

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**January 25, 2016**

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Invocation: Was given by Matt Hooper of the Lighthouse Baptist Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeney, Councilwoman Steele, and Councilman Keeler. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:  
**A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 01/11/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. General Public / County Commissioner:  
Heard from County Commissioner Black. He noted that he no longer has a land-line phone and asked everyone to contact him by cell.
7. Agenda Amendments:  
None
8. Mayor's Report  
None.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Superintendent Pond discussed a proposal that had been sent out for city-wide electrical services. Three vendors were compared and were found to be well qualified. The difference in rates quoted seemed to be in line with the size of the business. Superintendent Pond noted that the closest vendor physically, Esper Electric, was also the only vendor with a 60' bucket truck, which could be useful. Councilman Keeney inquired why some other vendors were not included, specifically Moore Electric and Kalamazoo Electric. It was discussed that vendors with whom the city was familiar had been asked to bid and the other vendors had not been solicited. It was discussed that Moore Electric should be included in the comparison.  
**Council postponed action on this item, asking that a new comparison including Moore Electric, be presented at the next meeting.**
  - B. Manager Wilson and Superintendent Updike briefed Council on a multi-jurisdictional cooperative to create a 40-mile non-motorized trail between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids that may run through Plainwell. Several meetings have been held over the past year and all the affected municipalities seem agreeable to the project. In order to secure grant funding (with no match requirements), the group is asking Plainwell to be the "lead municipality" acting as the financial fiduciary and the focus unit for grant

purposes Questions were asked about specific location of the trail and whether horses would be allowed on the trail and it was determined that those questions would be answered as the group got further into the planning process.

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney to approved the request for proposal for the city to act as fiduciary for the Interurban Non-motorized Trail grant project. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

10. Communications:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler to accept and place on file the 12/31/15 Water Renewal and DPS reports, the 2015 Building Permit report and the 2015 Plainwell EMS Annual Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeler, supported by Keeney that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$287,032.97 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Public Comments

None

13. Staff Comments

S. Lamorandier reported that she has been working on the recreation plan draft document.

ED Manager Siegel reported that she had also been working on the recreation plan document in preparation for a special meeting of the Parks & Trees Board on Tuesday January 26 at 5pm. She also noted that a survey was sent out related to the recreation plan and that 69 responses had already been received. Finally, she reported that the next meeting for the Master Plan update was scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6pm and open to the public.

Superintendent Updike reported that in addition to plowing snow, he, too, was working on the recreation plan document.

Superintendent Pond updated Council on a project involving an aging hot water loop that is need of repairs.

Chief Bomar updated Council on the Allegan County 911 Board and its \$10-million radio project county-wide, the first such upgrade since 1999, largely funded by the 911 surcharge on consumers' phone bills. Related to that, the city may look to upgrade its radios in the next budget cycle. He also reported that he and the Sergeant were working on employee evaluations.

Treasurer Kelley reported that he was working on revenue projections related to the budget process.

14. Council Comments:

None

15. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk