

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
July 11, 2016

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: None.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeler and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: Councilman Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 06/27/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
Don Black, County Commissioner, noted that the County Board approved a project for a new county-wide 911 system at a cost of in excess of \$8-million.

Public Safety Chief Bomar recognized Officer Jeff Welcher for his 20 years of service to the community and listed Officer Welcher's accomplishments over the years.
7. Agenda Amendments:
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to add to the agenda item 9B – DPW Purchase of a Road Striping Machine. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion Passed.
8. Mayor's Report
Mayor Brooks expressed concern over the recent tragedies locally and nationally and hopes people don't become numb to the news.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Economic Development Manager Siegel briefed the Council on the recent updates to the Master Plan for the 2016-2021 period and that the Planning Commission has recommended distribution for public comment.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel to approve the distribution of the Draft Master Plan for a 42-day public comment period. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Updike updated Council on the need for a new road striping machine to replace the existing machine, which is no longer adequate at nearly 30-years of service. The brand new machine under consideration is great for most of the work that needs to be done in the community.
A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of new Road Striping Machine from RAE Products in the amount of \$3,640.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the Planning Minutes from the June 15 and July 6, 2016 meetings and the June 2016 Investment Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$179,771.24 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Public Comments

None.

13. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier commented on how nice it's been to have worked with Officer Welcher over the past 20 years.

Superintendent Updike updated Council on DPW projects.

Economic Development Manager Siegel informed Council of a ribbon cutting for Riverbend Yoga. She noted that the Farmer's Market had over 300 visitors on Friday the 8th and that the first Saturday market will happen on July 16. She noted that she had submitted a grant request to Pet Safe for the Dog Park and that the city will hear about the award in August. She noted upcoming events for Music Trail, Sidewalk Sales and Movies in the Park. Finally, she noted the Michigan Municipal League's publication of *The Review* which includes an article about the Plainwell Paper Mill.

Chief Bomar wanted to thank the citizens of Plainwell for an outpouring of support from the community in light of recent national and local events involving police and public safety officers. He also noted that the new fire truck should be delivered this week.

Treasurer Kelley reminded the community that petitions for running for City Council are due in the Clerk's Office no later than 4pm on August 2, 2016.

14. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel thanked Officer Jeff Welcher for his service.

Councilwoman Steele also thanked Officer Welcher and noted that he holds a special place with her family.

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer