

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**October 23, 2023**

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation was given.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Wisnaski and Councilmember Keeney. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Steele  
**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Steele from the proceedings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
5. Approval of Minutes:  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the October 09, 2023 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Dugan provided information on the Housing Report, Budget update, and the Prosecuting Attorney Annual report for Allegan County. He stated the Board of Canvassers has appointed two new members. He shared he attended the MAC conference. He also had the opportunity to meet with several House Representatives and Senators. The Road Commission Annual Report and the Allegan County Annual Report are both available to view online. He read a statement from the County concerning the Allegan County Animal Shelter and Wishbone Shelter agreement. He provided information on the upcoming Kalamazoo River Community Advisory Group meeting. Commissioner Dugan offered condolences to Mayor Pro-Tem Steele.
8. **A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the October 23, 2023 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
9. Mayor's Report: None
10. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. **A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeney, to open a Public Hearing at 7:18pm to consider a Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption request from Mark Meszaros (Mosaic Company). On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

**No public comment.**

**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Keeney, to close the Public Hearing at 7:20pm. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to adopt Resolution 2023-33 approving the Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption as presented. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

**B. Community Development Manager Siegel discussed Resolution 2023-32, Approval of the 2023-2027 Plainwell Master Plan following recommendation by the Planning Commission.**

**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve Resolution 2023-32. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

**C. Superintendent Pond discussed a different vendor for Chlorine and Sulfur Dioxide Gas.**

**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the purchase of Chlorine and Sulfur Dioxide Gas from Alexander Chemical for \$10,264.40. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

**D. Superintendent Pond discussed a different vendor for Ferric Chloride.**

**A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the purchase of Ferric Chloride from Alexander Chemical for \$31,531.83. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

**E. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the purchase of a Department of Public Works Water Van.**

**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the purchase of a chassis from Harold Ziegler for \$37,189.00 and a Workport box from B&B for \$18,767.00, for a total purchase price of \$55,956.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

**F. Community Development Manager Siegel discussed a Special Use Permit from Vertical Bridge, allowing a Monopole Tower Wireless Communication Facility (cell tower) to be constructed James R. Higgs Industrial Park at 950 Wakefield Pkwy located as recommended by the Planning Commission.**

**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Special Use Permit as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

**11. Communications:**

**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the September 2023 Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal Monthly Reports, the draft 10/10/2023 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes, the draft 10/12/2023 Parks & Trees meeting minutes, and the draft 10/18/2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

**12. Accounts Payable:**

**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$103,334.29 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

**13. Public Comments: None**

**14. Staff Comments:**

Finance Director Kelley stated that he is waiting for the audit report. He is looking to next year's CIP and budget report. He attended election training today with Clerk Leonard.

Personnel Coordinator Kersten had nothing to report.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated that last year's pot hole fill trial seemed to work well, and that holes have been filled on Sherwood near Ransom Library.

Community Development Manager Siegel discussed a grant through MEDC that she is working on. She offered a reminder that the Farmer's Market has moved indoors for the winter, and that 3 new businesses are opening in Plainwell this November. She continues to work on the dam grant and EGLE report.

Superintendent Pond had nothing to report.

Public Safety Director Callahan had nothing to report.

Clerk Leonard shared that she had attended training on Early Voting with Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Kelley. She stated that Plainwell's Early Voting Plan is due to Allegan County at the end of the month, and that she and Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Kelley are finalizing that plan.

City Manager Lakamper stated that Taplin's chemical stripping and lead abatement work is going well. He discussed the RFQ luncheon event to be held on November 2 at noon, sharing that 7 contractors had committed to coming. He shared that a Council Retreat is being planned for a weekday in January or early February 2024. He discussed a dumpster corral project at Ace Hardware.

15. Council Comments: None.

16. Adjournment:

**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
submitted by,  
Ginger J Leonard  
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
November 13, 2023

  
Ginger J Leonard, City Clerk