

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
August 26, 2024

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: given by Ken Fritz from Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, and Councilmember Wisnaski.
Absent: Councilmember Keeney
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to excuse Councilmember Keeney from tonight's proceedings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 08/12/2024 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Dugan gave an update on happenings throughout Allegan County.
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the August 26, 2024 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: Mayor Keeler discussed a new committee that would be focused on the Old Mill property. The committee will consist of the City Manager, a member of City Council, two representatives from the Planning Commission, and one representative from the Downtown Development Authority. Details still need to be worked out, such as how often meetings will be held and when.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Clerk Leonard discussed Resolution 2024-19 that recognizes Allegan County Homeless Solutions as a nonprofit organization operating in the Plainwell Community.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adopt Resolution 2024-19, approving the request by Allegan County Homeless Solutions of Plainwell that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Manager Lakamper discussed a final payment to Young's Environmental Cleanup for lead abatement work on the Mill Buildings.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the final and total payment of \$58,588.00 to Young's Environmental Cleanup for lead abatement work performed on the Mill Buildings. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. City Manager Lakamper discussed renting or purchasing a compactor truck for loose leaf pick up.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, approving the purchase or rental of a solid waste compactor truck for loose leaf pickup for \$12,000.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
11. Communications:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the July 2024 Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports, the draft 8/13/2024 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes and the draft 8/21/2024 Planning

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Commission meeting minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$1,096,758.72 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None.

14. Staff Comments:

Treasurer/Finance Director Kelley shared that he is 80% done with audit papers, and is working on creating and updating procedures and policies.

Community Development Manager Siegel stated that she is working with Taplin to wrap up the lead abatement project. She has a meeting scheduled with MEDC and Mosaic Distillery. She is preparing for Ladies, Leaves and Laughter Night, and finishing up the rental rehab project in collaboration with Finance Director/Treasurer Kelley.

Director Callahan reminded everyone that school has started, and to be on the lookout for kids and expect more traffic.

Clerk Leonard will be attending training this Wednesday in Mount Pleasant.

City Manager Lakamper provided an update the Old Orchard project. There are some water lines that still need to be run. Building has begun on Washington Street in preparation for paving. The City continues to have regular progress meetings about the Old Orchard project. The Planning Commission has approved a zoning ordinance amendment that would allow single family residences to have three chickens that will be presented for consideration to City Council next month. He provided further information on the new committee focused on the Old Mill property, stating that the committee would assist with zoning ordinance amendments, if needed.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Wisnaski stated it is difficult to hear in the Council Chamber as a member of the audience.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele thanked Kevin and the first responders for helping her in her moment of need. She asked the community for patience with school bus drivers while routes and schedules are figured out, and stated that the Allegan County Fair begins September 6th.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

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September 09, 2024


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