

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**October 23, 2017**

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Terry Steele gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Overhuel and Councilman 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 10/09/2017 regular meeting and the Council Minutes of the 10/12/2017 special meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. General Public Comments: None
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Presentations:  
Public Safety Director Bomar presented Deputy Director John Varley with a 30-year pin. John Varley has served in various roles, including school resource officer, on the West Michigan Enforcement Team, as a homicide investigator, a water rescuer and the training officer. He has worked up through the ranks of the department over the year. His service is very much appreciated.  
  
Superintendent Updike reviewed the 30 years of service for Water Operator Dan Neeson, who is the face of water in the City. He holds the highest water license of all the staff and serves as the chief water operator-in-charge for both the City of Plainwell and the Village of Martin. There have been no major violations with Dan in the charge of the city's water supply.  
  
City Manager Wilson recognized Personnel Manager Lamorandier for her 40 years of full-time service. Sandy knows most of the operations city-wide and has been invaluable during her career and steps up wherever a need arises. She has done great work with the flowers city-wide as well. Sandy thanked the Council and the 8 city administrators for whom she has worked.
9. Agenda Amendments:  
Added Item 11C – Engineering Services North Prince Street.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to amend the agenda as noted. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion Passed**
10. Mayor's Report: None.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Superintendent Pond reported on the timing of the work done to remove the now-obsolete media from the bio-bed and recommended Council authorize the payment.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to confirm the project with Dale Hubbard Inc. (Clean Earth) for \$4,706.90 to remove the bio-bed media. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

**B.** Superintendent Pond reported on a 2005 valve that had failed and needs replacement, along with preventative maintenance for the others.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Keeler, to approve the project with System Specialties Inc. for \$5,131.00 to repair and warranty a failed Rotark valve. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

**C.** City Manager Wilson briefed Council about the North Prince Street project noting that the engineering component of the project was not specifically identified at the Special Meeting on October 12 and was being included here for formal confirmation.  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, to confirm the \$55,000 engineering services project with Wightman & Associates Inc. for the North Prince Street road/utility project. 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 September 2017 Public Safety Report, the Draft 10/10/2017 DDA-BRA-TIFA Minutes and the DRAFT 07/25/2017 M-40/M-89 Corridor Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$50,477.49 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

14. Public Comments

County Clerk Bob Genetski provided Council an update from the County Clerk's Office regarding the need for election inspectors county-wide, the Veteran's Benefit registry, new election equipment rollout and other items pertaining to the County Clerk's operations.

15. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier provided a brief update on recent training attended.

Community Development Siegel briefed Council on planning for the Dog Park and the Sherwood Park restrooms. She noted that the 2017 Christmas Ornaments were available for purchase at various locations around the city. She also noted several recent and upcoming festivals.

Superintendent Updike reported that the paving projects are complete. He noted the new Skid Steer arrived and is being prepared for winter work. He reported his staff is working on leaf pickups.

Superintendent Pond provided an update on recent conference training.

Director Bomar reported on a joint safety training with Gun Plain Township at Drug & Lab.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley noted a recent training conference, the presentation of the audit at the next Council meeting, the testing of the new chart of accounts, and preparing for the 2018/2019 budget and the 2018 elections.

City Manager Wilson reported having met with downtown business owners to gather information regard recent energy surges and how to work with Consumers Energy to avoid future complications.

16. Council Comments:

Councilman Keeler expressed concerns about the traffic backups during the Pumpkins In the Park event and suggested changes for next year.

17. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

City Clerk/Treasurer