

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
October 09, 2023

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. No invocation was given.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Wisnaski and Councilmember Keeney. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Steele
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Steele from the proceedings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the September 25, 2023 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Presentation:
2023 Chris Haas Volunteer of the Year Award
Community Development Manager Siegel read the letter nominating Gail Hill to receive this year's award. The Haas Family presented Gail Hill with the 2023 Chris Haas Volunteer of the Year Award for her various charitable and community endeavors which have supported and enriched the Plainwell community for many years. Gail exemplifies the characteristics that the Chris Haas Volunteer of the Year Award represents. Thank you, Gail, for all you do!
8. County Commissioner Report: None
9. **A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the October 09, 2023 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
10. Mayor's Report: Mayor Keeler stated that the Mayor Pro Tem Steele and her husband are in his thoughts at this time. He stated that Dean's has closed for the season.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Community Development Manager Siegel provided Council with the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the rezoning of property at 377 N. Main St.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeney, to approve rezoning the property at 377 N. Main St. from CS community service to R1C residential. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

B. Community Development Manager Siegel discussed Planning Commission Resolution 23-01, Approval of the 2023-2027 Plainwell Master Plan.

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve Planning Commission Resolution 23-01. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

C. Superintendent Pond discussed proposals for Biannual Lift Station Cleaning. All proposals presented are 3-year contracts.

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the 3-year contract with Plummers Environmental Services for \$85,352.82. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

D. Superintendent Pond discussed proposals for Preventative Maintenance covering all City Generators. All proposals are 3-year contracts.

A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the 3-year contract with Cummins Sales and Service for \$29,530.44. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

12. Communications:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the September 2023 Investment and Fund Balance Reports, and the draft October 04, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$184,194.35 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

14. Public Comments: None

15. Staff Comments:

Finance Director Kelley stated that the auditors are here through Thursday, and that the audit is going well.

Personnel Coordinator Kersten had nothing to report.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated that loose leaf pick up began today and runs through November 19th.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported on the RFQ invite only luncheon happening on November 2nd, 2023 at noon. The event will bring developers and contractors together, and include a walkthrough of the old Paper Mill property. Plainwell is partnering with West Michigan Builder's Association and MEDC to bring awareness to this event. She discussed a

grant through MEDC that she is working on, and gave an update on Ladies Night. The Farmer's Market has moved indoors.

Superintendent Pond shared that Thursday's rain was a good test of Plainwell's storm system. Normal pump station load is ~400k gallons, with the storm pushing output to ~1.8 million gallons. The DPW assisted in some areas where drainage was compromised.

Public Safety Director Callahan discussed the new DPS Rescue Boat, stating that performance in shallow water exceeded expectations. He stated that DPS assisted about 150 Gilkey Elementary students this morning by providing a safe travel route and guidance during their bike ride. He shared that Plainwell's Homecoming parade is this week, and offered prayers to Lori and her family.

City Clerk Leonard had nothing to report.

City Manager Lakamper stated that Taplin will begin chemical stripping work this week. He discussed the RFQ luncheon event. He provided a timeline for bidding on the Old Orchard project- bids will be accepted starting October 16th, 2023 and lasting through November 16th, 2023, with an anticipated start date of spring, 2024. He stated that water meter change out will begin in January, 2024. Residents will receive information with their upcoming water bills. An appointment will need to be scheduled, and someone will need to be at the residence during meter exchange. There will be some Saturday appointments available as well. The dam project is currently at a standstill. Quotes were sought from two Splash Pad providers. The cost of construction was estimated at 170k, with a yearly maintenance cost of ~10k. It was also noted that water run-off from the Splash Pad would need to be treated through the sewer system.

16. Council Comments:

Councilmembers are thinking of the Steele family at this time.

17. Adjournment:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
Ginger J Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
October 23, 2023


Ginger J Leonard, City Clerk