

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
August 23, 2021

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Peter Dams 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 and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Councilmember Keeney.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to excuse Councilmember Keeney from the proceedings. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 08/09/2021 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment:
Peter Dams thanked the DPW for their great work on the flowers.

Allegan County Community Mental Health Chair Gale Dugan gave a report addressing the needs of the Community Mental Health (CMH) in funding a \$2-million shortfall in consolidating operations into one building, located across from Allegan General Hospital. He gave a report of the USDA Funding requests that were granted, then the cost estimates which exceeded the funding. CMH is asking Allegan County and all of the municipalities to consider setting aside 10% of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding to partner with CMH to finalize this project. They are going around to each municipality. Chief Financial Officer Gary Smith gave a detailed report of the services provided, the amended plans for expansion, and expectations of consolidating the existing mental health services while rehabilitating a vacant building near downtown Allegan. Council asked questions and thanked them for their time.
7. County Commissioner Report:
County Commission Gale Dugan, representing District 6, gave a report on County operations. He noted that the County is also deliberating on how to best use the ARPA Funding, and that they are considering other grant applications and opportunities. He reported that the County is nearly finalization of a project to acquire and staff four (4) new and additional sheriff vehicles to better serve the community.
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Keeler noted an ongoing vacancy with the Planning Commission after the retirement of Commissioner Diana Lubic. The City had received an application from former Councilmember Dale Burnham to serve on the Planning Commission and asked Council to support his appointment.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Dale Burnham to the Planning Commission. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

10. Recommendations and Reports:

- A. DPW Superintendent Nieuwenhuis introduced Engineer Jeff Wingard from Fleis & Vandenbrink who gave an overview of the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant which was recently awarded to the City of Plainwell. Fleis & Vandenbrink has offered a professional services proposal for services related to the DWAM Grant in the amount of \$97,900.00 to update a Distribution System Materials Inventory, a Drinking Water Asset Management Update and a Geographic Information System.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to award a professional services contract to Fleis & Vandenbrink for DWAM Grant engineering in the amount of \$97,900.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- B. Superintendent Pond recommended identifying Main-Tech Services as a Preferred Maintenance Contractor for the troubleshooting, repair, removal and replacement of plant and lift station mechanical equipment. A blanket purchase order is recommended to cover ongoing services.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to authorize a blanket purchase order for Main-Tech Services for ongoing mechanical assistance in an estimated amount of \$12,000.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- C. Superintendent Pond recommends replacement of a pump at the Wedgewood Station. The replacement pump will complement a pump replaced several years ago. The original pump was installed in 1978.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve the purchase of a \$7,972.06 ABS/SULZER pump from Detroit Pump. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- D. Community Development Manager Denise Siegel reported on a recommended change order with GHD in the amount of \$35,905.50 for additional oversight for the extended mill demolition project. It was mentioned the city continues to negotiate liquidated damages with Melching.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve additional project oversight and support with GHD for \$35,905.50. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- E. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis and Engineer Wingard reminded Council of a state grant for bridge repairs on North Main and West Bridge. The project is slated for 2022 and design engineering needs to be completed. The original proposal was for \$32,800, of which \$5,000 has already been authorized.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the project with Fleis & Vandenbrink to complete the bridge design engineering for \$27,800.00 related to a Michigan Department of Transportation Grant. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications:

- A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the July 2021 Public Safety Report and the July 2021 Water Renewal Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

- A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$507,617.11 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported street sweeping and tree removal projects going this week. Councilmember Wisnaski asked about the process of notifying property owners.

Community Development Manager Siegel gave Council an overview of the recommended Christmas Decorations being considered by the DDA Board. She also reminded Council of the All-Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6pm.

Superintendent Pond reported completion of semi-annual lift station cleanings.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reporting ongoing work on utility billing, property tax, and audit projects.

15. Council Comments:


Councilmember Overhuel thanked the DPW for great work on sidewalk replacements.

Council collectively discussed reinstalling the "Noon Whistle" on the Mill in the near future.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
September 13, 2021


Brian Kelley, City Clerk