

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**March 8, 2021**

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Steve Smail of Lighthouse Baptist Church and Dave Alderman from Encounter Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 02/22/2021 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Public Comment: None.
7. Circuit Court Judge Margaret Bakker and Sheriff Frank Baker gave Council a report on the Allegan County Legal Assistance Center and Michigan Legal Help available to Allegan County residents. The Center helps to give access to justice to those who may not otherwise afford representation. The Center doesn't represent people, but assists them in representing themselves. They have served over 18,000 residents and are eager to serve more as they spread the word of their service.
8. County Commissioner Report: None
9. Agenda Amendments: None
10. Mayor's Report:  
Mayor Keeler thanked Mr. Smail and Mr. Alderman for their prayers for the City, and encouraged Council to tour the Mill Demolition to see the work first hand.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. City Manager Wilson provided an update on the mill demolition, and discussed Pay Request #4 detailing costs for demolition, oversight, engineering and air quality monitoring. He noted there have been so safety issues, and reported foundational cracks on Building 2 and roof repairs needed on Buildings 2 and 3, while maintaining compliance with grant provisions.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve Pay Application #4 for expenses incurred totaling \$684,970.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. City Manager Wilson reported an additional change order for structural engineering for Building 3 masonry work, related to previously approved change orders.  
**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to confirm a change order for \$3,800.00 to Robert Darvas associates for structural engineering for Building 3 masonry work. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Communications:

**A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the February 2021 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

13. Accounts Payable:

**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$466,729.47 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

14. Public Comments: None

15. Staff Comments:

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported working on the budget.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported wrapping up winter maintenance and preparing for pothole repairs and other road maintenance.

Community Development Manager Siegel reminded Council about Art Hop March 12.

Superintendent Pond reported ongoing boiler maintenance issues at the Treatment Plant.

Director Bomar reported an upcoming "reverse parade" event on March 20 at the school. He also reported applying for an \$8,500 grant with AAA for a portable alert messaging board.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported having successfully settled the 2020 property tax roll with County on March 2, 2021. Budget compilation continues.

City Manager Wilson reporting investigating projects for inclusion on an upcoming bond project.

16. Council Comments:

Councilmember Keeney reported that the Library is open and that parking lot paving should happen once the weather breaks. Tours are being offered.

Councilmember Wisnaski inquired further about Superintendent Pond's boiler issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked Judge Bakker and Sheriff Baker for their report.

17. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
Submitted by,  
Brian Kelley  
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
March 22, 2021



Brian Kelley  
Brian Kelley, City Clerk