

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**February 8, 2016**

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Invocation: Was given by Steve Smail of the Lighthouse Baptist Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeney, Councilwoman Steele, and Councilman Keeler. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 01/25/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. General Public / County Commissioner:  
Heard from David Gernant Democratic Candidate for State Representative.
7. Agenda Amendments:  
None
8. Mayor's Report  
None.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. As part of the 2015-2016 approved Fire-DPS budget, the department is requesting to purchase (3) sets of fire turn-out gear. This purchase will replace worn, ill-fitting and beyond-its-useful-life gear. Annually, gear is inspected by command staff to ensure our firefighters are in safe gear. Any gear that is identified needing replacement will be addressed in the next budget year. Director Bomar is requesting the purchase of the three sets from Time emergency Equipment for \$6,000.  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of the three sets of Turn out Gear from Time Emergency Equipment for \$6,000 as presented. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion Carried**
  - B. Manager Wilson and Superintendent Updike briefed Council on the existing service at the Harding's Supermarket building. It is what is known as a Primary Service. Billing on a Primary Service is based on the maximum capacity required when the service is installed and that capacity was substantial (\$900-\$1000 per month) when the supermarket was operating. Even though the supermarket is no longer operating from the Anderson Street location the monthly bill remains as though the business was still open. By agreement, Harding's is paying the utilities until the building subdivision is complete. Once the subdivision is complete and Harding's retained space is fed electricity, however, the bill for the primary service becomes the responsibility of the

City. Effectively, the City is bound to provide service to the portion of the Harding's building that Harding's is retaining, Consumers will only allow one service to the original building footprint and the City will use essentially no electricity at that location.

The City brought Esper Electric in to suggest alternatives to electrical service that would save the City money. Esper, working with Consumers, proposes to eliminate the Primary Service at the Harding's building location and re-feed the building with a three phase, 120/208V service, an 800a disconnect and a 200A meter socket for each side of the building. The cost for service under that scenario would be based on a smaller meter charge and kilowatt usage rather than on the capacity required to power an operating supermarket. The cost for Consumers to abandon the Primary Service is quoted as \$8008 and for Esper to re-feed the building is quoted at \$8220. Those costs would be added to the estimate quoted by Hazelhoff Builders to build the shared wall for a total estimated cost of \$45,021. That cost would be shared with Harding's committing each party to a cost of \$22,501.

**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Steele to approve the request authorizing the Shared Wall/ Electrical Cost split request for \$22,501. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

10. Communications:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the 1/34/15 & 1/26/16 Parks & Trees minutes, 1/31/16 Fund Balance and Investment Activity, the 2015 Annual Building Permit and Parks & Trees Commission Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$177,711.57 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Public Comments

None

13. Staff Comments

Mayor Brooks thanked Steve Smail & the Lighthouse Baptist Church for coming to the City Council meetings and giving invocations.

Treasurer Kelley reported that he was working on revenue projections related to the budget process.

Superintendent Updike reported that the sewer line that runs from Allegan to Union was slip lined to restore the lines integrity.

ED Manager Siegel reported that there is a Recreation plan meeting on Friday and the Public hearing is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Master Plan open house went well. She is working on the Industrial Park certification that is due in March

Superintendent Pond stated that the Moore electrical bid will be on the February 22 meeting agenda.

Chief Bomar reported that he attended the Municipal Assoc. of Chiefs of Police conference last week. They had speakers from Sandy Hook with lessons learned and legal problems that have surfaced in Colorado with the legalization of Marihuana.

March 30<sup>th</sup> the County Emergency Management will hold a Palisades drill. The auxiliary command center at the city Public Safety building will be tested as well.

Clerk Farmer reported that the AV's are coming in for the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

14. Council Comments:

None

15. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Noreen Farmer

City Clerk