

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
March 25, 2024

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. The invocation was given by Ken Fritz of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 03/11/2024 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment:
Emily Jipp announced her candidacy for Circuit Court Judge. She gave a brief resume and was available for questions.
7. County Commissioner Report: Commission Dugan shared an overview of the March 18, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting at which they discussed the County Clerk's Office, household hazardous waste and recycling/landfill options. He also passed out and discussed a report from the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team, which is included with these Minutes.
8. Presentation: City Manager Lakamper offered to discuss the Old Orchard Project. With no neighborhood residents in attendance, nor any other requests, the presentation was not given.
9. Agenda approval:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the March 25, 2024 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
10. Mayor's Report: None.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
 1. Director Callahan discussed a budget amendment for \$8,807.08 to cover the cost of repairs to the 1997 HME Firetruck and gave an overview of the truck's operation. Councilmember Overhuel asked how long the repairs would extend the usefulness of the truck. Callahan responded five (5) years.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving a budget amendment to cover repairs to the 1997 HME Firetruck in the amount of \$8,807.08. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
12. Communications:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the February 2024 DPS report, the draft 3/12/24 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes and the draft 3/14/24 Parks & Trees meeting minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$178,623.42 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

14. Public Comments: None

15. Staff Comments:

Treasurer/Finance Director Kelley reported the April utility bills calculated as expected, a little lower than usual. He thanked Penny Soper for her great work getting through the hiccups of the project. He noted gathering budget information for the upcoming year and working with Clerk Leonard to prepare for the May 7, 2024 election.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported on recent auction sales, which brought in funds from the sale of the leaf vac and a DPW truck.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported working on the upcoming Farmers Markets and grant requests for a Darrow Park Boat Launch. She also gave a brief overview of the Dam Restoration Project.

Superintendent Pond reported filing annual reports with the State of Michigan with no significant findings.

Manager Lakamper reported that, if approved, the first billing for the Old Orchard special assessment will be in the summer of 2025. He reported that the homeowners would be responsible for filling in the old septic tanks. He noted that the city has received four (4) applications for the Assistant Water Renewal Superintendent position and that interviews are scheduled the week of April 8. He also reported progress is being made relative to the restrictive covenants for the mill property.

16. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele wished everyone a Happy and safe Easter.

Council member Overhuel appreciated all that the staff has done

17. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
Deputy City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
April 08, 2024



Brian Kelley, Deputy City Clerk