

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
July 13, 2020

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Overhuel, Councilmember Keeney and Councilmember Wisnaski. Absent: None.
4. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 06/22/2020 regular meeting and the Council Minutes of the 07/06/2020 special meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None
6. County Commissioner Report:
Commissioner Rick Cain provided an update about the County evaluating budgetary limitations of between \$700,000 and \$1,000,000. He also noted that the County is considering permitting quad-style housing, which Wayland, Martin and Gun Plain Townships all oppose.
7. Agenda Amendments: None
8. Mayor's Report: None
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Wilson noted that the July 6, 2020 Council Meeting presentation did not include the full proposal from GHD for construction oversight for the Mill Demolition Project. It was noted that the cost of the proposal is includable in the grant, for which the city is 10% responsible. There are lots of "moving parts" in this project, so the oversight is necessary. The abatement process is underway and actual demolition should start in around six (6) weeks.
A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Steele, to approve a professional services contract with GHD for construction oversight and project support for the Mill Demolition Project in the amount of \$505,780.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Manager Wilson noted that the July 6, 2020 Council Meeting did not include the full proposal from Analytical Testing & Consulting Services for independent third-party air monitoring during the abatement process. Protocols were discussed if the samples test positive for asbestos. This firm did similar work during the 2012 demolition and their work will supplement the monitoring being done by Melching and GHD.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve a professional services contract with Analytical Testing & Consulting Services Inc. for air monitoring and sampling during the Mill Demolition Project at an estimated cost of \$39,000.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

- C. Treasurer Kelley reported the opportunity to apply for grant funding through the CARES Act to reimburse public safety wages during the health pandemic. The application, due July 17, 2020, through Michigan Department of Treasury requires designation of an authorized agent which is noted in the proposed resolution under consideration. Personnel Manager Lamorandier and Public Safety Director Bomar have attending training and are working to compile the data to be included with the application. The funds, if granted, would be a reimbursement to the General Fund.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisanski, to adopt Resolution 2020-18 designating City Manager Wilson as the city's agent for applying for Public Safety Grant Funding as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

10. Communications:

- A. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the June 2020 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

11. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$180,768.48 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Public Comments: None

13. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier noted working through a new online process for open enrollment.

Director Bomar reported the failure of the department's generator. Necessary repairs are being quoted with the first quote coming in at \$4,000. He reported there are still no updates on delivery of the patrol vehicle ordered in January 2020. Finally, he reported COVID testing at Plainwell Middle School on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reported working on mowing, flowers and potholes.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported 17 zoning permits having been issued and noted training for an emergency preparedness and marketing opportunity for small businesses. She also noted the donation of a framed photograph of the mill from Heather Burd.

Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reported having issued 497 absent voter ballots with 186 of those having already been returned. He noted working on year-end financials and preparing for the election. He reminded everyone that the nominating petitions for City Council are due July 21.

City Manager Wilson briefed Council on a developing sewer connection issue at 934/936 E Bridge, noting that the property was vacant when M-89 was reconstructed, so the sewer lateral was not connected at that time.

City Manager Wilson followed up on Director Bomar's report about the failed generator, noting that a working generator is critical to continuing city operations during a power outage. Knowing that time is of the essence and that one quote had already been received, he asked for authority for making the repairs in advance of the next Council Meeting.

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Overhuel, to authorize the City Manager to negotiate an emergency repair of the Public Safety generators in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 after having received two (2) additional quotes. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

14. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked Community Development Manager Siegel for communication support related to the postponement of the All School Reunion.

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
Submitted by,
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
July 27, 2020



Brian Kelley, City Clerk