

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
February 22, 2016

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Invocation: Was given by Terry Steele
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilwoman Steele, and Councilman Keeler. Absent: Councilman Keeney.
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 02/08/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
Heard from County Commissioner Don Black who commented on a new pay scale for jury members and noted that the County is updating its budget policy.
7. Agenda Amendments:
None
8. Mayor's Report
None.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Nathan Rykse represented West Town Apartments and briefed Council on the community's desire to begin a \$2-million rehabilitation project with improvements to both the exterior and interior of the apartment units. The project would be funded through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), which has a highly competitive selection process for the projects it approves. The requested action will add to West Town's "score" with MSHDA during the selection process. If approved in July, the community anticipates starting construction in October 2016 with completion 8 to 10 months after the project starts.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to adopt proposed Ordinance 375 as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried
 - B. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the failure of a variable frequency drive at the city's secondary mixing pump. The VFD is necessary for efficient operations and needs to be replaced. A replacement unit similar to the one currently used is recommended at a cost of \$4,465.

A motion by Keeler, seconded by Steele to approve the request authorizing the purchase of a new variable frequency drive in the amount of \$4,465. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- C. Superintendent Pond noted that he solicited bids for city-wide electrical services to include an additional provider as requested by Council on January 26, 2016. Upon review of the bids, Superintendent Pond recommends Moore Electric for a three-year period.

A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel, to enter into a contract with Moore Electric to provide city-wide electrical maintenance support for a period of three years. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried

10. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the 01/16 WR Report and the 02/08/2016 Election Commission 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 \$535,658.34 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 that 15 Girl Scouts approached the city wanting to help in the parks.

Superintendent Updike reported that his crew was working on the electrical feeds at the Harding's building and briefed Council on a meeting with the Small Urban Group which is setting plans to request grant funding for a 2019 street project on Sherwood.

ED Manager Siegel reported that there is a Recreation Plan Public Hearing scheduled for 5pm on February 26th. She also reported the three proposals has been received for the non-motorized trail and that the city was coordinating the intergovernmental efforts. She reminded Council that the official Grand Opening for Aubree's was scheduled for Tuesday, February 23 at 11am, the Art Hop is scheduled for March 11 and an Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for March 19 in Hicks Park.

Superintendent Pond reported that the plant is running well.

Chief Bomar reported that the police vehicles were being outfitted with new Mobile Computer Terminals and docking stations, funded by Allegan County through the telephone bill surcharges. The new devices will greatly increase efficiencies in the field for the public safety officers and the city appreciates this opportunity.

Treasurer Kelley reported that he was working on revenue projections, property tax settlement next week, and supporting the Clerk for the Presidential Primary election the following week.

14. Council Comments:
None

15. Adjournment:
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer