

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
December 27, 2016

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Scott Smail of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Overhuel and Councilman Keeney.
Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Steele.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Overhuel, supported by Keeler, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 12/12/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
Director Bomar introduced four (4) new firefighters. Henry Peak comes to us from Hopkins and is already certified. Kevin Callahan works for Calhoun County and brings his expertise to Plainwell. Bob Stenzel and John Tremblay are both Plainwell residents entering the firefighter academy in January 2017. Both Stenzel and Tremblay were sworn in by Clerk/Treasurer Kelley.
7. Agenda Amendments: None.
8. Mayor's Report: None
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Wilson briefed Council on the installation of waste gas flare at the Water Renewal Plant as budgeted in the current year.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, to approve the purchase of installation services from Allied Mechanical Services for \$28,200. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Updike briefed Council on an emergency repair to the John Deere Loader which is a key part of snow removal city wide. The machine was analyzed and parts ordered and is back in service ready for more snow.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel, to confirm the emergency purchase from AIS Construction for \$9,619.44 plus shipping to repair the John Deere Loader. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Mayor Brooks reappointed Bunny LaDuke to a 2-year term on the Parks & Trees Board.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Bunny LaDuke to the Parks & Trees Board. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. Clerk/Treasurer Kelley outlined five (5) annual resolutions for 2017 – the first lists the Ordinance Enforcement Officers of the city; the second lists the Council meeting dates for 2017; the third lists the employee holiday dates (when City offices are closed); the fourth is a listing of the dates on which the flags are flown on city streets, and; the fifth is a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Safety to liaison with the State of Michigan for temporary closures of M-89.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, to adopt Resolutions 17-01 through 17-05 for Ordinance Enforcement Officers, 2017 Council Meeting Dates, 2017 Employee Holiday Dates, 2017 Street Flag Dates and 2017 Street Closures. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Communications:

A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeler to accept and place on file the November 2016 Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports, and the 12/15/2016 DRAFT Parks & Trees minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$282,026.64 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Public Comments

None.

13. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported working on year-end payroll reports.

Superintendent Updike noted the speed bumps and signage had been installed behind Old City Hall. He reported that the skating rink has been installed and is open.

Director Bomar reported on the successful Shop With a Cop event on December 19 that served approximately 130 shoppers with 44 law enforcement officers. He also briefed Council about a brochure being promoted by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police concerning "What To Do When Stopped by the Police."

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley noted completion of the audit, to be presented January 23, preparation of year-end reports and planning for the upcoming budget.

City Manager Wilson asked for direction from the Council about uses for the former Harding's Building. The Mayor and Council noted that the city should keep all options open regarding the use and sale of the building.

14. Council Comments:

Councilman Overhuel welcomed the new firefighters and thanked them for their service.

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Keeney, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

City Clerk/Treasurer