

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
August 26, 2019

1. Mayor Pro Tem Steele called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Steve Smail from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Keeler, Councilmember Overhuel and Councilmember Keeney. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeler, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 08/12/2019 regular meeting and the Council Minutes from the Special Meetings of August 21, 2019 and August 22, 2019. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. State Representative Mary Whiteford gave Council a Legislative Update and spoke about the state's Health & Human Services Budget, foster care, behavioral issues and Community Mental Health. She noted trying to shift the budget to focus on people moreso than administrative costs. She noted that working on the budget results in no cut and dried answers. She thanked Mayor Brooks for having helped her learn the role of State Rep for the area and noted that he will be missed.
7. Mayor Pro Tem Steele adjourned the meeting *sine die* at 7:06pm.
8. City Clerk Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Randy Wisnaski as Councilmember.
9. Clerk Kelley called Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Keeler, Councilmember Keeney, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Steele and Councilmember Wisnaski,. Absent: None.
10. Clerk Kelley distributed ballots for Office of Mayor. Each Councilmember was listed and the Council was asked to vote for not more than one person. City Council then completed and signed their respective ballot for Mayor. The City Clerk collected and read aloud the results of the selection. Councilmembers Keeler, Overhuel and Wisnaski selected Brad Keeler. Councilmembers Keeney and Steele selected Todd Overhuel. Councilmember Keeler was elected Mayor by a vote of 3-2.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to accept the results of the ballot for Office of Mayor for Brad Keeler with a vote of 3-2. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
11. Clerk Kelley distributed ballots for Office of Mayor Pro Tem. Each Councilmember was listed and the Council was asked to vote for not more than one person. City Council then completed and signed their respective ballot for Mayor Pro Tem. The City Clerk collected and read aloud the results of the selection. Councilmembers Keeler, Overhuel and Steele selected Lori Steele. Councilmember Keeney selected Roger Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski selected Todd Overhuel. Councilmember Steele was elected Mayor Pro Tem by a vote of 3-1-1.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeler, to accept the results of the ballot for Office of Mayor Pro- em for

Lori Steele with a vote of 3-1-1. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

12. Councilmember Wisnaski said he was honored to be in this position and thanked Council.
13. Clerk Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Keeler and to Mayor Pro Tem Steele and turned the meeting back over to Mayor Keeler at 7.19pm.
14. County Commissioner Report: None.
15. Agenda Amendments: None.
16. Mayor's Report: Mayor Keeler was thankful for today's rain.
17. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Superintendent Pond reported an alarm panel for the digester gas sensor needs replacement after having reached the end of its useful life. Councilmember Keeney inquired about local sourcing of the work. Superintendent Pond discussed the specialized instrumentation and calibration of the city's system and that Oudbier had been involved for some time whereas another firm may incur additional costs to learn the system. City Manager Wilson asked if there was a timeline for completion of the project and several notes were discussed about the safety concerns with the alarm not functioning properly now.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of new alarm panel for the digester boiler room from Oudbier Instrument Company at a cost of \$4,679.50. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Manager Wilson briefed Council updating progress on the Sherwood Avenue Construction Project. A progress billing from the Michigan Department of Transportation was presented for Council's consideration.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to a progress billing from Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$42,559.54 and authorized payment of the same. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
18. Communications:
 - A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the July 2019 Public Safety Report, the July 2019 Water Renewal Report and the draft 08/13/2019 DDA-BRA-TIFA Meeting Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
19. Accounts Payable:
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$809,924.09 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
20. Public Comments: None

21. Staff Comments

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis gave additional specifics about the Sherwood Avenue project reporting that the water main was in and that tie-ins were happening Thursday near Main and Thomas. All affected homeowners have been notified. The project remains on track for completion at the end of September.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported on community events and projects.

Superintendent Pond reported on the wastewater asset management plan

Public Safety Director Bomar briefed Council on ISO Certifications, police activity and fire service trainings.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported ongoing preparation of audit work with the audit fieldwork scheduled for the week of September 19. Applications for absent voter ballots should be mailed before September 11.

City Manager Wilson briefed Council about progress related to the Grant Application for Mill Demolition and reported a meeting on Wednesday August 28 with Consumers Energy to discuss the power poles near the river.

22. Council Comments:

Councilmember Overhuel congratulated everyone on Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked everyone for the election to Mayor Pro Tem and welcomed Councilmember Wisnaski.

23. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 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 9, 2019



Brian Kelley, City Clerk