

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**July 23, 2018**

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Scott Smith of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-tem Steele, Councilman Keeler and Councilman Overhuel.  
Absent: Councilman Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 07/09/2018 regular meeting and the Council Minutes. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. General Public Comments: None
7. County Commissioner Report: None
8. Presentations:  
Judge William A Baillargeon gave a report summarizing the 2017 Annual Report of the 57<sup>th</sup> District Court. He noted the great work of the clerical staff regularly making Allegan County tops in terms of compliance with SCAO reporting requirements. He highlighted the specialty courts, specifically the Drug Treatment, Mental Health Treatment, the Sobriety and the Veterans' Treatment courts for each bringing successes to those in need. Mayor Brooks thanked him for the report and added praise for the success of the Drug Treatment Court.
9. Agenda Amendments: None.
10. Mayor's Report: None
11. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Superintendent Pond reported the replacement SCADA system hardware affords better technology and the city's own radio frequency, further increasing reliability and performance of the system. Perceptive Controls will coordinate the installation of antennas and coaxial related to the project.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept the proposal from Perceptive Controls for installation of the SCADA antennas and coaxial related to the hardware replacement at a cost of \$8,272.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Personnel Manager Lamorandier presented changed to the city's Section 125, Employee Benefits, Plan to update for changes to the employee insurance plan offerings. There are two plans, one for a "short-year" of July 1 through July 31, 2018 and the other for a full fiscal year beginning August 1, 2018, which is required to properly reflect the employee health insurance coverage period.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to adopt Resolution 18-20 for the Section 125 Plan Document Amendments. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - C. Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported on the annual budget amendment to carry approved prior year purchase encumbrances into the current fiscal year because of when the purchases were completed.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to approve the 2018/2019 budget amendment for**

**the 2017/2018 encumbrance rollover. On a voice-vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Communications:

**A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the April and May 2018 Public Safety Reports, the June 2018 Water Renewal Report and the DRAFT Planning Commission Minutes from July 18, 2018. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$130,552.35 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

14. Public Comments None.

15. Staff Comments

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported investigating options to clean and remediate the leaf pile behind the DPW facility, including a quote from Renewed Earth for \$8,500 one-time cleanup and \$15,000 per year to process and remove the leaves.

Superintendent Pond reported the completion of the Hill Street Lift Station upgrade project.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported a “soft-opening” of the Dog Park is scheduled for July 30 with a formal recognition being planned for August.

Director Bomar reported the project to staff a School Resource Officer is back on track with participation from Gun Plan Township and an upcoming meeting with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported successful election equipment accuracy testing, so the staff is ready for the August 7, 2018 State Primary.

16. Council Comments:

Councilman Keeney asked staff to inquire about trucks at the Wastewater Treatment Plant making excessive noise in the very early morning hours most every day.

17. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
Submitted by,  
Brian Kelley  
City Clerk/Treasurer