

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**July 8, 2019**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Steele called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Steve Smail from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Keeler, Councilmember Overhuel and Councilmember Keeney. Absent: Mayor Brooks.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to excuse Mayor Brooks with prior notification. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:  
**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeney, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 06/24/2019 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioner Report: None
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None
10. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported having completed the first year with a new street sweeping company. The Department received compliments from citizens and worked well with the vendor. Upon negotiation, the vendor has offered to keep pricing the same for a three-year contract period.  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, to approve a three-year contract with Walters Sweeping for up to four (4) street sweepings per year at an annual cost not to exceed \$18,300.00. On a roll-call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported ongoing treatments for emerald ash borers city-wide. The vendor has offered to continue treatment next spring at similar pricing. City Manager Wilson noted that the cost of treatment is less than the cost of removal of the trees.  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, to approve a project with Honeytree Nursery for Spring 2020 Emerald Ash Borer Treatment at a cost of \$3,600.00. On a roll-call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - C. City Manager Wilson presented a request from DC Strong to host a benefit fundraiser at City Hall Council Chambers in September and sought input from Council about whether this was acceptable policy.  
**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, to allow rental of Council Chambers to DC Strong for a benefit fundraiser on September 28, 2019. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Communications:

**A. A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the June 2019 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$171,004.34 for payment of same. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments:

Community Development Manager Siegel reported the building at 118 East Bridge has sold and that exciting news will be forthcoming.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported the milling on Sherwood Avenue would start Tuesday July 9.

Director Bomar reported a possible porch theft investigation.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported 2019 Summer Property Tax Statements were mailed on Friday June 28 and will be due on Thursday August 15, 2019, and that he is working on year-end.

15. Council Comments:

None.

16. Adjournment:

**A motion by Keeler, seconded 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  
City Clerk/Treasurer