

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
August 13, 2018

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Don Mejeur of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-tem Steele, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Overhuel and Councilman Keeney. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 07/23/2018 regular meeting and the Council Minutes. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public Comments: None
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Presentations:
Jeni Quigley from GHD reported to Council that site excavation would begin August 20 and continue into December at which time the project would go on winter hiatus, weather permitting, and resume in March 2019 with an estimated completion date for May 2019. The work will be done Monday through Friday 7am to 5pm, with some Saturday work between 8am and 5pm. No work will be done on Sundays or Holidays. The trucks will enter and exit through a temporary curb-cut on M-89 just east of Island Avenue. It was reported that contaminated soil (which includes lead and manganese) would be removed to two separate facilities on the east side of the state and that the site would continue to be gated. The work this fall will be west and south of the mill buildings with work in the spring being along the river to coordinate with the power poles being moved, which is still being negotiated.
9. Agenda Amendments: None.
10. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Brooks expressed sympathy at the passing of Judy Himmelein and remembers fondly all the time she donated to the community as a whole.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis briefed Council on Michigan Department of Environmental Quality standards related to the city's leaf and brush piles accumulated in the back lot at the DPW facility. Bids were solicited for cleanup and annual maintenance and Renewed Earth offered the low bid.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept the proposal from Renewed Earth to remove the existing leaf pile at the DPW facility for \$8,500.00 and to process the 2018 leaf collection for \$15,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the approved action. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis briefed Council about paving projects that would be tacked on to the Chart/Wedgewood paving projects previously approved. The Starr Road work would be completed prior to the school year and the Sunset project would include additional drainage off the road to prevent future deterioration of the road surface.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Keeler, to accept the quote from Wyoming Asphalt to pave portions of Starr road and Sunset Street at a total project cost of \$17,700 and to

authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the approved action. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- C.** City Manager Wilson reported that while negotiations continue for a school resource officer agreement, other hurdles can be overcome by considering a mutual aid agreement with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff. Director Bomar reports that this agreement would grant arrest and enforcement powers to a school resource officer at Cooper Elementary, which would alleviate response time issues for the county deputy. This agreement is requested by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff.

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff to deputize a School Resource Officer for Cooper Elementary and to authorize the City Manager and the Director of Public Safety to execute all documents related to the approved action. On a voice-vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Communications:

- A.** **A motion by Keeney, seconded by Keeler, to accept and place on file the July 2018 Investment and Fund Balance Reports and the June 2018 Public Safety Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$334,951.15 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

14. Public Comments

Rebecca Burns, a Gun-Plain Township Resident, introduced her son Ryan, and thanked Council for given Ryan the opportunity to meet a scouting goal by attending the meeting.

15. Staff Comments

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported to Council about water samples all having been taken timely without any major findings.

Superintendent Pond reported a possible early start on the screw pump replacement project.

Community Development Manager Siegel reminded Council of the grand opening of the Dog Park scheduled for August 14 at 5.30pm and reported good attendance and positive feedback since the soft-opening in July.

Director Bomar reported a new training regimen using web-based training sites, which is funded by Public Act 302 funds and that Plainwell is one of many local jurisdictions to implement this system of training.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported completing the August Primary Election and starting work for the November, along with training and audit work. He reported a 30% voter turnout in Plainwell, which matches the county-wide turnout and higher than usual for a Primary Election. He also noted that four (4) candidates were in the running for City Council seats to be elected in November.

City Manager Wilson thanked the Election Inspectors for their dedicated and hard work during the election.

16. Council Comments:

Councilman Keeney thanked the Department of Public Safety for their quick and professional response to a recent incident. Director Bomar noted that Officer Chapman and Deputy Director Varley were the responders on that case.

Councilman Overhuel thanked the Public Works Superintendent for great work on a sidewalk on West Chart Street.

17. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer