

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
September 11, 2023

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Dan Martin of Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the invocation in remembrance of September 11th, 2001.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Wisnaski and Councilmember Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes of the August 28, 2023 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioner Report: None
8. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda as amended for the September 11, 2023 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
9. Mayor's Report: None
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Resolution 2023-28 Early Voting, establishing an early voting precinct for the City of Plainwell and approving the purchase of a tabulator in support of early voting as required by the State of Michigan.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve Resolution 2023-28 and the purchase of a tabulator for \$6450.00. On a roll call vote, Overhuel, Keeney, Wisnaski and Keeler in favor. Steele opposed. Motion passed.
 - B. Purchase of a new Miele Lab Washer for Water Renewal.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the purchase of a new Miele Lab Washer and 2-year supply of detergent and neutralizer for Water Renewal for \$14,412.74. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Peach Court Lift Station pump purchase.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the purchase of a new pump for the Peach Court Lift Station for \$7605.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. 2023/2024 Budget Amendment – Encumbrance Rollover
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, to approve the budget amendment, as presented, in order to appropriate prior year encumbrances into the current fiscal year. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

E. Resolution 2023-29 - Acceptance of Brownfield Redevelopment Loan increase.

A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve Resolution 2023-29 accepting a Brownfield Redevelopment loan of \$690,000.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

11. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the draft August 16, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, and the draft August 17, 2023 Parks & Trees Meeting Minutes. On a voice vote, all voted 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 \$399,190.99 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None

14. Staff Comments:

Finance Director Kelley thanked all Public Service staff for all they do. He stated that he is continuing to prepare for the upcoming audit in October.

Personnel Coordinator Kerstin had nothing to report.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis shared that both bridge projects are complete, and he is happy with how they turned out. The sealant on the Main St bridge should last 7-10 years.

Community Development Manager Siegel noted that the DDD/BRA/TIFA Board would be discussing Wayfinding signs at the next meeting. She stated that \$118,000.00 had been received from the dam grant, and that all payments are up to date. The lead abatement test patch is scheduled for late this week. Mosaic Distillery was issued a building permit by PCI. She outlined several popular community events coming up, and noted that the date for Pumpkins in the Park had been changed from 10/21/23 to 10/14/2023.

Superintendent Pond said that he had visited the Mill this morning, and noted problems with the roof leaking in several areas, with water running down a wall in one location. He is concerned at the lack of disrepair and remaining equipment and miscellaneous items on site.

Public Safety Director Callahan started that Don McGehee has joined DPS as a part time officer. He said that the department had received a grant from the State of Michigan to purchase fire gear. Another grant is in process that will cover the purchase of an air pack and thermal imaging cameras. He provided an update on an Ordinance violation.

City Clerk Leonard stated that she will attend several training events this month, and will be a fully trained Election Inspector mid- October.

City Manager Lakamper discussed community interest in a Splashpad. He shared some pricing information, and maintenance considerations, noting that proper planning is key. The dam project is still ongoing, and he is working closely with the DNR to find solutions. He is working on getting access to key testing sites, and noted one solution presented was to lower the mill race water levels by 6" to meet required flow rates for fish. The noon whistle has been well received. He noted an upcoming Planning Commission Zoning meeting, and a tax abatement consideration.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Overhuel thanked public service members for their service, and thanked Judy Schumaker for attending Council meetings so often.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steele wished Finance Director Kelley a happy birthday, and thanked City Manager Lakamper for working with Mr. Schmitts. She thanks Public Safety Director Callahan and all public service members for their hard work. Councilmembers Wisnaski and Keeney thanked all members of public service, and noted that today, September 11, was day of remembrance.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
Ginger J Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
September 25, 2023


Ginger J Leonard, City Clerk