

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
February 13, 2017

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Steve Smail 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 and Councilman Keeney.
Absent: Councilman Keeler.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 01/23/2017 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
None
7. Agenda Amendments:
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to add Item 9E – Resolution 17-09 USDA Grant Application, to the Agenda. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
8. Mayor's Report: None
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Superintendent Pond reported that the system originally installed in 1980 with minor upgrades over the years, is in need of replacement for operational and efficiency purposes. He noted the three quotes that he received, one of which did not to the specifications of the requested. He noted that RW LaPine had taken over Suburban Mechanical, which has worked on this system in the past..
A motion by Keeney, supported by Overhuel, to award a contract for the replacement of the Control Building HVAC system in the amount of \$72,000, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the approved action. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Updike briefed Council on the availability of a 2006 Chevrolet C-8500 Dump Truck at auction. Staff has reviewed the vehicle and it exceeds the expectations for a replacement unit, which is included in the budget. Superintendent Updike noted that this would be the biggest and best vehicle in the fleet, if he wins the bid.
A motion by Keeney, supported by Steele, to approve the purchase of a 2006 Chevrolet C-8500 Dump Truck as presented in the Rangebid.com auction, for an amount not to exceed \$65,000. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Director Bomar briefed Council about the ongoing County project to upgrade radios and pagers county-wide. The equipment has been purchased and is being deployed by County. The County wishes to transfer ownership of the equipment to the city, which accepts the maintenance and upkeep of the equipment. The equipment being transferred is valued in excess of \$150,000.
A motion by Overhuel, supported by Steele, to accept the transfer of ownership of portage and mobile radios and pager equipment from Allegan County, in the amount of \$150,515 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the approved action. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. City Manager Wilson briefed Council on an expansion at Darby Metal Treating that requires installation of a hydrogen tank on the property. The setback requirements encroach on a city outlet

on Wakefield Avenue in the Industrial Park. The Outlot is used for storm water retention purposes and the city has no other plans for that land and recommends a lease agreement with Darby Metal Treating to allow the setback requirements for the hydrogen tank. The tank is needed for continued upgrades to the operations at Darby Metal Treating, which has already added space to the existing facility and plans more expansion to the north. Tom Darby spoke to the great working relationship with the city over the years and Council appreciated how much his businesses have meant for the Park and the city has a whole.

A motion by Keeney, supported by Overhuel, to enter into a lease agreement with Darby Metal Treating Inc., allowing the necessary setback for the installation of a liquid hydrogen tank on the DMT property, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the approved action. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- E. City Manager Wilson reminded Council of the requirements of the buy/sell with Sweetwaters to install 90' of road north of M-89 to extend Prince Street. There may be grant funds available through the USDA which could extend that project to 400' to the north, including the installation of water and sewer. Such a project would allow for future marketing opportunities for other properties along Prince Street North. The Resolution authorizes the City Manager to act as liaison with the USDA for grant application and processing purposes.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeney, to adopt Resolution 17-09 as presented authorizing the City Manager to apply for grant funds with the USDA. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the 2016 DPS Annual Report and the January 2017 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$306,230.67 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Public Comments

None.

13. Staff Comments

Superintendent Updike reported that the gas company is working on re-laying gas mains on First and Second Avenues.

Community Development Manager Siegel noted that the Art Hop is scheduled for March 10 at 5pm with an After Party starting at 9pm at the Old Mill. She also noted that many fundraising efforts are underway for the Dog Park. Finally, she noted work on an application for a USDA Farmers Market Promotion Grant.

Superintendent Pond noted completion of upgrades the Wedgewood and Peach Court lift stations. He noted having attended training last week.

Director Bomar highlighted components of DPS Annual Report, specifically citing a reduction in crime in Plainwell of 14%. Councilman Keeney asked for and was given an update on the investigation related to the recent Clark Station incident.

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported seeking and advertising for seasonal laborers in the parks.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley noted work on the budget and upcoming election training on February 22 and 23.

City Manager Wilson noted that he continues working on the Capital Improvement Project.

14. Council Comments:

None.

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

City Clerk/Treasurer