

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
February 26, 2018

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Robert Beltran 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 Overhuel, Councilman Keeler (arrived at 7:08PM) 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 02/12/2018 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public Comments: None.
7. County Commissioner Report:

Commissioner Black gave his report.
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Engineer Phil Doorlag from Wightman & Associates briefed Council on the progress of the projects affecting North Prince Street and the M-89 signal. He reported additional signage and street markings necessitating the change order.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, to approve Change Order #2 for \$889.30 and Payment Request #2 for \$3,588.44 to Kalin Construction for the Prince Street Extension Project. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Pond reported a pump that helps mix the digester process, thereby destroying volatility of the waste, was in need of repairs to avoid a failure. Some parts are being shipped from Washington State, which caused the emergency purchase.
A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, to confirm the emergency purchases from Richalnd Machine and Pump for \$5,700 and from JGM Valve for \$3,956.00 to rebuild a Dystor Chopper Pump. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Pond reported a spectrophotometer, used to analyze phosphorus, had failed. Backup systems are in place, but the unit needed replacement and was ordered to account for lead-time in delivery for the replacement.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, to confirm the emergency purchase from Fisher Scientific for \$3,800.00 to replace a failed spectrophotometer. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. Superintendent Updike briefed Council on the bid process for fencing for the dog park and the responses received. The funding has come from public donations and a state grant.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Keeler, to approve the project for up to 900' of fecing for the Dog Park from Cedar Springs Fence LLC in an amount not to exceed \$10,761.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- E. Superintendent Updike reported on a recent inspection of the bucket truck and the identification of worn boom hoses that need replacement in order to certify the inspection.
A motion by Keeler, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the project to replace all boom hoses on the bucket truck with Terex Utilities for \$5,025.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
- F. Superintendent Pond reported two other pumps in the digester process are in need of repair/replacement. Upon checking prices and availability of parts, a better solution is to replace two pump with new units for \$11,010 each, plus shipping.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Keeler, to approve the purchase of two (2) new chopper pumps from JGM Valve for a total of \$23,020.00. 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 January 2018 Water Renewal and Public Safety Reports and the 2017 Parks & Trees Commission Annual Report. 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 \$592,281.81 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Public Comments None.

14. Staff Comments

Superintendent Updike reported a recent auction netted the city \$9,821 for the sale of the skid steer, which is in excess of the \$8,000 offered as trade-in value. He also noted working on a resolution to accept the Prince Street Extension as a major street. Finally, he provided Council an update on the recent flooding situation and one specific downtown business owner which experienced a new flooding concern.

Superintendent Pond reported also on flooding concerns and increased flow due to river water getting into the stormwater and sanitary sewer systems. He noted a possible cross-connection between those two lines somewhere on Sherwood Street.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported about a March 3 11am grand opening for Joe's Market (formerly Mom & Johns) where they will offer free pizza until 2pm. She also reminded Council about Art Hop in the downtown area on March 9.

Director Bomar gave Council a timeline on the recent social media threat against Plainwell Schools and the Department's investigation.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported working on property tax settlement on March 1 and election training on March 7 in Kalamazoo.

City Manager Wilson reported that Chef Container, the city's contract recycling and bulk-trash provider, has been bought out by Republic Services. Republic will honor the Chef contract which runs through 2022..

15. Council Comments: None

16. Adjournment:

- A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer