

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
September 27, 2021

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Steve Smail from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 09/13/2021 special and regular meetings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioner Report: None
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None
Mayor Keeler reported great progress with installation of the Noon Whistle.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Included with the budget was the purchase of a replacement salt truck for the DPW Fleet. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis has been shopping and found a used vehicle that once belonged to City of Midland. The vehicle has been inspected and meets the city's needs. Should the purchase be approved, the 1994 Ford dump truck could be sold at auction. Councilmember Overhuel suggested keeping the 1994 for use in leaf pickups as opposed to renting a truck, as has been past practice. Council agreed the 1994 truck should be retained. Pickup truck #4 could be sold at auction subject to Council approval, as this truck has been replaced by a former Water Renewal vehicle.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the purchase of a 2007 IHC Dump Truck from Midwest Trailer and Equipment for \$42,515.00 and the auction of Truck 4. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Manager Wilson had provided in the Council Packet an update about code enforcement actions at the former Clark Station at 204 S. Main. The property owner agreed to a court order mandating he correct the enforcement issues, but the deadline for the order has passed. Council considered options for rehabilitating the property, focusing on the fuel tanks. Inquiries were made about how many tanks, the fuel level in each, and whether there is ongoing contamination. The Council is concerned about legal and environmental concerns.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to direct the city to undertake initial low-cost options to address landscaping, littering and public safety issues to secure the property. On a roll call, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications: None

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12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$190,052.74 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis noted that hydrants will be flushed on October 8, and loose leaf pickup will begin the following week. He also reported the department has moved Wade Keyzer into the Water Operator position and Rodd Leonard to the full-time Equipment Operator position vacated by Keyzer.

Community Development Manager Siegel noted working on seeking funding for the River to River Trail. She also gave a report on discussions with the industrial park occupants who are seeking funding for fiber-optic and road infrastructure improvements. She also noted a house on East Hill Street that has been refurbished and available on Air BnB.

Superintendent Pond gave a report on lift station maintenance.

Director Bomar reported working on the final stages of choosing a candidate for the full-time Public Safety Officer position. He thanked Personnel Manager Sandy Lamorandier for going above and beyond helping.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported working on the auditors for the upcoming site visit in two weeks. He noted having attending treasurer and clerk trainings last week.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Keeney asked about Old Orchard sewer installation.

Councilmember Overhuel reminded Superintendent Nieuwenhuis to seek cover for the 1994 Ford.

Mayor Pro Tem Steele expressed concern for a school family who lost their home in a recent fire.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

October 11, 2021



Brian Kelley, City Clerk