

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
August 12, 2024

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: None.
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:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 07/22/2024 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the August 12, 2024 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: Mayor Keeler shared that the All School Reunion held on August 10th at Plainwell High School was a good time. He hopes to have a better turn out next year.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Finance Director/Treasurer Kelley discussed Pay Application #4 from USA Earthworks LLC for work performed on the Old Orchard project.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, approving USA Earthworks LLC Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$245,109.60. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Pond discussed the annual purchase of water testing supplies to meet permit requirements.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the purchase of AMR and WET testing supplies from Trace Analytical Labs for \$5,528.50. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Pond discussed the purchase of Bioxide for FY2024-2025.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, approving a one-year contract with Evoqua Water Technologies to provide Bioxide for \$63,360.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. Superintendent Pond discussed the purchase of a Spectrophotometer.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the purchase of a new spectrophotometer, reactor and accessories from USA Bluebook for \$9,227.57. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - E. Finance Director/Treasurer Kelley discussed the purchase of a new access control system.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the quote from Lockmaster Security to upgrade the Access Control System for City Hall, the Department of Public Works and Water Renewal at a project cost of \$6,443.00 and to amend the FY2025 Buildings and Grounds budget appropriately. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - F. City Manager Lakamper discussed a METRO Act permit application received from Surf Air Wireless, LLC.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, approving the bilateral METRO Act Right of Way permit application from Surf Air Wireless, LLC. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
11. Communications:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the July 2024 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

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12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$794,469.98 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None.

14. Staff Comments:

Treasurer/Finance Director Kelley reminded everyone that summer tax payments are due by August 15th. He continues to prepare for the audit and thanked Plainwell's Election Inspectors for a job well done during the August Primary Election.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis shared that the Old Orchard project is on track with timeline. He shared that a majority of the water and sewer lines are complete. New exercise equipment purchased with granny money from Motan and Michigan Gas Utilities is being installed in Sherwood park.

Community Development Manager Siegel thanked Motan and Michigan Gas Utilities for the exercise equipment grant. She noted that the basketball court has a 7' hoop for younger kids to use. The 1871 Taproom is hoping to open this fall. She mentioned that the Planning Commission is having a Public Hearing on August 21, 2024 at 6:30pm to discuss a chicken ordinance.

Assistant Superintendent Keyser shared that he continues to learn, and is working in the lab. He is focused on completing his required classes over the next several months.

Director Callahan shared that there has been an increase in river rescues, with a group of 25 and several smaller groups requiring assistance. Plainwell's rescue boat has been put to good use, and performed well. He reminded the everyone to use personal flotation devices- it is the law.

Clerk Leonard shared that the August Primary was a success, and thanked the election team and Deputy Clerk Kelley.

City Manager Lakamper provided an update the Old Orchard project, sharing that there will be an ~3-day boil water period next week for residences on Peach and Apple. Letters will be mailed to affected properties. The project remains on time, though the rain has caused some delay. After the water services are complete, paving can begin, with a projected timeline of mid-September. The City continues to have regular progress meetings about the Old Orchard project.

He discussed a project with Williams & Works to create a design standard for Old Mill property development that will support property history while not overly limiting building possibilities. He has a meeting planned with a construction group who may be interested in building an apartment complex on the Mill site. As the Old Mill property is part of the Central Business District (CBD) of Plainwell, there may be a need for zoning ordinance amendments in the future.

City Manager Lakamper, in conjunction with Superintendent Nieuwenhuis, reached out to a precast bridge manufacturer to discuss the replacement of Trestle Bridge.

There is a meeting scheduled to discuss 5 acres of Industrial Park property with and interested party.

Profielnorm still plans on breaking ground this year.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Overhuel stated that the exercise equipment looks great, and he is excited for the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele thanked those community members who were able to attend the all school reunion. She offered the reminder that school starts 8/26/24 and that yellow flashing bus lights mean 'SLOW DOWN' while red flashing lights mean 'STOP!'.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
August 26, 2024


JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk