

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
June 18, 2020

1. Mayor Keeler called the special meeting to order at 6:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney (left the meeting at 7:01pm) and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Steele.
3. New Business:

- A. City Manager Wilson presented a draft version of the 2020/2021 City Budget, with the focus on revenue shortfalls due to State Shared Revenue reductions from the recent and ongoing health crisis. There was discussion about cost cutting measures in the budget, including a 6% wage reduction for the City Manager, a 5% wage reduction for Department Head and salaried full-time personnel and furloughs for hourly non-union and DPW staff, plus similar reductions to part-time.

Councilmember Keeney asked why the Manager was taking a larger pay cut. Mayor Keeler noted that the Council should also take a 6% cut, to which all Councilmembers present agreed.

City Manager continued reporting both collective bargaining units will receive their contractual raises, and that none of the Public Safety Officers will be furloughed. He reported that revenue sharing is expected to be down between 15% and 30%, which hits the General Fund. Public Safety costs account for nearly 60% of the General Fund and most of the cuts are coming from the other 40% of the General Fund. There was discussion about shifting part-time Public Safety wages and having the Director and Deputy Director covering for staff shortages in place of the part-time. Council agreed the focus should be on minimizing overtime, where possible, and minimizing part-time wages.

Other areas of the budget were discussed without comment from Council or the public. City Manager Wilson thanked the staff for participating in a challenging budget process.

- B. City Manager Wilson gave Council a summary of a demonstration planned for Friday June 19, 2020.
- C. City Manager Wilson reported that 20 samples were taken and tested by the State for Lead/Copper as required by permit. 17 of those tests reported "non-detect" results and the other 3 were above limits. The City's review of the result shows that all anecdotal information suggests there is not a lead problem in the water supply, based on 30-plus years' experience showing no lead in the city's infrastructure. Samples from the same water-lines as those that tested positive showed "non-detect", so the city continues to investigate the issue which may involve lead pipes inside individual dwellings.

4. Public Comments: None

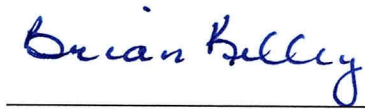
5. Council Comments: None

6. Adjournment:

A motion by Wisnaski, 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

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June 22, 2020



Brian Kelley, City Clerk