

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
April 22, 2019

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Don Mejeur from 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 and Councilmember Overhuel. Absent: Councilmembers Keeler and Keeney.
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 04/08/2019 regular meeting and the Council Minutes. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioner Report:
Clerk Kelley provided an update from Commissioner Cain reminding Council that the County is seeking input from the local jurisdictions related to programs and services to be reinstated should the voters reset the County's millage rate during a possible November 2020 Headlee Override ballot request.
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Clerk Kelley reported having received an application from Tokusen HyTech for a tax abatement under Public Act 198. The resolution sets a public hearing for May 28, 2019 and authorizes the City Clerk to issue all notifications related to the application and the Public Hearing.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adopt Resolution 19-09 as presented. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported having received updating cost estimates related to opportunities for grant funding for bridge repairs and improvements. Council authority is required for consideration of grant awards.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to adopt Resolution 19-10 authorizing application for grant funding to rehabilitate the North Main and West Bridge Street bridges. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported having identified several items to be sold for auction, seeking Council's approval to do so. He also reported having identified a new zero-turn mower to replace a 1973 John Deere tractor with attachments. The new mower would provide more efficiency in the mowing operation versus the tractor. An employee has offered to match the trade-in value for the tractor, should Council opt to sell the equipment to the employee.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to authorize the sale of equipment at auction and to purchase a new zero-turn mower from Steensma Lawn & Power Equipment at a net cost of \$6,940.00, with the sale of the 1973 John Deere to a city employee for trade-in value or greater. On roll-call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

D. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported one component of the SAW Grant was to replace the plotter printer at the DPW facility. An offer has been received to trade-in the current non-functioning printer for \$1,000 to offset the cost of a new printer.

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the trade-in of the existing plotter printer for a new printer from Engineering Supply & Imaging at a net cost of \$4,600.00. On roll-call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed

11. Communications:

A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the February and March 2019 Public Safety Reports and the March 2019 Water Renewal Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$47,211.22 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reminded Council of Arbor Day festivities at Cook Park on Friday April 26, 2019 at 12.30pm.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis presented a slide-show documenting progress of the rebuild of Truck 17, which was largely done by staff over the winter. The rehabilitation will greatly extend the useful life of the truck and saved the city substantial costs. The work was done in-house by staff and is a source of pride for the department. He also noted that streets would be swept this week into next week, weather depending.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported the Farmers Market will open in the Sweetwaters Parking Lot on May 23. She is working on a welcome packet for new businesses. Finally, she announced a May 10 ribbon-cutting event for Ace Insurance.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported working on the budget.

City Manager Wilson briefed Council on previously allocated land for Habitat for Humanity. Due to setback requirements, that land may prove to be unbuildable, so Council may wish to revise its land allocation and offer the vacant parcel on East Bridge, previously authorized for marketing.

15. Council Comments:

None.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer