

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
February 26, 2024

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Department of Public Safety building.
2. The invocation was given by Anthony Vanvolkinburg of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
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 Meeting minutes of the 02/12/2024 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: Elizabeth Peterson introduced herself to Council, sharing information about herself and that she is running for 48th Circuit Court Judge.
7. County Commissioner Report: Gale Dugan briefed Council on several items pertaining to Allegan County as a whole. He discussed hazardous waste disposal sites, the recycling program, a camera being installed along M89 between Plainwell and Otsego and working with the DNR to expand public access to state owned game land for outdoor recreational activities other than hunting. He shared that he had traveled to New York recently in support of his daughter. Gale spoke of the recent passing of a family member.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Agenda for the February 26, 2024 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: Mayor Keeler offered condolences to the Shumaker family.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Community Development Manager Siegel discussed a Special Event Permit request received from Dean's Ice Cream to host a car show on Monday nights from April 15th, 2024 through October 7th, 2024.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, to approve the Special Event Permit for Dean's Ice Cream as presented. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Pond discussed a 6-month contract, covering February 2024 – July 2024, with Evoqua to provide Bioxide (a necessary water treatment chemical) and associated rental equipment.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve a 6-month contract with Evoqua Water Technologies to provide Bioxide and rental equipment to the City for \$16,492.12. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the purchase of 12 black steel flower planters from Global Industries.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, approving the purchase of 12 black steel flower planters from Global Industrial for \$5519.40 plus shipping. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. City Manager Lakamper discussed the sale of the William Crispe Building to Comfort Living Home, LLC.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the sale of 203 W. Bridge St. to Comfort Living Home, LLC for a purchase price of \$115,000 and authorize City Manager, Justin Lakamper, to execute the sale. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
11. Communications:
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the February 2024 Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal reports, the draft 1/22/24 Parks & Trees meeting minutes, the draft 2/13/24 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes

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and the draft 2/21/24 Planning Commission meeting minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$928,344.81 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None.

14. Staff Comments:

Treasurer/Finance Director Kelley thanked the 2024 Election Staff, Clerk Leonard and Allegan County for their help and support during early voting, and throughout the Primary Election. He shared that the State of Michigan may reimburse the City for a share of the cost of the Presidential Primary Election. He offered condolences to the Shumaker family, noting that Judy was an asset to Plainwell for many years, and that she will be greatly missed.

Personnel Coordinator Kersten had nothing to report.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported that the water meter change out project is complete. PMI did a great job, working well with the DPW and the residents of Plainwell. He thanked the residents of Plainwell for making the meter change out possible, and assisting the City with this vital upgrade.

Community Development Manager Siegel shared that she is working on a T-Mobile Grant to put toward a community fire pit at Brook's Plaza. She shared that 10th Street Saloon offered support for the liquor license necessary for the Social District. She stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed and approved the site plans for Profielnorm, a new business coming to Plainwell's Industrial Park.

Dates to Note: Art Hop is March 8th, Farmer's Market begins May 2nd, Concerts in the Park begin at the end of May, and the Food Truck Rally is happening June 20th, July 16th and August 20th at Fannie Pell Park.

Superintendent Pond reported the new well is up and running, and Peerless did solid work.

Clerk Leonard reported that Early Voting went well, and was a great learning experience. She thanked Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Kelley for his training during the process and his leadership skills. She shared that she is looking forward to Election Day, and knows that her Election Staff will do a great job.

Manager Lakamper shared that Plainwell received an A rating for the Bond Sale, slightly lower than anticipated, due to a projected low general fund balance in the future. He stated that the Restrictive Covenants have been shared with GHD, and will be discussed in March. He closed with Profielnorm today. He thanked City residents and City Staff members for going above and beyond to make the meter change out a success and as smooth as possible.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Keeney shared that he had seen a bald eagle circling the Department of Public Safety Building.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele offered condolences to the Shumaker and Flegal families.

Councilmember Overhuel offered condolences to Gale Dugan for his loss, as well as the Shumaker family.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
March 11, 2024


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