

**CITY OF PLAINWELL  
MINUTES  
Planning Commission  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

1. Call to Order at 6:32 pm by Colingsworth
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:  
Present: Rachel Collingsworth, Jay Lawson, Stephen Bennett, Kevin Hammond, Lori Steele, Gary Sausaman
4. Approval of Minutes: 02/21/2024  
**Motion to approve minutes and place them on file was made by Sausaman and seconded by Lawson. All in favor vote. Motion passed.**
5. Chairperson's Report: None
6. New Business:  
Discussion regarding a Chicken Ordinance:  
**Steele** had several suggestions for implementing a Chicken Ordinance, including a permit with a fee of \$25-\$50.  
**Sausaman** stated he opposed the idea of chickens in the city limits. Enforcement is not easy. Concern with noise and smell.  
**Hammond** commented that he sees chickens in his neighborhood and public safety can't force the ordinance that currently exists by adding a new ordinance allowing chickens, can and will they be able to enforce that?  
  
**A motion was made by Bennett to continue to research and create a draft Chicken Ordinance for the Planning Commission to review. Seconded by Hammond.**  
**Motion Passed on a Roll Call Vote:**  
**Steele – yes                      Hammond – yes**  
**Collingsworth – yes        Bennett – no**  
**Lawson – yes                 Sausaman - no**
7. Old Business: None
8. Reports and Communications: 2/26/24; 3/11/24; 3/25/24; 4/8/24 minutes were reviewed and placed on file.
9. Public Comments: None
10. Staff Comments: Siegel mentioned Island City Festival; update on the Lead Abatement on the Mill; Industrial Park; 2 new businesses breaking ground this summer.
11. Commissioner Comments:  
Sausaman – mentioned that the property owner on M89 with the 6 ft fence is taking it down.  
Hammond asked if the City had money to improve the Pickleball Courts, as they are in bad shape.
12. Adjournment: Colingsworth adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.