

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**October 24, 2016**

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation was given by Robert Beltran of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Keeney and Councilwoman Steele. 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 10/10/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. General Public / County Commissioner:  
County Commissioner Don Black continues to look for feedback regarding the American Psychiatric Foundation's desire to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails.
7. Agenda Amendments: None.
8. Mayor's Report: Mayor Brooks recognized Plainwell High School football and boys soccer for recent victories over Otsego, and wished the boys soccer team well in upcoming state tournament play.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Treasurer Kelley briefed Council on the permit requesting the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade ceremonies, scheduled for December 2 and 3, 2016.  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve Special Event Permits 2016-17 and 2016-18 for the Community Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Economic Development Manager Denise Siegel presented the updated Master Plan that had been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. She briefed Council on the process and showed maps for future land use, non-motorized transportation and a concept plan for the mill site. City Manager Wilson noted involvement from the community and the Planning Commission for many aspects of the Master Plan and recognized/thanked a group of city residents who have been very involved specifically with the non-motorized transportation plans. It was noted that the Zoning maps were the most challenging part of the process given differing data between jurisdictions, which are mostly related to timing of information. Council considered the resolution documenting the process.  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to approve Resolution 16-20 adopting the updated City of Plainwell Master Plan. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - C. Chief Bomar briefed Council on the updated weapons ordinance which incorporates recent State Law changes and new definitions, as well as brings the city back into compliance with the Second Amendment.  
**A motion by Keener, supported by Keeler to adopt Ordinance 377 updating the Weapons Ordinance. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - D. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the sewer jetter machine which had a recent pump failure. The machine is 25 years old and has had engine repairs last year, yet it still more cost effective than outsourcing the work that is done by these machines.  
**A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, to approve the emergency purchase of a high pressure pump for the 1991 Sewer Cleaning Machine, as presented. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

10. Communications:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the June 2, 2016 Inter-Municipal Sewer Minutes, the September 2016 Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$153,916.49 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Public Comments

None.

13. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier noted a successful birthday party for Noreen Farmer last week and was pleased at the community turnout.

Superintendent Updike noted successful testing of all the recent paving projects and that his staff continues to work the leaves as they fall.

Superintendent Pond briefed Council that testing was underway for the new permit, and that the electric pole onsite had been moved to a safer location and the electric wires raised substantially.

Economic Development Manager Siegel noted success for last weekend's community events downtown, than 94 home tour tickets were sold and that the indoor farmers' market is coming. She also noted that the 2016 Christmas Ornaments arrived today and are for sale.

Chief Bomar noted recent trainings department-wide and with other jurisdictions, moving toward standardizing procedures state-wide. He also updated Council on a recent vehicle accident which resulted in totaling the 2007 Crown Victoria vehicle, which is now out of service.

Treasurer Kelley noted that he continues to prepare for the November election.

City Manager Wilson thanked Julie Shannon and Denise Sweet for their continued work with Pumpkins in the Park. He also thanked Economic Development Manager Siegel for her work on last weekend's success in bringing people to downtown. Finally, he noted that City Clerk Noreen Farmer had submitted her letter of resignation.

14. Council Comments:

None.

15. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer