

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
July 12, 2021

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Brian Warren from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Councilmember Overhuel and Councilmember Keeney.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to excuse Councilmember Overhuel and Councilmember Wisnaski. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 06/28/2021 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioner Report:
Commissioner Rick Cain reported that the County is once again meeting in person. They are discussing how to use the American Rescue Plan Funds received. He noted the County is considering countywide endeavors. He noted the courthouse project is coming along
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Wilson reminded Council of an earlier request from Dean's Ice Cream to temporarily close North Sherwood on Monday evenings for a Car Cruise evening to allow more cars and less congestion. Council granted temporary approval on June 14, with reconsideration on July 12. Staff discussed costs associated with the street closures and Council deliberated a Special Event Permit.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Special Event Permit for Dean's Ice Cream closing North Sherwood on Monday Evenings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to open a Public Hearing at 7:16pm to consider a proposed Act 425 Conditional Land Transfer Agreement. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Clerk Kelley reported that Notice had been posted at City Hall and in the Kalamazoo Gazette of this Public Hearing to consider a proposed Act 425 Conditional Land Transfer Agreement with Gun Plain Township. The subject property is located at the corner of Miller Road and 8th Street. The agreement allows the property to become City of Plainwell property with Gun Plain Township receiving one mil from the property tax levy for a 50-year period, with a 50-year renewal. The agreement has been approved by the Gun Plain Township Board and adoption of the proposed Resolution confirms the City's

approval of the agreement, subject to a 30-day window during which concerns may be submitted, by petition, to the Gun Plain Township Clerk. After 30 days, the agreement will be considered final.

Public Comments – questions were asked about land divisions inside the subject property, and whether tax abatements would be considered in the district. City Manager Wilson noted that no engineering has been done related to the project to-date, but it is estimated the land could be split into 5-acre lots, but that has yet to be determined. He also noted that City Council has historically considered tax abatement requests favorably.

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to close the Public Hearing at 7:27pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to adopt Resolution 2021-12 approving the proposed Act 425 Conditional Land Transfer Agreement with Gun Plain Township. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

- C. Treasurer Kelley reported the city’s award of \$395,333 of American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Fund Funding by the federal government, through the State of Michigan. The funds will be paid in two (2) annual installments and the city has until December 31, 2024 to incur eligible costs. The application names the City Treasurer as the contract person for the funds as approved by the City Manager. The recommended action is to authorize the City Manager to execute the documents on behalf of the city and to amend the budget to create Fund 285 – Stimulus Grant Fund – for the revenue and related future costs. A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept the American Rescue Plan Funding in the amount of \$395,333, authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents, and to amend the budget to add Fund 285 – Stimulus Grant Fund. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Communications:

- A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the June 2021 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$212,589.40 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported ongoing training.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported the city has received a Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Grant award of \$269,950 to identify, catalog and test drinking water assets, similar to the SAW Grant. He also reported that the road striping project is nearing completion. He noted that he is working on equipment sales and purchases to be presented to Council at the next meeting. Finally, he noted that the city spent two full days collecting leaves and brush last week.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported having submitted a grant application for painting restoration on some downtown buildings, and noted an upcoming River-to-River Trail meeting.

Superintendent Pond provided an update on the Morrow Dam Cleanup Project.

Director Bomar reported with sadness the resignation of Records Clerk Joy Sausaman, Full-Time Public Safety Officer Eric Luthy and Part-Time Public Safety Officer Jeff Glerum.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported 2021 Summer Property Tax Statements were mailed on Wednesday, June 30 and are due August 16. Anyone needing a copy of their tax bill should contact City Hall or check the website.

City Manager Wilson reported a meeting with a contractor at Crispe House on July 13 to discuss ADA compliance upgrades. He noted a 90-day reporting period for the Clark Station on South Main will end mid-August. He reported that the contractor is waterproofing Mill Buildings 2, 3 and 10. He noted working with EPA on institutional controls relative to the mill cleanup, and that a Request for Qualifications for a mill developer is nearing completion.

15. Council Comments: None

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

July 26, 2021



Brian Kelley, City Clerk