

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
April 10, 2023

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Scott Smail of 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, 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 03/27/2023 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment:
Mr. Richmond, a resident at 118 Mariette, lodged a complaint about large campfires at neighboring 140 N Sherwood which may exceed allowed limits. Public Safety Director Callahan took Mr. Richmond's complaint.
7. County Commissioner Report: None
8. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the April 10, 2023 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
9. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Keeler introduced Penny Soper, the city's new Utility Billing Specialist.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Representatives from Consumers Energy reported receipt of an application from VDI Manufacturing which needs additional electric capacity to adequately operate its shop in the Industrial Park. Engineers at Consumers identified overhead lines which could be added to adequately supply the Industrial Park and planned expansion. The additional lines would encroach on city-owned land known as the Hickory Street Parcel, next to the substation at 350 Kenwood Street. The overhead lines would travel SouthEast from the substation down Kenwood, then NorthEast between 328 and 318 Kenwood across the railroad tracks into the Industrial Park. Consumers needs an easement from the City to cross the "Hickory Street Parcel", also known as parcel number 55-029-016-20. All other easements needed for the entire project have already been signed, and Consumers has already sent a mobile substation to serve the community while the upgrades are done at the permanent substation.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to approve an easement for Consumers Energy for the electrical facility upgrades as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Finance Director Kelley reminded Council about the bridge project scheduled for the summer on North Main and West Bridge. The Michigan Department of Transportation offered its contract confirming the 95% funding from federal and state sources with the 5% city match. The state requires positive confirmation, by resolution, of who can sign the contract.

A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve Construction Contract 23-2054 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for repairs to the West Bridge and North Main bridges and adopting Resolution 2023-14 authorizing Brian Kelley and Bob Nieuwenhuis to sign the contract on behalf of the city. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

- C. Community Development Siegel gave a brief update on the Dam project, noting the unplanned request by NOAA for PFAS testing of the sediment, with an additional request for more sites to be tested. GHD had worked up the Change Order for consideration.

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the change order for PFAS sediment sampling for the Plainwell Dam No 2 Project in the amount of \$69,850.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

- D. Community Development Siegel reported the planned Memorial Day Parade and that the special event permit requests the closure of M-89, which needs Council approval.

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve Special Event Permit 23-07 for the May 29, 2023 Memorial Day Parade. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications:

- A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the March 2023 Investment and Fund Balance Reports, the draft minutes from the March 16, 2023 Parks & Trees Meeting and the March 2023 Public Safety Report. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$284,980.15 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments:

Personnel Coordinator Amanda Kersten reported reviewing applications for City Clerk.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported researching property rights for the former jail lot behind the old Fire Hall. She reported working with the broker to determine appraised value for mill land and farm land. She also noted that the lead paint chips had been removed for testing.

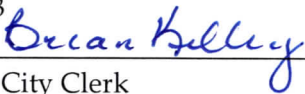
Superintendent Pond noted that the Dystor cover would be removed this week.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported that the bids for the bridge project came in 0.23% off from engineering estimates.

15. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:35pm to review and consider the applicants who have requested confidentiality as permitted under Michigan Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268 Section 8 (f) for the position of Plainwell City Manager. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

16. A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to return to the Regular Session at 8:33pm. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
17. A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to offer interviews for the position of Plainwell City Manager to Candidates #26, #29, #31 and #33, and to conduct those interviews at a Public Meeting on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 8:45am. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
18. Council Comments: None
19. Adjournment:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
April 24, 2023


Brian Kelley, City Clerk