

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
May 22, 2017

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Steve Smail of 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, Councilman Keeler, and Councilman Overhuel.
Absent: and Councilman Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 05/08/2017 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public Comments:
Steve Smail from Lighthouse Baptist Church invited Council to the July 16 church service that will include honoring public servants, including Senator Tonya Shuitmaker and Representative Mary Whiteford, both of whom will be in attendance.
7. Presentations / County Commissioner Report:
County Clerk Bob Genetski reported on the state of the County Clerk's Office and noted work on consolidating the department's website and making more forms available online. He made specific note of his office's free service of recording Form DD-214 for the Honorable Discharge from military service and that the veteran can always receive certified copies of the form for future use. He also reported on the new election hardware being purchased through Dominion Software and the negotiations which all for the use of the remaining federal and state funds to obtain this equipment at no up-front cost for the city.

Commissioner Don Black reported that the state of the countywide road patrol millage is still in limbo due to unresolved concerns of the municipalities that already offer public safety services, as well as a need for more input from all of the county's municipalities.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
9. Mayor's Report: Mayor Brooks reported on celebrating with the PHS Senior Class of 2017 on May 23, 2017 and awarding the Bryon Brooks Memorial Scholarship again this year and what a privilege to do so.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Clerk/Treasurer Kelley piggybacked on County Clerk Genetski's report on the new voting equipment and reported to Council the need to formalize application to the State for use of the grant funds which allow the equipment to be purchased with no up-front dollars. The resolution authorizes the City Manager to make such application with the State, through the County Clerk's Office.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to adopt Resolution 17-14 authorizing the City Manager to make grant application with the Michigan Secretary of State for new voting machines. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Community Development Manager Siegel and Kyle from DC Strong reported on the planned Car/Truck show on July 15, 2017 that benefits DC Strong. The vehicles will be displayed in the gravel lot on the Mill Site on M-89. GHD, Public Safety and Public Works have reviewed the plans and are in support.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve Special Event Permit 2017-03. On a

voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- C.** Community Development Manager Siegel reported the VFW is planning the annual Memorial Day Parade for Monday May 29, 2017, using the same route as prior year. Public Safety Director Bomar has reviewed the plans and has staffing available.

A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel, to approve Special Event Permit 2017-06. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- D.** Community Development Manager Siegel reported on the annual 5K benefitting the Plainwell Education Foundation taking place June 14, 2017. The route starts and ends at Hicks Park and is mostly on back road with minimal interruptions on South Main. Public Safety Director Bomar has reviewed the plans and has staffing available.

A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to approve Special Event Permit 2017-07. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- E.** Superintendent Updike reported on the Traffic Control Order to add a Dead End Road sign on Walnut Wood Court in response to local resident concerns.

A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to approve Traffic Control Order 463. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications:

- A. A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the April 2017 Water Renewal Report. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$37,447.56 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments

None.

14. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier reported that insurance open enrollment was coming up soon. She also noted a successful planting day on Saturday May 20, 2017.

Superintendent Updike reported that many items offered at auction recently all sold.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported continued fundraising efforts for the Dog Park. So far, nearly \$4,500 has been raised after a very successful Dog Park K9 walk over the weekend, which included 75 walkers and 60 dogs. She noted the next major fundraiser would be during the Plainwell Festival Days and would coordinate with the Rotary.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported working on budget, voter registrations and audit prep.

City Manager Wilson reported working with the DEQ, the DNR and others related to work on the Plainwell Dam #2, which includes the Mill Race and the dam near the Mill. He reminded Council that when the City acquired the Mill, it also obtained riparian rights for the Mill Race, so the mill's dam should be included in this important long-term project. He also thanked Sandy Lamorandier and the DPW staff for their great work on the flower planting.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele reminded everyone that the Plainwell High School graduation is Thursday May 25, so please allow for extra traffic in town for the festivities. She also reported on the passing of Leon Kenyon, long-time Plainwell resident and past member of City Council.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer