

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**April 23, 2018**

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, Councilman Keeler, and Councilman Overhuel.  
Absent: Councilman 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 04/09/2018 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. General Public Comments: None.
7. County Commissioner Report:  
County Commissioner Don Black congratulated DPW Superintendent Updike on his retirement and reported having attended a meeting in Otsego regarding water quality.
8. Employee Recognitions:  
DPW Superintendent Updike recognized Equipment Operator Wade Keyzer for his 10 years of service noting Wade carries a water license and is in training for a higher level license to allow him to run the entire water system. Wade is always responsive to calls for off-hour work and can do nearly every facet of the department's work. Plainwell is better for having Wade on staff.  
  
City Manager Wilson recognized DPW Superintendent Rick Updike for nearly 13 years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.
9. Agenda Amendments:  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Steele, to amend the agenda to add Item 11B (Resolution 18-14) and Item 11C (Dog Park Fencing). On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
10. Mayor's Report: None.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Community Development Manager Siegel reported having received two quotes for agility equipment items for the Dog Park. The two quotes were within \$50 of each other and include dog crawls and other obstacles for both small dogs and large dogs. The equipment should be delivered approximately 3 weeks after the order is placed.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of agility equipment for the Dog Park from The Park Catalog at a cost of \$4,501.70. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Superintendent Updike reported that bridges are inspected every two (2) years. The bridges on West Bridge and North Main Streets have been rated for rehabilitation repairs. Pairing both bridges into one grant application could increase the probability for state funding in 2021 with a 5% city match.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adopt Resolution 18-14 authorization application for grant funding for the West Bridge and North Main Street bridges. On a voice call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - C. Superintendent Updike reported changes to the size and composition of the fencing for the Dog Park resulting in increased costs from what was previously approved.

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to approve changes to the contract with Cedar Springs Fence Company for Dog Park Fencing with an updated project cost of \$12,025.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Communications:

**A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the February 2018 Water Renewal Report, the 01/30/2018 M-40/M-89 Corridor Committee Minutes and the Park & Trees Draft Minutes from March 15 and April 12, 2018. 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 \$26,508.35 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

14. Public Comments None.

15. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier thanked Superintendent Updike for nearly 13 years of service, updated Council about employment applications/interviews and reminded Council of Arbor Day celebrations on Friday April 27, 2018.

Community Development Manager Siegel reminded Council about an open house on April 26 from 4 to 7pm at the funeral home to meet the new owners and the April 28 celebrations at Ace Hardware.

Superintendent Pond reported that the state has finalized PFAS testing requirements for wastewater operations which will need to be completed by June 2018 attempting to identify possible sources.

Director Bomar reported that fire foam containers had been tested with no indication of PFAS. He also noted a meeting of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police at Old Mill Brewpub on April 27 and briefed Council about an April 15 electrical fire at HyTech Springs.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported working on the budget.

City Manager Wilson updated Council about interviews for the DPW Superintendent position and reported an offer had been made to one candidate. Upon final vetting and testing, the candidate could start on May 10.

16. Council Comments:

Mayor ProTem Steele congratulated Volunteer Firefighter Ronald Farr on his recent Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Volunteer Fire Council.

17. Adjournment:

**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, 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