

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
March 22, 2021

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Jarod Bowen of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Councilmember Overhuel
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 03/08/2021 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioner Report: COVID-19 Vaccine clinics are set up across Allegan County. Health Department purchased a Mobile Unit to issue vaccines, JBS was one of their first stops where they issued 1,000 doses. The Gun River Casino donated ½ Million to the County in which the County purchased the Mobile Units for vaccination clinic. The Court Project has been put on hold with most meetings being held via zoom and this will continue for about 2 months.
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Keeler Jared Bowen for the prayers for the City, he also mentioned that he has worked at 23 of the Allegan County Health Department Vaccine Clinics.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. DPW Emerald Ash Borer treatment one-year contract with Honeytree Nursery was presented by DPW Superintendent Nieuwenhuis. The trees we have treated are on a three-year rotation; Honeytree treats approximately 26 trees a year. The treatments seem to be working to keep the Ash trees alive. Nieuwenhuis has spoken with Honeytree about the treatment and the program and recommends the City continue the treatments for \$3600 per year.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the one-year contract with Honeytree totaling \$3,600.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Resolution 2021-07 – Redevelopment Liquor License for 200 E. Bridge St. Dog and the Bank LLC was presented by Community Development Manager Siegel. Dog and the Bank LLC has applied for a redevelopment liquor license, the LLC has made a large investment in downtown Plainwell and will be a destination restaurant once open. The Liquor Licenses is a necessity for them to operate.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the resolution was made. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- C. DPW Citywide Roof Repairs from Hail Damage for all the city roofs. A quote of \$264,250.00 from Hoekstra Roofing was presented by DPW Superintendent Nieuwenhuis, he mentioned that the City has been working with Tremco a roofing material supply company that has a vast knowledge of roofing systems and the overall roofing market. They were able to help the City get into a Co-Op to get best pricing and labor available. City's insurance has agreed to pay in full for these repairs.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the bid from Hoekstra's Roofing for \$264,250.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
- D. WR-Sale of City Assets. Martin Village lift station control power transformer failed. Their Operating sevice Dept. contacted WR Superintended Pond to see if we had any spare electrical parts. A used transformer and was given to them as it was an emergency repair. City Council is asked to consider selling the used transformer and invoice the Village for \$75.00.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski to approve the sale of the transformer to the Village of Martin at \$75.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion Passed.
- E. Modifications of the Parks Reservation Fees was presented by Community Development Manager Siegel asked the Council to approve increases to the reservation fees and special event permit fees. Staff worked together to review, revise and research other community fees and forms regarding rental rates and special event fees. Proposed changes were modifications to reservation rates and time limits. Creation of a special rental form for Kenyon Sports Fields and slight modification to special event form and fee from \$5 to \$50, this is the only income the City generates from Special Events held on city property.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski for modifications to the forms and increase in fees was made. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
- F. Paper Mill Demolition Project – Change Order #11 was presented by City Manager Wilson stating that there has to be separation between restoration and demolition, building #2 's bulging west wall would have to repaired with block, and then go back and put the brick on at a later date. The change order in the amount of \$6,580 would allow for repair to the bulging west wall of building #2 using blocks.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele to approve the change order in the amount of \$6,580 was made. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications:

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

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$759,120.87 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments:

14. Staff Comments:

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported working on the budget and COVID updates

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported loss leaf pick up is this weekend. Painting cross walks and parking lots.

Superintendent Pond noted that the annual mercury report was submitted to the State of Michigan.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported about the Drive thru Egg Hunt this Saturday in Fannie Pell Park, hosted by the local churches. Working on a rental rehab grant for Perfect Image Salon along with Michelle Miersma, Development Grant Writing Services and MEDC, the ask is approximately \$300,000. Also working closely with Meszaros, Miersma and MEDC on a Commercial Redevelopment grant in the amount of \$750,000 for the redevelopment of 119 W. Bridge St. (formerly Warnaments). This project will definitely be completed in phases with an overall estimated investment of 1.5 million.

Director Bomar mentioned that Allegan County has decided not to participate in the statewide testing of the severe weather sirens, but will continue testing on the 4th Friday of the month at 11 a.m. as usual.

City Manager Wilson reporting on the stimulus money of \$374,000. Money is designated for water, sewer and broadband along with revenue losses from COVID. SAW Report working on bond with DPW Superintendent, knowing the streets need a lot help.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Keeney mentioned there was a fatal accident on D Ave and 14th Street

Councilmember Wisnaski inquired about the Mill Tours

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Steele mentioned that Hap Chandler and Mrs. Farris passed away

15. Dave Alderman from Encounter Church gave a benediction prayer

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele seconded by Keeney, to adjourn the meeting at 8 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor.

Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Denise Siegel

Community Development Manager

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April 12, 2021


Denise Siegel, Community Development Manager