

Minutes  
Plainwell DDA, BRA and TIFA:  
September 10, 2019

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:31 a.m. by Larabel
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call  
Members Present: Jim Turley, Paul Rizzo, Zelda Schippers, Adam Hopkins, David O'Bryant; Erik Wilson, Nick Larabel, EJ Hart  
Approval of Minutes of Motion by Hart, seconded by Turley to approve 08/13/19 minutes. Motion carried.
4. General Public: Randy Wisnaski, Councilmember, Mayor Brad Keeler, Meg (Plainwell Flowers)
5. Chairman's Report: None
6. BRA Action Items
  - A. **Motion to accept accounts payable for August of \$11,879.15 was made by Wilson and seconded by Larabel. Motion carried.**
7. DDA Action Items
  - A. **Motion to accept accounts payable for August of \$1,301.18 was made by Larabel and seconded by Rizzo. Motion carried.**
  - B. DDA Downtown Plan Review updates / amend plan with new projects. Committee of 3 Schippers, Hart, and Meg (Plainwell Flowers). After further review it was discovered that the Plan was amended in 2007 for projects dating into 2028.
  - C. Downtown Lights: Small discussion on hanging lights over North and South Main in the future. The Community Development Manager will look into details regarding this possibility to beautify our downtown.
  - D. CMD asked Board Members for their thoughts on the Marihuana presentation that was held on September 4 during Planning Commission.
    - a. Hart – felt it was very polarized presentation
    - b. Schippers – learned a lot about all the types of forms it now comes in.
    - c. Turley – agreed that it was extremely bias presentation, in a negative way.
    - d. O'Bryant – thought presentation was anti-marihuana. Both sides were very opinionated. He wanted to publicly put on record he is opposed to Recreational Marihuana in our downtown.
8. TIFA Action Items
  - A. **Motion to accept accounts payable for August of \$627.73 was made by Hart and seconded by Larabel. Motion carried.**
9. Communications:  
0722/19 Council Minutes and 08/12/19, 8/21/19, 8/22/19 Council minutes. Also Financial Report/Summary as of 8/31/19 were accepted and placed on file.
10. Public Comments: None
11. Staff Comments: Community Development Manager reported on:  
**Business Updates**: vintage baseball game and holiday events that are now being planned.

***Construction Updates:*** Sherwood Street/restroom project on target. Library Construction project updates re: sidewalk closures.

***Mayor Brooks Plaza:*** Mayor Brad Keeler, mentioned that at the City Council meeting on 9/9/19 a citizen recommended that the Plaza be named the “Mayor Richard Brooks Plaza.” **A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to agree in concept to rename the downtown plaza near the Fountain and Campbell’s in honor of Mayor Rick Brooks, with details to follow. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

***Business Updates:*** Empty buildings downtown 112 N. Main St., 200 E. Bridge St. and there is a pending sale on 712 E. Bridge St. (the former Energy Mill); 124 E. Bridge is now on the Market (Champion Law Office) listed at \$135,000.

**City Manager Wilson** reported out on the Consumer Poles and the meeting with Consumers to move them from the river bank to along M89. An open public meeting will be held on Sept.26 at 7 p.m.

**Member Comments:** Turley inquired about the Industrial Park sign, CDM responded that is in the works.

**Adjournment: A Motion by Larabel supported by O’Bryant to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 a.m. was made and passed.**

Submitted by Denise Siegel, Community Development Manager