewed many sites around Southwest Michigan and chose Plainwell for its plans for growth and development. This development plan calls for a 3,500-to-4,000 square foot building to house a retail Sweetwater's Donut store combined with a franchisee training facility and a corporate headquarters for Ridgeview Retail Limited, which manages the nationwide franchising effort for Sweetwater's Donuts. The retail location will draw guests into Plainwell from around the area and will be open 24/7. The training facility will bring in people from around the country to enjoy the amenities Plainwell has to offer. The Real Estate Buy and Sell Agreement was reviewed and City Manager Wilson noted four (4) amendments to the agreement from what was presented to Council. The amendments are as follows:

a. "Exhibit A" as noted in Section 1 of the Agreement is the map included in the concept plan presented to Council at the meeting.

b. Section 7 has removed a typographical error with an extra "t' between the words "at" and "closing".

c. Section 9 was modified to grant a 120-day contingency period instead of a 60-day period. This is due to the timing of receiving a letter from the EPA related to the site itself.

d. A right-of-refusal clause has been added giving the city the right to review future development on the site.

Richard Schell Jr., Vice-President of Ridgeview Retail Limited, noted for Council his excitement for this project and the ancillary developments that could bring even more people into Plainwell. A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel, to accept the buy/sell agreement with Ridgeview Retail Limited, as amended by notation above, for four (4) parcels of land at the northeast corner of Allegan and Prince Streets. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the October 2016 Water Renewal Report On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$91,805.54 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

14. Public Comments None.

15. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier congratulated Joy Sausaman and Aaron Bird and remarked what a great long-term staff works in the city as a whole.

Superintendent Updike noted that his staff is decorating for Christmas.

Superintendent Pond reported that his capital projects are nearing completion.

Community Development Manager Siegel noted that the indoor farmers' market was a success in its first week with 21 vendors. There are three more Saturdays for the public to visit and buy some Christmas wares. She noted working on the upcoming parade and festival.

Chief Bomar noted the donation of 13 unclaimed bicycles to the Salvation Army. He also noted that Midway Chevy had identified a replacement vehicle for the cruiser that was damaged/totaled earlier in the fall and that a purchase order would be considered at the next Council meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley again thanked the Administration and the election workers for a successful election. He noted that he is awaiting formal notification of a statewide recount for President of the United States. He also noted that the audit is near completion.

City Manager Wilson noted that any discussion of the Jenson Lot as it relates to the Barbed Wire Café site plan (from the last Council meeting) has been reduced to the city most probably providing an easement to the land instead of selling a part of the Lot. Nothing has been finalized at this time and Council will continue to be briefed.

16. Council Comments:

Councilman Keeney congratulated Joy Sausaman and Aaron Bird and welcomed Sweetwater's to Plainwell.

Councilman Overhuel also congratulated Joy and welcomed Sweetwater's.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele thanked the voters for re-electing her and Councilman Overhuel. She also congratulated Joy Sausaman. She thanked Sweetwater's for having chosen Plainwell and she looks forward to growing together.

17. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully Submitted by, Brian Kelley City Clerk/Treasurer