

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
March 11, 2019

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Peter Dams from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-tem Steele, Councilmembers Overhuel, Keeler and Keeney.
Absent: None
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 02/25/2019 regular meeting and the Council Minutes. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioner Report:
Commissioner Rick Cain reported the County seeks input on what services should be restored if the County were to seek a Headlee Override ballot initiative.
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Community Development Manager Siegel discussed a proposal from Nobis for a building height amendment to the zoning code. The engineering firm Williams & Works drafted language for consideration by the Planning Commission at its March 6, 2019 Public Hearing. The language would allow for specific structures of height after proper application and site reviews. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeler, to approve the text changes to the Zoning Code related to the building height, as presented. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Director Bomar reported repairs required to Truck 11 to put it back into fire service. The repairs involved the transmission and some valves. The City Manager authorized repairs as emergency under the provisions of the Purchasing Policy.
A motion by Keeler, seconded by Keeney, to confirm the emergency purchase for vehicle repairs to the 2000 Spartan Pumper Truck with Valley Truck Parts totaling \$10,250.89. On roll-call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
11. Communications:
 - A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the February 2019 Investment and Fund Balance Reports and the draft March 6, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, seconded by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$182,241.13 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported ongoing sewer vector cleaning as well as pothole cold patching as the weather allows.

Community Development Manager reported the upcoming Chamber Dinner on March 21 at the Comfort Inn. She also reported that the former White Owl building has been sold to a jewelry-crystal online store that seeks to add a local retail component to their business. She also updated Council on recertification work.

Public Safety Director Bomar reported the retirement of Public Safety Officer Aaron Chapman.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported having settled the 2018 Property Tax Roll on March 1 with the County Treasurer. He noted his focus shifts now to the new budget.

City Manager Wilson thanked Officer Chapman and Sewer Operator Jerry Lawrence for their years of service to Plainwell and wished them well in retirement.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor ProTem Steele reported two (2) large potholes.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer