

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**February 10, 2020**

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Matt Hooper from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. 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 01/27/2020 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Public Comments: None.
7. County Commissioner Report:  
County Commissioner Rick Cain reported on the County's current projects including road funding and erosion control along the lakeshore. He reported that the County is tabulating results from a recent survey on resetting the Headlee rollback. He also briefed Council on a Smart 911 application being rolled out to provide 911 dispatchers with pertinent household information provided by the citizen.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Nancy Morehouse discussed a planned Leap of Kindness Day for February 29, 2020 to include coffee and sweets for seniors and a marriage proposal contest at City Hall. The organizers are trying to add activities for youth and some community service.  
**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve Special Event Permit 2020-002 for a February 29, 2020 Leap of Kindness Day at City Hall and the Bandshell. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Mayor Keeler discussed an auction on April 4, 2020 on West Bridge that will close the street from Park Street east to the end and will include the alleyway between Campbells and Design Street. The Warnament Building, contents and 4 acres of land in North Plainwell will be sold at the auction. There was discussion of traffic concerns and possible food vendors.  
**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approved Special Event Permit 2020-003 for an April 4, 2020 auction. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

- C. Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported an application to renew eligibility for participation in a Federal Surplus Assistance Program is due to the State of Michigan. This related to the static display of a T-38 aircraft at the Airport. The application requires the governing board to designate an authorized coordinator for this program and it's being recommended to designate the City Manager as that coordinator.  
**A motion by Overhuel, supported by Steele, to adopt Resolution 2020-07 designating the City Manager as the city's authorized coordinator for the Federal Surplus Assistance Program. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
- D. City Manager Wilson showed Council a concept map plan for moving the power poles off the river through Pell Park to between 70' and 80' from the centerline of Allegan Street to the east side of Island Avenue, then northwest to the north side of Short Street behind Public Works. The city has been in discussions with Consumers about the route, saving large trees in front of the Public Safety Building. The city would trade an existing 1926 Easement for a new "no-build" easement where the new poles would be sited. There are ongoing negotiations related to combing the new poles with existing poles on the north side of Allegan Street. Council suggested entering into a Development Agreement with Consumers to frame the timeline and each party's responsibility for supplying power to City Hall.  
**With no formal motion, Council reviewed the map, discussed the timeline and accepted the plan contingent upon moving the existing poles on the North side of Allegan Street to the new power poles.**
- E. City Manager Wilson presented a schedule for advertising for bids for demolition related to the Mill Demolition Grant.  
**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve the advertising and schedule for the possible demolition grant. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
- F. City Manager Wilson reminded Council that a number of citizens had shown interest in serving on a citizen advisory committee as relates to demolition of the Mill. There was discussion about creating such an advisory board to meet quarterly with no voting power, to provide a tool for City Council to gain citizen input and concerns about the project.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to create a Citizen Advisory Committee for the Mill Demolition. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Communications:

- A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the January 2020 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$249,299.75 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Public Comments: None.

14. Staff Comments:

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed work related to the removal of the a power pole near the planned Veterans Memorial addition.

Superintendent Pond reported the removal of bio-solids, benefitting area farmers.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported processing and tracking dozens of Absent Voter Ballot applications/ballots for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary. He noted the last day to register by mail is February 24. He also reminded everyone that property tax payments are due Friday, February 14.

15. Council Comments: None

16. Adjournment:

**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Brian Kelley  
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
February 24, 2020



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Brian Kelley