

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
October 14, 2019

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 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 Keeler, Councilmember Keeney, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Wisnaski and Mayor Pro Tem Steele (arrived at 7:11). Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 09/23/2019 regular meeting and the Minutes of the 09/26/2019 special meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comments: None
7. Community Development Manager Denise Siegel presented the awards for the photography contest. She noted that 22 photos were received and will be presented in the 2020 City Calendar.
8. Community Development Manager Siegel then introduced Caitlyn and Brody Honeysett and Jeff Haas who presented the Chris Haas Volunteer of the Year Award to Nancy Heilig. Caitlyn Honeysett reported there were three (3) nominations and it was not easy to make a choice, but the committee was honored to award Nancy Heilig for all she's done for the community. Nancy's husband, Jennings, thanked everyone for their support.
9. County Commissioner Report: None.
10. Agenda Amendments: None.
11. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Keeler noted his thankfulness that more chairs had to be set up for this Council Meeting and that Sherwood Avenue is nearly complete.
12. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Superintendent Pond reported a small price increase for the annual chemical purchase of Calcium Nitrate, which is necessary to reduce odors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The price increase is \$0.14 per gallon, which equates to approximately \$1,500 per year. The costs are included in the budget and the city invoices an outside customer for their share of this chemical as part of the plant's operation.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the contract with Evoqua Water Technologies for chemical purchases for the water revenue process estimated at \$33,720.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Communications:

A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the September 2019 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

14. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$206,133.44 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

15. Public Comments:

Members of the audience reminded Council about the memorial for Nancy Heilig at 11am on Saturday the 19th at the Plainwell Performing Arts Center, and that the Arts and Eats Event is this coming weekend.

16. Staff Comments:

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported having attended human resource training last week.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported that a final walk-through for the Sherwood Avenue project will happen next week and that the South Sherwood detour is in effect for the library water taps.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported a host of weekend events including Pumpkins In the Park and Arts & Eats. She also reminded Council of the October 16, 2019 Public Hearing for the recreational marihuana issue.

Superintendent Pond again congratulated Jeff Gilliland on 20 years of service.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported training this week for Treasurer issues such as Chart of Accounts and Tax Increment Financing. He also reported several election training items this Wednesday.

17. Council Comments:

Council Member Overhuel noted that community had suffered many losses in the past year.

Council Member Wisnaski reported having attended his first DDA/TIFA/BRA Board meeting.

Council Member Keeney remarked that he enjoyed seeing the scarecrows downtown.

18. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaki, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 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 28, 2019



Brian Kelley, City Clerk