

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
September 26, 2022

1. Mayor Pro Tem Steele called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. The invocation was given by County Commissioner Gale Dugan.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Mayor Keeler.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to excuse Mayor Keeler from the proceedings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 09/12/2022 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioner Report:
County Commissioner Gale Dugan gave a thorough report about county activities including working a \$40-million budget with a focus on law enforcement. He noted the county minimized the recently approved tax millage increase. He also reviewed the county's consideration of how to allocate funds derived from the Opioid Settlement, which are estimated at \$72,000 annually for 18 years. He also reported work on a 10-year asset management plan. He noted the county having reviewed its investment policy and the frequency of reporting by the County Treasurer. Finally, he invited anyone to attend a public hearing on the county budget October 13.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Community Development Manager Siegel reported that included in the DDA capital outlay budget is a sound system for Hicks Park. The system can be used for special events such as Christmas Tree Lighting and Movies in the Park. At its September 13, 2022 meeting the DDA Board considered the bids received for the system and recommends approval of the bid from BC Sound.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve a contract with BC Sound for a sound system in Hicks Park in the amount of \$8,368.97. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Pond recommends upgrading the pumps at the 12th Street Lift Station to a "chopper cutter" style to alleviate extra maintenance calls. The pumps in place frequently clog due to clothing,

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towels and non-flushable wipes. Council was informed that 90% of the cost could be recovered through a maintenance agreement with Otsego Township, which recommends the upgrade. **A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to approve a contract with JGM Value for the purchase of two (2) new pumps for the 12th Street Lift Station in the amount of \$35,698.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

C. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported several dangerous trees around the city need to be removed for various reasons. Several contractors were requested to provide quotes, but only one firm quoted because the removal of these trees requires crane work and are very intricate removals. **A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the contract with Blankenship Logging to remove city trees in the amount of \$16,600.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

D. Finance Director/Treasurer Kelley reported having reviewed the listing of approved depositories for city funds as required by the Investment Policy. The current updated listing includes a name change for one of the city's banks and identifies the specific staff members authorized to sign the bank accounts. **A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to adopt Resolution 2022-17 for the approved depositories and authorized signors of city funds. 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 August 2022 Water Renewal Report, the draft minutes of the 9/13/2022 DDA/BRA/TIFA Meeting and the draft minutes of the 9/15/2022 Parks & Trees Meeting. 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 \$150,612.97 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None.

14. Staff Comments:

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported the Walnut Woods Project is complete with new top coat and storm drains. He also gave a report on an accident that took out the wellhouse in Otsego Township causing the city to provide water services through the inter-connect. The city has a plan to provide Otsego Township with water, approximately 130,000 gallons per day until their well house can be repaired. Finally, he reported that the private well at Preferred Plastics failed and the city is providing water to that facility at approximately 50,000 gallons per day. The additional water supplied has had minimal effect on city customers and provides additional revenue to the Water Fund.

Community Development Manager Siegel reporting working on a new EDA grant application for the farm acreage in the Industrial Park. She also noted a successful opening of the Mayor's Joint.

Director Callahan reported a successful Fire Prevention Week providing several activities for local elementary school junior firefighters.

Finance Director/Treasurer Kelley reported that the auditors were on site last week and the process went relatively smoothly. The audit should be wrapped up by the end of November.

Manager Wilson reported having met with the State Licensing Agency which inspected the former Clark Station and identified fuel in the storage tanks underground, which will need to be removed at the city's expense. A BEA will also be needed. The costs will be assessed as a lien against the property. Manager Wilson also praised the DPW staff for their work on the Walnut Woods project.

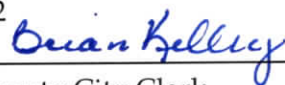
15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Overhuel thanked the DPW for Walnut Woods.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
Finance Director/Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
October 10, 2022


Brian Kelley, Deputy City Clerk