

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
October 14, 2024

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Peter Dams 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 09/23/2024 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment:
Pam Waterman of 765 Glenview discussed the lack of communication concerning paving in the Old Orchard. She was unable to leave her residence and missed an appointment because she wasn't able to walk on the asphalt as it was still hot. She asked when the first assessment payment was due, and when sewer connection could be done. She noted that the newly paved road is narrower, and requested better communication moving forward.
7. Presentation – *2024 Chris Haas Volunteer of the Year Award – Tony Gless*
8. County Commissioner Report: None.
9. Agenda approval:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the October 14, 2024 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
10. Mayor's Report: Mayor Keeler noted that Dean's Ice Cream closed for the season.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Finance Director/Treasurer Kelley discussed USA Earthworks LLC Pay Application #6 for work performed on the Old Orchard project.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving Pay Application #6 for USA Earthworks LLC in the amount of \$580,173.64. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Pond discussed the purchase of a Hach AS950 All Weather Sampler.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, approving the purchase of a Hach AS950 All Weather Sampler from USA Bluebook for \$9,690.00. 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 September 2024 Investment and Fund Balance Reports, and the 9/10/2024 DDA/BRA/TIFA 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 \$197,466.00 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
14. Public Comments: None.
15. Staff Comments:
Finance Director/Treasurer Kelley stated that the audit was done last week, and went well. The auditors will be back to present their findings in November.

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Personnel Coordinator Kersten shared that Community Development Manager Siegel has worked for Plainwell for 10 years.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated that the paving was complete in the Old Orchard, and turned out well. He stated that there is still much to do, including moving mailboxes, replacing stop signs, and clearing drains. He congratulated Tony Gless.

Community Development Manager Siegel stated that the first meeting of the Mill Committee was held last week, and went well. The Mill Committee will be working with Williams & Works. There has been progress on the grant funding from the National Fish and Wildlife program. She is looking into advertising opportunities for the downtown businesses. There are several upcoming events, including Ladies Leaves and Laughter, Shop Small, and the tree lighting ceremony. 1871 Taproom is open for business, and there is a ribbon cutting planned for Gifted, a new business inside Design Street.

Assistant Superintendent Keyser shared that he has been focused on plant maintenance in preparation for winter.

Superintendent Pond stated that the biosolids report is due this month, and that one of the buildings needs gas sensing equipment.

Director Callahan discussed the Open House at Public Safety that was held in conjunction with Pumpkins in the Park. He said that Smokey the Bear was a hit, and that the event was well received by the community.

Clerk Leonard stated that she is preparing for the upcoming Election. Early Voting begins Saturday, October 26th and runs through Sunday, November 3rd. Polls are open from 8am until 4pm during Early Voting, and from 7am until 8pm on Tuesday November 5th, Election Day.

City Manager Lakamper said that the Department of Public Works had completed and submitted a CDSMI list to Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), providing proof to the State that the City of Plainwell water system contains no lead.

16. Council Comments:

Councilmember Wisnaski congratulated Tony Gless for his many years of community service, and Denise Siegel on her 10-year anniversary at the City.

Councilmember Keeney congratulated Tony Gless and Denise Siegel.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele thanked Tony Gless for everything he has done for Plainwell and the surrounding communities. She congratulated Denise on her ten years with the City, and stated that the first meeting of the Mill Committee was good.

Councilmember Overhuel offered congratulations to Denise Siegel and Tony Gless, and told Mrs. Waterman that he hoped she felt better soon.

17. Adjournment:

**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor.
Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

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October 28, 2024


JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk