

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
January 8, 2018

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Don Mejeur of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilman Overhuel, Councilman Keeler and Councilman Keeney. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 12/27/2017 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

6. General Public Comments:

David Benac of Kalamazoo, Michigan introduced himself and noted that he is a Democratic Candidate for the 6th Congressional District, which includes the City of Plainwell. He gave a brief personal history of his Michigan roots and his plans for Town Hall-style meetings around the District. There is one such meeting already scheduled for January 18, 2018 at Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers and the public is invited to attend.

7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:

A. Community Development Manager Siegel presented plans for a drive-through coffee shop at 203 S. Main St., which is the south-east corner of South Main and Chart Street, a former gas station. The United Methodist Church is providing funding for the coffee shop which will benefit Fair Trade organizations as a community service. Building owner Danene Gless noted that the goal is to support local businesses and charitable organizations. The Planning Commission and PCI have reviewed the site plans and have grandfathered the site as a mercantile business. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the site plan.

A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, to approve the Site Plan for the Fair Trade Coffee Shop at 203 S. Main St. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

B. Superintendent Updike briefed the Council on the Water Asset Management Plan that is required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The Plan is a comprehensive document with all the assets listed from data within the GIS and Cartegraph systems. One of the main purposes of the Plan is the criticality assessment, which prioritizes repairs, replacements and upgrades. Overall, the water system is good shape, with service shortcomings identified in the Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Keeler, to accept the Water Asset Management Plan for submission to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications:

A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the December 2017 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 \$502,174.75 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments None.

14. Staff Comments

Superintendent Updike thanked Jerry Lawrence for having covered and filled in for both Superintendents over the holiday breaks. He also announced his retirement effective May 1, 2018.

Superintendent Pond reported the painting project is complete the work looks great.

Director Bomar reported on recent trainings for active shooters and fire smoke awareness.

Community Development Manager Siegel reminded Council of a joint meeting with the Planning Commission scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday January 17 in Council Chambers to work through the M-1 and M-2 Zoning Ordinance to improve the industrial district, which is a requirement the for the Redevelopment Readiness Certification.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported setting up the 2018/2019 budget.

City Manager Wilson reminded Council about ongoing discussions with Consumers Energy and Weyerhaeuser regarding moving the power poles between the Mill and the River. He also noted working on a Request for Qualifications for mill development after the scheduled 2018 clean up work..

15. Council Comments: None

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

City Clerk/Treasurer