

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
October 24, 2018

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Scott Fenner from 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 Keeler, Councilman Overhuel, 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 10/08/2018 regular meeting and the Council Minutes. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public Comments: None.
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
9. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Brooks noted tonight's meeting was another opportunity for candidates for Council to attend and be heard.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis negotiated a three-year contract with Honeytree Nursery to continue the Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Program at the same cost as in previous years.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the three-year contract with Honeytree Nursery for Emerald Ash Borer treatments at an annual cost of \$3,600.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis solicited quotes from providers of street sweeping services. Only one firm bid and maintained pricing similar to the previous provider, which did not offer a bid.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeler, to approve a contract for street sweeping with Walters Sweeping for an annual cost not to exceed \$18,300.00, with an option to extend the contract. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis recommends continuing to make purchases through the Mi-Deal Purchasing Program for winter maintenance salt purchases.
A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, to confirm road salt purchases through the MiDeal Purchasing Program. 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 September 2018 Water Renewal Report, the Planning Commission DRAFT 10/17/2018 Meeting Minutes and the M-40/M-89 Corridor Committee Draft 07/31/2018 Meeting Minutes. 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 \$112,595.26 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments None

14. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager reported having re-certified her credentials for a three-year period.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported having started the leaf pickup program and that the SAW Grant was underway cleaning storm drains, which is part of the grant process.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported voted being tallied for the Scarecrow Contest to determine three (3) winners. She reported the Arts & Eats Event this past weekend had about 200 people through, and that the Pumpkins In the Park Event was a big success with about 300 people braving the weather. She noted about 800 shoppers at the Outdoor Farmers Market this season and that about 15 vendors are set for the Indoor Farmers Market starting November 3.

Superintendent Pond gave a progress report on the replacement of pumps at the water renewal facility.

Director Bomar reported having sold the 1978 Fire Truck at auction for about \$3,200 and the wheels and tires for about \$1,200. He reported a successful Active Assailant Drive at Plainwell Schools on October 17 and thanked the Otsego Police and Fire Departments, the Allegan County and Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Departments, the Michigan State Police, the FBI, and the Fire Departments from Martin, Hopkins, Cooper and Gun Plain Townships for their participation in the event. Finally he noted that Fire Prevention Month continues for the rest of this month.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reminded everyone that the Election Day is November 6, 2018 and that polls will be open 7am until 8pm. He noted that the auditors are tentatively rescheduled for next week to finalize the year-end audit. He reported the near completion of the chart of accounts and beginning the budget process. He also remarked that the Zoning Board of Appeals would hear a zoning variance on November 12.

City Manager Wilson reported the last Chlorinated Organic Compounds testing was completed with the same results at the County's testing – no major findings. He also reported continued negotiations for the School Resource Officer.

15. Council Comments:

Councilman Keeney congratulated Plainwell High School Football for its win over Otsego.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer