

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
February 27, 2017

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Overhuel and Councilman Keeney. Absent: None.
4. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 02/13/2017 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. General Public / County Commissioner:
Commissioner Black updated Council about a county-wide committee considering a new road funding millage and that the County continues to seek input and feedback on the issue.
6. Agenda Amendments: None
7. Mayor's Report: None
8. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reminded Council of a 2016 action to grant the West Town Apartments special tax consideration upon funding for a large rehabilitation project. The developer approached the city about extending the one-year requirement for the project to commence. The city attorney drafted an Ordinance to amend the ordinances to allow for the project to begin before March 10, 2018. Nate Rykse, representing West Town Apartments, noted that the funding had been secured and that many closings were happening to finish that part of the project.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, to approve the first reading and waive the actual reading of Ordinance 378 for West Town Apartments. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Manager Wilson briefed Council about having received a Letter of Intent from Steve Tyre to purchase the former Harding's building for an ACE Hardware Store. The city attorney drafted a resolution to approve the sale of property.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel, to adopt Resolution 17-10, approving the sale of property for an ACE Hardware Store and to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Director Bomar noted that as part of ongoing replacement of turn-out gear, he had identified two staff who needed new gear. The project is included in the current year operating budget.
A motion by Keeney, supported by Keeler, to approve the purchase of fire turn-out gear from Time Emergency Equipment for \$4,250. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
9. Communications:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the February 9, 2017 Allegan County Commission Minutes and the January 2017 Water Renewal Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
10. Accounts Payable:
A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$706,428.28 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Public Comments

None.

12. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported having received ten (10) applications for seasonal employment in Parks.

Community Development Manager Siegel noted several items:

- The Dog Park fundraising is underway at many locations around the city;
- Two (2) grants have been submitted to the USDA, one for road funding for the Prince Street extension and the other for a Farmer's Market Manager;
- RFPs are in the works for the restroom project in Sherwood Park for which the city recently received a grant award;
- The MEDC has received the city's RRC application and will be reviewing that over the next 4-5 months;
- On March 8, the city will host a meeting of the Interurban Trail committee; and
- On Friday March 10, the Art Hop has many activities planned.

Superintendent Updike reported that the dump truck auction was successful and the city is happy to have gotten the vehicle for under budget.

Superintendent Pond noted continued work on capital projects, specifically the hot water loop project.

Director Bomar noted working on updating the Mutual Aid Agreement with the County and the new Sheriff.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley noted working on property tax settlements, budget and election-related training followup.

13. Council Comments:

None.

14. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer