

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**October 26, 2020**

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Plainwell Council Chambers.
2. Scott Fenner of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Councilmember Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:  
Clerk Kelley noted an error in the presented minutes – Item 14 noted the “October 2020 Investment and Fund Balance Reports” when, in fact, the reports were for September 2020 and asked the minutes be amended as such. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 10/12/2020 regular meeting, as amended, and the Closed Session. 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:  
Mayor Keeler is pleased with continued progress with the demolition.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. City Manager Wilson reported and reminded Council about vandalism at the Mill demolition site and at the Kenyon Park Water Tower. The Manager authorized emergency purchases for power washing the water towers to remove graffiti, security system upgrades and intrusion alarms. As required by the Purchasing Ordinance, Council should consider confirming those emergency purchases. He also discussed possible insurance or restitution from other costs associated with the vandalism. **A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to confirm the emergency purchases for water tower cleaning with H2O Towers LLC for \$17,500.00 and for an intrusion alarm from Perceptive Controls for \$1,679.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Superintendent Pond reported a small price increase for the annual chemical purchase of Calcium Nitrate, which is necessary to reduce odors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current year price is \$3.10 per gallon, which equates to approximately \$27,160 per year. The costs are included in the budget and the city invoices an outside customer for their share of this chemical as part of the plant’s operation. **A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve the contract with Evoqua Water Technologies for chemical purchases for the water revenue process estimated at \$27,160.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

C. City Manager Wilson reported Superintendent Nieuwenhuis' work in investigating costs for a new loader. The city uses its 1998 John Deere loader to remove loose leaves and snow from city streets and parking lots. The current load may need large repairs, causing major service interruptions. There is a 2015 John Deere loader available from Woodhams Equipment for \$62,500 with an additional \$6,000 for a brand new set of tires. Adding this newer equipment will minimize the risk of service interruptions. The city could keep the existing loader to help speed up the snow/leaf clearing operations, or could sell it at auction. **A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve the purchase of a 2015 444K John Deere loader from Woodhams Equipment for \$68,500.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Communications:

A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the September 2020 Water Renewal Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by ~~Keeney~~ Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$820,271.04 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments:

Superintendent Pond reported winter treatment preparations and gave a brief report about cloudiness of the river as a result of work being done at the Morrow Dam.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported ongoing discussions about the Holiday Celebration.

Director Bomar reported working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan including wellhead protections, the spillway and flooding concerns.

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported the retirement plan conversion is complete.

Clerk Kelley reported that polls will be open Tuesday November 3, 2020 from 7am to 8pm and asks voters to come prepared with a smile, a pen and a lot of patience. As of today, 869 AV ballots have been issued and 699 have been returned.

City Manger Wilson asked that Council consider closing City Hall for Election Day to allow a larger work area for the Absent Voter Counting Board – Council agreed. He also discussed concerns about the bulk trash pickups and concerns about Republic Services' work.

15. Council Comments: None

16. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
Submitted by,  
Brian Kelley  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
November 9, 2020



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Brian Kelley, City Clerk