

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
July 24, 2017

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Steele called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Scott Smail of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilman Keeler, and Councilman Overhuel. Absent: Mayor Brooks and Councilman Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 07/10/2017 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public Comments: None.
7. County Commissioner Report / Presentations:
Commissioner Don Black delivered the 2016 State of the County report to the Mayor and the City Manager. He noted an August 2, 2017 Precinct Meeting at Gun Plain Township (6.30pm) to discuss options for funding county-wide law enforcement. Mayor Pro-Tem Steele expressed her disappointment at the seeming lack of communication about the meetings and the funding options being discussed. The entire Council, including the City Manager, expressed concerns about the citizens of Plainwell being taxed for county-wide law enforcement when the city has its own public safety force which is funded by the city property taxes.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
9. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Pro-Tem Steele reported that the husband of city employee Anne Conn passed away Monday morning and both the Mayor and Councilman Keeney were offering support to Anne and the family, as each of them were close with the Conn family. She also sent well wishes to Paul Warnement who recently suffered injuries in a fire.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported that a member of the Parks & Trees Commission had moved out of the city and resigned his posted. Citizen Gina DeHart is the Mayor's appointee to complete Marcus Taylor's term on the Parks & Trees Commission.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Gina DeHart to complete Marcus Taylor's term on the Parks & Trees Commission. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Ric Schell representing Sweetwater's Donuts reported to Council on the company's plans for a 4100 square foot retail & corporate training facility with between 25 and 30 employees to cover the 24/7 operations. He briefly went over the Site Plan and noted the Planning Commission has seen the entire plan and recommends approval. City Manager Wilson noted grant approval from USDA for 320 feet of road north of Allegan Street to accommodate the development. The work is pending closing on the sale of the property.
A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the site plan for Sweetwater's Donuts on North Prince Street. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- C. John Tenpas from Driesenga & Associates, representing Wesco, reported to Council on the company's plan to demolish and reconfigure all the structures on the site, except the store building. The new fuel canopy will be turned 90 degrees to improve traffic flow and there will be a new Dumpster area as well. The Planning Commission has reviewed the full site plan and recommends approval. **A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeler, to approve the site plan for Wesco at 551 Allegan Street as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Communications:

- A. **A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeler, to accept and place on file the June 2017 Public Safety Report, the DRAFT 07/11/2017 DDA-BRA-TIFA Minutes and the DRAFT 07/19/2017 Planning Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

- A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$148,141.65 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Public Comments

None.

14. Staff Comments

Superintendent Updike reported he is waiting for a start date for the paving project. In the meantime his staff is preparing for that work and also painting work on North Main.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported ongoing fundraising efforts for the Dog Park including an August 5 can/bottle drive. She also reported on the Movies in the Park, which start Friday July 28.

Superintendent Pond reported using summer help to prepare painting projects on the exterior buildings.

Director Bomar reported on a July 19 fire at Drug & Lab, which was quickly extinguished. He noted that his staff has toured the facility and spoken with staff about safety improvements on site.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported working on the audit, the chart of accounts, clerk and payroll functions.

15. Council Comments:

Councilman Overhuel is excited for Ace Hardware, Sweetwater's and Wesco – great things are happening in Plainwell!

16. Adjournment:

- A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Clerk/Treasurer