

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**April 8, 2019**

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Scott Smail 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, Councilmembers Overhuel, Keeler and Keeney.  
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 03/25/2019 regular meeting and the Council Minutes. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioner Report: None
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Community Development Manager Siegel reported the annual Arbor Day event is scheduled for April 26, 2019 with a planting for Diana Lubic in Cook Park.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to adopt Resolution 19-07 as presented. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported opportunities for grant funding for bridge repairs and improvements. Council authority is required for consideration of grant awards.  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, to adopt Resolution 19-08 authorizing application for grant funding to rehabilitate the North Main and West Bridge Street bridges. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
11. Communications:
  - A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the March 2019 Investment and Fund Balance Reports and the Parks & Trees January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
12. Accounts Payable:  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$114,732.70 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
13. Public Comments: None

#### 14. Staff Comments

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reporting hydrant flushing will take place Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 2am. The process will change from the past and will force more water through the system to clear more sediment while maintaining the water pressure. Residents should expect some temporary discoloration on Wednesday. He also noted a few lingering issues with leaf pickups.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported tying up some loose ends with projects and with the RRC certification. She noted the Easter Egg Hunt will take place April 13.

Director Bomar reporting having chosen Joe Culver to replace retired Public Safety Officer Aaron Chapman, subject to offer acceptance and screenings. Officer Culver is a current part-time member of the Department.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported working on the budget.

City Manager Wilson briefed Council on the Sherwood Street Road project. Bids were opened by MDOT last week and the budget is being approved this week. The project came in slightly over budget and will limit the city's cash reserves, but he and Treasurer Kelley have a plan to fund that project with available cash and temporary loans from the sewer fund until the new water bonds can be issued. The Sherwood Street project is tentatively scheduled for July 8 through September 18, 2019. He also updated Council on public safety union negotiations, the SRO position, the CIP and the Consumers Energy project behind Plainwell Flowers.

#### 15. Council Comments:

None.

#### 16. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
Submitted by,  
Brian Kelley  
City Clerk/Treasurer