

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
May 29, 2018

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Steele called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Matt Hooper from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilman Overhuel, and Councilman Keeney. Absent: Councilman Keeler and Mayor Brooks.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeney, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 05/14/2018 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public Comments: None.
7. County Commissioner Report:
County Commissioner Don Black highlighted a recent discussion by the County Board about recreational marijuana use and related health issues, as well as potential tribal land acquisitions.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
9. Mayor's Report: None
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Wilson introduced business owner Mike Kalavitz who gave a brief history of his company, Gecko Products, including its relocation to Plainwell from Allegan. His company makes safety equipment for off-road vehicles and heavy rolling stock. They are relocating to the former Baker Agency location on Industrial Parkway and are adding a 10,000 square foot for extra work space and storage. The Planning Commission reviewed all of the plans and held a Public Hearing and recommends approval.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the site plan for a pole barn addition for Gecko Products at 962 Industrial Parkway. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported a requirement by the Michigan Department of Transportation for each municipality to designate one person as Street Administrator for the Act 51 Street Funding Program. With the recent retirement of the former Street Administrator, the Council needs to formally designate the new DPW Superintendent as the city's Street Administrator.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeney, to adopt Resolution 18-16 designating DPW Superintendent Robert Nieuwenhuis as the city's Act 51 Street Administrator. On a voice call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported having opened bids from five (5) firms for the 2018 street paving program. Chart Street from Main to Hicks and Wedgewood Drive will be paved in the summer of 2018. The bids were evaluated and Superintendent Nieuwenhuis recommends the low bidder, Wyoming Asphalt. City Manager Wilson noted that the bids included costs for the company to raise the manhole covers during construction and reported that city staff had done that in the past. The 2017 paving project was delayed by the contractor after the manholes had been raised causing concerns by the affected residents. It was recommended that Council consider including the cost of the company raising the manhole covers in its motion for the project.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the project to pave East Chart Street and Wedgewood Drive, and for raising manholes and storm drains, with Wyoming Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$108,000. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications:

A. A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeney, to accept and place on file the Draft May 16, 2018 Planning Commission Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$85,456.79 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments None.

14. Staff Comments

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported more progress with the Dog Park – fences are being installed and hydro-seeding should be done by week's end. The seeds will need 6 to 8 weeks before the dogs could run on it. He also reported the infrared patch work would begin very soon, starting with the most heinous potholes.

Superintendent Pond reported a recent plant inspection that showed everything was within acceptable limits and only noted minor changes to be made.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported having received grant funds for the upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration and the Farmer's Market.

City Manager Wilson reported that the city's long-time attorney will be transitioning to a full-time position with the City of Wyoming and is working to transition the city's ongoing issues to different staff at the firm. The city continues to work with Consumers Energy to move the power poles along the river, which is needed for the cleanup work that Weyerhaeuser plans to begin this summer. He also reported that the Rotary is applying for a grant which may be used for pavilion upgrades at Lower Cook Park..

15. Council Comments: None.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer