

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
May 10, 2021

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Scott Fenner of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocations.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Councilmember Overhuel.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to excuse Councilmember Overhuel with prior notification. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 04/01/2021 special meeting and the 04/26/2021 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Agenda Amendments: None
9. Mayor's Report: None
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Community Development Manager Siegel reported receipt of a special use permit for a used car lot at 934 E. Bridge. Staff have reviewed the application. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 5, 2021 and recommends approval. There were no public comments at the Hearing and the applicant noted the lot will hold 10 to 30 cars. The lot is expected to open mid-June.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Special Use Permit for 934 E. Bridge St. to operate a used car lot. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Manager Wilson reminded Council of additional construction oversight needed during the extended project period. Project Manager Jodie Dembowski has offered an estimated quote for oversight through July 16, 2021, the new estimated completion date. The city has issued a letter to Melching for liquidated damages for having gone past the contracted project completion date.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney, to confirm a change order with GHD for construction oversight for the remaining demolition project in an amount of \$78,310.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. City Manager Wilson provided an update on the mill demolition and presented a compilation payment request including the Melching invoice approved at the last Council Meeting, plus GHD and other invoices. The payment request has been submitted to the State for consideration and payment.

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to confirm Pay Request Application #5 for expenses incurred totaling \$702,305.00. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- D. City Manager Wilson reported a request from business owner Barb Bechtel, of Barbed Wire Café to purchase a portion of the old Jensen Lot on South Main for a business expansion. Manager Wilson reported that the city is working on determining its investment in the property and the DDA's involvement in the process. Owner Barb Betchtel gave a report on the business successes over the past few years since opening, and reported a record sales day recently. There was discussion of logistics of breaking up a portion of public land and the future economic development impacts.
- A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to table the consideration of selling the lot pending notification from the attorney regarding splitting the property, clarification of ownership and other issues. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Communications:

- A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney, to accept and place on file the April 2021 Investment and Fund Balance Reports, the April 2021 Water Renewal Report and the draft May 5, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$207,180.35 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments:

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported two vehicles down for major repairs – Truck 20 (One Ton Pickup) needs a new transmission and the 2006 Dump Truck needs a new motor. He also reported paving projects on Hicks, Union and Plainwell streets – base coat for now then top coat when the weather warms up. Finally, he noted many city trees being removed this spring mostly due to splitting and water damage.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported the return of Island City Tea & Coffee in the Bridge Street Gallery Building. She reminded Council of the May 31, 2021 Memorial Day Parade at 11am. She then reported submitting a grant to restore the mural on the Bridge Street Gallery facing Allegan Street.

Superintendent Pond reminded Council of the city's new 5-year permit from the State of Michigan.

Public Safety Director Bomar reported ongoing work with the regional hazardous mitigation plan.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported ongoing work with the budget.

City Manager Wilson reported having received feedback from Gun Plain Township regarding the 425 Agreement, which is being reviewed by the City Attorney. Council should have an action item on the May 24, 2021 Council Agenda in advance of the Township's June 3, 2021 meeting.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Wisnaski inquired about the South Main gas station. City Manager Wilson reported waiting for the 90-day window before taking formal assessible actions.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
May 24, 2021



Brian Kelley, City Clerk