

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
November 22, 2021

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Steve Smail from Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: Councilmember Keeney.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to excuse Councilmember Keeney. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the 11/08/2021 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment:
Lori Antkoviak, Director of the Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Council, gave a presentation and asked the City to consider allocating a portion of the ARPA Funding to support the Council.
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Agenda Amendments: None.
9. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Keeler praised Bob Kengis' recent judicial promotion.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Property Owner Barb Bechtel, of Barbed Wire Café, presented Council with updated plans and a cashiers' check based on a November 9, 2021 DDA Board recommendation to sell the Jensen Lot. Bechtel gave a presentation on her planned business expansion. Council questioned the existing sidewalk and the need for future green space in the lot. Mayor Keeler suggested a counter-offer of \$15,000 for half of the lot. After additional discussion, City Manager Wilson requested authorization to finalize a proposed boundary for the north expansion of Barbed Wire Café, subject to updated architectural drawings.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to authorize the City Manager to finalize an updated proposed northern boundary for expansion of Barbed Wire Café, including sidewalk replacement, for a selling price of \$15,000.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Pond reported some spare parts no longer needs after the upgrade to the Wedgewood Lift Station. These parts could be sold to Village of Barryton subject to Council approval.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to authorize the sale of a spare pump pedestal elbow, sliding bracket and upper guide rail part to Village of Barryton for \$480.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

- C. Treasurer Kelley reported the dump body on Truck 19 is rusting through and has reached the end of its useful life. Quotes received included the installation and painting, which Superintendent Nieuwenhuis believes can be done in-house. Recommendation is to purchase a stock dump body and have staff complete the installation in the Spring.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of a replacement dump box for Truck 19 from Truck & Trailer Specialties for \$4,911.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
- D. City Manager Wilson gave an update on negotiations for leasing the William Crispe Community House. He gave some options to be included with the lease and asked for direction from Council.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to authorize the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Stanford Lodge for the William Crispe Community House based on the provisions presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications: None

- A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place of file the draft November 9, 2021 DDA/BRA/TIFA Board Meeting Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$109,191.77 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments

Deputy Director John Varley reported training of new Public Safety Officer Roberts is going well. He also reported Officer Bruce handled an emergency call very well on Sunday the 21st.

Personnel Manager Lamorandier wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported continued progress on grant applications and successful indoor farmers markets. She read a proclamation for Small Business Saturday on November 27, 2021.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported ongoing work with the Chart of Accounts, audit, budget, elections and clerk duties. He noted 2021 Winter Taxes will be issued December 1, 2021 and will be due February 14, 2022.

15. Council Comments:


Mayor Pro Tem Steele noted a successful Chamber of Commerce dinner last week.

Councilmember Wisnaski expressed joy at progress made on the Crispe House and Barbed Wire Café.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
December 13, 2021 

Brian Kelley, City Clerk