

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
February 11, 2019

1. Mayor Brooks 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 Brooks, Mayor Pro-tem Steele, Councilmembers Keeler, Overhuel and 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 01/28/2019 regular meeting and the Council Minutes. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment:
Randy Wisnaski of 731 Brigham Street praised the city plow drivers for doing such great work keeping the roads in decent shape during the snow events. The Plainwell roads were the best.
7. County Commissioner Report: None
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Public Safety Director Bomar noted the annual inspections of fire gear identified two sets that need replacement and recommends purchase from the city's long-term supplier Globe Manufacturing, whose local representative is Dinges Fire Company at a total cost of \$4,871.00.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve the purchase of two (2) sets of turn-out gear from Dinges Fire Company at a cost of \$4,871.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported Truck 10, which is the 2nd truck in the snow plow pattern, is out of service in need of repairs to the frame and to the rear brakes. The city's preferred vendor, Martin Spring & Drive in Cooper Township, is finalizing the cost estimate.
A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, to approve frame and brake repairs to Truck 10 with Martin Spring & Drive at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. On a roll-call, all in favor. Motion passed.
11. Communications:
 - A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the December 2018 Monthly Public Safety Report, the 2018 Annual Public Safety Report, the January 2019 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. 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 \$212,879.93 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported looking into rates and options for the city's retirement plan. She reported that Julie Saukas has been hired as the city's Utility Billing Specialist/Deputy City Clerk and starts February 19.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported only two frozen meters were reported during the recent cold snap, which is less than most other local utilities. He also reporting having attended DEQ-required training related to utility rate studies.

Public Safety Director Bomar thanked the community for their offers of food and provisions for the warming center that was available during the recent cold snap.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported ongoing work with the budget and preparing for training the new employee.

City Manager Wilson provided an update on the sale of city property. The lot across from Plainwell Ice Cream can be advertised and sold without much legal work. The right-of-way lot on East First Street would require the plat to be redrawn, subject to state approval, and the associated costs of that could be between \$6,000 and \$8,000. After discussion, Council directed the Administration to table further action on the East First Right of Way for the time being.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele thanked the Department of Public Safety for recent Strategos training for the school bus drivers, which provided much information and was very well received.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer