

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**Special Meeting/ Budget workshop**  
**June 14, 2017**  
**7:00PM**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Brooks

Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele and Councilman Keeler. Absent: Councilman Keeney and Councilman Overhuel.

Also, Present: City Manager Wilson and Clerk/Treasurer Kelley.

Mayor Brooks started the meeting by stating that this is a special meeting\budget workshop set by Council to review the proposed 2017-2018 City Budget.

E. Wilson and Treasurer Kelley reviewed the draft Fund Summary and budget.

**Items of note:**

The General Fund budget includes proceeds from sale of the Harding's Building (\$50,000), most of which is being transferred to the Major Streets Fund (\$40,000) to fund improvements to the Anderson Street curbs and parking lots. City Manager Wilson noted that grant funds may be available as relates to the building improvements which could open additional opportunities for improvement. The grant funds are under investigation and Council will be briefed if any projects develop.

Additionally in the General Fund, Public Safety wages have shifted to full-time from part-time with the promotion of Officer Luthy to full-time. Also, certain projects have been shifted from the Solid Waste Fund into the General Fund (stump grinding and lawn mowing).

In the Street Funds, all projects slated for work in the budget year have funding available from the State. Mayor Pro-Tem Steele inquired about street signage to direct visitors to downtown businesses – perhaps something similar to the Downtown Kalamazoo signs.

The Solid Waste Fund is the source of concern and staff will be keeping close tabs on how funds are expended in this fund. The budget includes estimates for contractual services for curbside recycling and bulk pickup, pending a June 15, 2017 bid opening for those services.

In the Water Fund, the Pumping & Treatment activity includes funding for additional alarms to prevent problems in the chemical feed systems.

Workshop was adjourned at 8:32pm.

**Submitted by**  
**Brian Kelley**  
**City Clerk/Treasurer**