

Minutes
Plainwell DDA, BRA and TIFA:
March 11, 2021

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:32 a.m. by Larabel
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Members Present: Jim Turley, Nick Larabel, EJ Hart, Erik Wilson, Randy Wisnaski, , David O’Bryant, Adam Hopkins, Paul Rizzo
Excused: Angela Ridgway
4. Approval of Minutes of 02/09/21: minutes were approved to place on file.
5. General Public: None
6. Chairman’s Report: None
7. BRA Action Items
 - A. Mill Demolition Progress Payment #4 of \$684,970.00. Grant with MEDC. Complications in determining restoration vs demolition. Structural issues with Building #3 (roof) work is now delayed about 10 weeks. Larabel questioned the city about pursuing liquidated damages from Melching for the delay that will now go beyond the contract. City Manager Wilson said they are looking into it.
 - B. Brownfield Loan Work Plan – EGLE 10% match on the grant will come from a loan. The city was approved up to \$600,000 but we do not have to draw on all the funds. City Manager Wilson provided an overview of the work plan describing the activities to be funded by the loan. **Motion to accept the work plan was made by Hart and seconded by O’Bryant. Motion carried.**
 - C. **Motion to accept accounts payable for February of \$20,999.65 was made by Hart and seconded by O’Bryant. Motion carried.**
8. DDA Action Items
 - A. DPW Deputy Director, John Varley reported out on the cutting through parking lot issues behind NAPA and Dance Kraze. DPW has sent out press release re: tickets for people cutting through; Stopping vehicles and asking why – they found a lot of people are circulating around to park in front of a business, others cutting through to avoid light. DPW contacted MDOT regarding the timing length of the light. MDOT will plan on doing a traffic count on N. Main St.
 - B. **Motion to accept accounts payable for February of \$510.31 was made by Rizzo and seconded by Larabel. Motion carried.**
9. TIFA Action Items
 - A. **Motion to accept accounts payable for February of \$656.32 was made by Larabel and seconded by Wisnaski. Motion carried.**
10. Communications: 1/25/2021 & 02/08/21 Council Minutes. Also the Financial Report/ Summary as of 2/28/2021 **were approved and placed on file.**
11. Public Comments: None
12. Staff Comments: Community Development Manager, Siegel reported:
Community Updates:

Art Hop scheduled for March 12, 2021 5-7:30 p.m.

Business Updates: 124 E. Bridge St. interior remodel has begun; Site plans for DMT 16,000 sq. foot expansion was approved at the 2/17/2021 Planning Meeting.

City Manager Wilson mentioned the sale of the 50 additional acres for the Industrial Park is moving forward. City Manager Wilson provided an updated Concept Plan of the mill based on the work our City Planners prepared and presented to the Mill Citizens Advisory Committee.

Board Member Comments:

Rizzo – Excited about the 50 acres for the Industrial Park

Hart – Suggested that when DPW adds the speed bumps in the back-parking lot behind NAPA and Dance Kraze they are the inverted type, as these are easier to plow over.

Wisnaski – Updated everyone on the staff comments made at City Council and informed the Board on the Free Legal Help program that Allegan County Courts has and he also mentioned the sliding fee scale counseling that is available in Richland.

13. **Adjournment: A Motion to adjourn the meeting 9:08 a.m. was made by Larabel and seconded by Hopkins.**

Submitted by Denise Siegel, Community Development Manager