

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
November 23, 2020

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM on the Zoom Meeting Application as permitted by Senate Bill 1108.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler (virtually from Plainwell, Michigan), Mayor Pro Tem Steele (virtually from Plainwell, Michigan), Councilmember Overhuel (virtually from Plainwell, Michigan), Councilmember Keeney (virtually from Kihei, Maui, Hawai'i) and Councilmember Wisnaski (virtually from Plainwell, Michigan). Absent: None.
4. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 11/09/2020 regular meeting, as amended. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. City Clerk Kelley reviewed the Report of the Allegan County Board of Canvassers certifying the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election at which Todd Overhuel and Lori Steele were elected to the Plainwell City Council.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept the Report of the Allegan County Board of Canvassers as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion Passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. Councilmember Comments:
Councilmember Keeney congratulated the candidates on their success.
8. Mayor Keeler adjourned by meeting *sine die* at 7:06pm.
9. City Clerk Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Todd Overhuel and Lori Steele as Councilmembers.
10. Clerk Kelley called Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Keeler, Councilmember Keeney, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Steele and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: None.
11. Clerk Kelley opened the floor for nominations for Office of Mayor. Wisnaski nominated Keeler for Mayor. Steele nominated Steele for Mayor. Hearing no other nominations, Clerk Kelley closed nominations.
Clerk Kelley called a roll vote – Keeney voted for Keeler, Overhuel voted for Keeler, Wisnaski voted for Keeler, Steele voted for Steele, Keeler voted for Keeler. By a vote of 4-1, Brad Keeler elected Mayor.
12. Clerk Kelley opened the floor for nominations for Office of Mayor Pro Tem. Overhuel nominated Steele for Mayor Pro Tem. Hearing no other nominations, Clerk Kelley closed nominations.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to nominate Lori Steele as Mayor Pro Tem. On a roll call vote, all in favor. By a vote of 5-1, Lori Steele elected Mayor Pro Tem.
13. Clerk Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Keeler, then to Mayor Pro Tem Steele.

14. Public Comment: None.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Keeney congratulated the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Overhuel reported how difficult this meeting is every two years knowing any of the candidates could make a good Mayor. Councilmember Wisnaski noted that the choice was difficult. None.

16. Clerk Kelley returned the meeting to Mayor Keeler at 7:16pm.

17. County Commissioner Report: None.

18. Agenda Amendments: None

19. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Keeler encouraged Council to review the engineering report included in the Council Packet regarding the water tower at the Mill. Councilmembers discussed options for keeping the tower versus demolishing it considering the cost of maintenance and the availability of grant funding. There was discussion of possibly installing a miniature replica of the existing tower. City Manager Wilson reminded Council the demolition project could have additional contingency costs, so nothing needs to be decided immediately about the tower.

20. Recommendations and Reports:

- A. City Treasurer Kelley reported the history of 2020 Resolutions and other actions of City Council related to water shut offs. Given the ongoing uncertainty of the health situation and in an effort to keep the residents and the staff safe, an Ordinance is being recommended to give authority to the City Manager to temporarily suspend water shut offs (required by Ordinance) during times of states of emergency or public health emergencies. The City Attorney has reviewed the document and recommends approval. **A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve Ordinance 388 to temporarily suspend water shut offs during state of emergency or public health crises. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
- B. City Manager Wilson reminded Council of actions in June 2020 to impose a temporary moratorium for mining operations for a 6-month period of time. That Ordinance allowed for the city to extend the terms of the temporary moratorium to allow the city to finalize regulations. The Planning Commission is set to consider a permanent ordinance revision in December 2020, so the Council is being asked to consider approving a 60-day extension of the temporary moratorium, as recommended by the City Attorney. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adopt Resolution 2020-22 as presented. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
- C. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis presented a proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink for engineering services related to bridge work slated for grant funding. The City is asking for approval of \$5,000 from this proposal for preliminary design engineering for North Main and Bridge Street bridges. **A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve a project with Fleis & Vandenbrink for preliminary bridge design engineering for \$5,000.000 related to a Michigan Department of Transportation Grant. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

21. Communications:

A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the October 2020 Water Renewal Report and the October 2020 Public Safety Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

22. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$75,187.99 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

23. Public Comments:

Pastor Dave Alderman of Encounter Church in Plainwell introduced himself to Council.

24. Staff Comments:

Personnel Manager Lamorandier wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported a Shop Small Event on Saturday November 28, 2020, which will include an Outdoor Farmers Market, which replaces the Indoor Market that had happened the last two weekends. She reported a Light Up the Night event starting at 4pm on Friday December 4, 2020 kicking off a series of events in December celebrating the Holidays.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported loose leaf collections will end this week and the staff is preparing for the Christmas Tree lighting and winter work.

Superintendent Pond gave an update on the Stormwater Plan currently being reviewed by the State.

Director Bomar noted that the fire department has been busy with structure and vehicle fires and other support calls. He reported that the suspects in the city vandalism case are being arraigned next week.

Clerk Kelley reported 2020 Winter Tax Bills will be mailed on Monday November 30, 2020 and will be due on February 16, 2021.

City Manager Wilson reported working on a Request for Qualifications for developers for the mill site as part of the city's RRC certification. He also acknowledged Progressing Building Services of Plainwell for deep cleaning disinfection work at City Hall, Public Safety, DPW and Water Renewal buildings over the past weekend.

25. Council Comments:

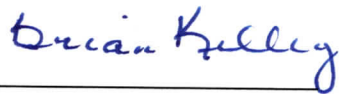
Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked everyone for their votes and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Councilmember Wisnaski again congratulated the candidates, thanked City Manager Wilson for the water tower report and thanked Public Safety for keeping the city safe.

26. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
December 14, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Brian Kelley, City Clerk