

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
October 12, 2020

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Plainwell Council Chambers.
2. Peter Dams of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Councilmember Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 09/28/2020 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. **Presentation:** Jeff Haas with Brody and Caitlin Honeysett presented, in person, the Chris Haas Volunteer of the Year Award for 2020 to Del Beier. A plaque inscription was read and presented to Mrs. Beier, who was nominated by Gun Plain Township resident Anne Conn, who was also in attendance.
8. County Commissioner Report:
Commissioner Rick Cain reported the County is moving forward with the Rock Tenn site with thanks to City Manager Wilson's advice. He also reported the County is moving forward with the courthouse project. Finally, he gave an overview of the County's millage request on the November ballot noting that, if passed, the County will use the resources to reinstate services that have been cut over the years due to funding restrictions.
9. Agenda Amendments:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to amend the agenda to add as Item 11E, a closed session as permitted under Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the acquisition of real property. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed
10. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Keeler said it is nice to see progress with the demolition.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Wilson updated Council on the progress of the Paper Mill Demolition Project. He specifically noted that no injuries have been reported on site, and the security concerns that have arisen. He also noted that requests for giving out bricks are being held until further testing can be done on the bricks and whether they will be used elsewhere on the project. Included in the update was a listing of bills paid and payable for Melching and GHD for project work. Council asked several questions and was asked to consider the combined pay request totaling \$819,881.00
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to authorize approve pay application #2 for expenses incurred for demolition and engineering totaling \$819,881.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

- B.** City Manager Wilson provided information related to structural changes to Building 3 and recommended Council approve a Change Order for reclaiming wood and bricks as well as design engineering fees. The changes will make for a more aesthetically pleasing look to the exterior wall being created in Building 3
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to approve Change Order 3 for the Paper Mill Demolition Project in the amount of \$38,000 for reclaiming additional wood and brick, as well as design engineering fees. Motion passed.
- C.** City Treasurer Kelley requested one additional banking institution to be added to the previously approved listing, so that the city can diversify its idle cash reserves.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adopt Resolution 2020-21 to update the listing of approved depositories for city funds. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
- D.** City Treasurer Kelley reminded Council that resolutions were passed earlier in the year to allow for the waiver of utility billing penalties and water shut-offs in accordance with Executive Orders issued by State Government. With recent court decisions invalidating those Executive Orders, the resolutions are also invalid going forward. Council's direction is sought regarding continuance of any waivers, which would require an ordinance amendment. Council's deliberation directed staff to continue charging penalties and turning water off as provided in existing ordinances, with notice given to customers as soon as possible. Treasurer Kelley noted that the penalties and shut-offs would return in November 2020.

12. Staff Comments:

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reporting the loose leaf pickup started today and would continue through Thanksgiving week, weather dependent. He also reported that hydrant flushing went well and that lead/copper testings have been submitted.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported working on permits and zoning issues. She noted that the Indoor Farmer's Market is still planned with restrictions recommended by health officials. Plainwell will be the only indoor market in Allegan County. She also asked for ideas about the tree lighting celebrations.

Director Bomar reported working on fire and lockdown drills with the schools. Mayor Pro Tem Steele inquired about parked tractor-trailers on North Sherwood. City Manager Wilson inquired about facemask laws.

Superintendent Pond reported that two (2) blowers are fully functional at the treatment plant.

13. Recommendations and Reports (continued):

- E.** **A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to go into Closed Session at 8:02pm to discuss acquisition of real property. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.**

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to return to the Regular Meeting at 9:16pm. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to authorize the Mayor to enter into negotiations with a property owner of 55 acres of land in Gun Plain Township for consideration as a future real property acquisition. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

14. Communications:

A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the ~~October~~ September 2020 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

15. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$316,556.32 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

16. Public Comments: None

17. Council Comments: None

18. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
October 26, 2020



Brian Kelley, City Clerk