

**CITY OF PLAINWELL  
MINUTES  
Planning Commission  
August 3, 2016**

1. Vice –Chair Sausaman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Chris Haas, Chris Slinkman, Jim Higgs, Lori Steele, & Gary Sausaman. Absent: Diana Lubic (unexcused) & Carol Weaver (excused).
4. Approval of Minutes – 7/6/16:  
**A motion by Higgs supported by Steele to approve the 7/6/16 meeting minutes as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
5. Chairperson’s Report:  
None.
6. New Business:  
None
7. Old Business:  
**A. A motion by Steele, supported by Haas to open the public Hearing to hear comment on the request to rezone 130 Oak and 139 Mariette Streets from M-1 to R1-C at 7:02 pm. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

Clerk Farmer stated that the owner of 130 Oak and 139 Mariette Streets are applying to rezone the properties from Manufacturing to Residential. These properties are surrounded by residential neighborhoods and would concur with the Master Plan.

Resident Lori Kelly spoke about the history of neglect of the 130 Oak Street property and voiced concerns that the building is damaged and could be beyond repair.

Manager Wilson assured resident Kelly that if any work was done to the building at 130 Oak Street it would need permits and would have to meet 2016 building codes in order to receive an occupancy permit. He explained that the board is considering the zoning at this meeting. The City is motivated to change the zoning from Manufacturing to residential, as it stands another manufacturing business could locate on the property and be in complete compliance. The City does not want to see manufacturing on a site surrounded by residential homes. Resident Kelly agreed she did not want manufacturing either.

**A motion by Higgs, supported by Haas to close the Public Hearing at 7:28pm. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion by Higgs, supported by Slinkman to recommend rezoning of 130 Oak & 139 Mariette Streets from Manufacturing to R1-C Residential. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.**

8. Public Comment:  
None

9. Reports and Communications:  
Accepted the 7/11/16 & 7/25/16 Council Minutes.

10. Staff Comments:  
Farmer stated she was glad to be back and thanked Haas for taking the minutes while she was gone.

Wilson reported that he has been busy with the budget and changing health carriers. He has shown the Harding's building several times and may have a serious investor. The property across from Wesco is being shown and has interest.

11. Commissioner Comments:  
Commissioner Haas announced that the Labor Day Bridge /Poker walk is on and invited everyone to attend.

Wilson reported that the Community Center Board approached the School to take over the Community Center. The City would sell the building for \$75,000 and the School would move the Adult Ed and Renaissances programs from the Industrial park building but would still keep the Community Center for the public.

Steele asked if staff could send a card from Council to Marie Waters for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Farmer stated it would be ready for Council to sign at their next meeting. She asked Steele to get the address for her.

12. Adjournment:  
**The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.**

Minutes submitted by  
Noreen A. Farmer  
City Clerk