

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
Special Meeting/ Budget workshop
June 14, 2018
6:45PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Brooks

Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Steele and Councilman Overhuel. Absent: Councilman Keeler and Councilman Keeney.

Also, Present: City Manager Wilson and Clerk/Treasurer Kelley.

Mayor Brooks started the meeting by stating that this is a special meeting\budget workshop set by Council to review the proposed 2018-2019 City Budget.

Manager Wilson and Clerk/Treasurer Kelley reviewed the draft Fund Summary and budget.

Items of note:

The General Fund budget includes increases in property tax revenue and health insurance costs. One of the main points of focus in a school resource officer, which is being debated with Plainwell Community Schools and the townships. The city cannot bear the cost of an officer, yet recognizes the priority of having an officer in the school. Negotiations continue, but there is nothing in the budget for this officer at this time.

In the Street Funds, funding is provided for East Chart and Wedgewood. There is concern about a 2019 project on Sherwood and how it would be funded. There is \$32,000 in this budget for engineering for Sherwood, but it is unclear how the \$131,000 necessary in FY2020 will be achieved. There was discussion about other streets in Plainwell regarding pothole repair and the allocation of \$10,000 for those repairs. Council noted that repairs to a section of Starr Road were a priority.

Other challenges for this or future budgets include upgrades to the salt storage facility, which is leaking into the River, and ongoing leaf pickup concerns.

Workshop was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Submitted by
Brian Kelley
City Clerk/Treasurer