

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
July 24, 2023

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Scott Smail of 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, 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 July 10, 2023 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: John Spencer, a representative for House Republican Leader Matt Hall, introduced himself to Council and provided his contact information.
7. County Commissioner Report: County Commissioner Dugan shared that Allegan County's death rate is comparable to other counties, citing a recent medical examiner's report. He stated that there is discussion concerning aggregate and mineral rights on City owned property, as the State of Michigan is looking to acquire these rights from local communities. He provided an update on the Allegan County Courthouse remodel, stating that there were no funds available at this time. He said that there are currently two visiting Judges coming to the Courthouse and providing support. He gave an update on the Allegan County Sheriff Department body cams, and shared that Plainwell has received matching funds for a water/sewer project. He spoke about power generated by Calkins Dam in Allegan, and the hope to relicense it for continued use by the City of Allegan.
8. City Clerk Leonard reported no changes to the Agenda.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the Agenda for the July 24, 2023 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Lakamper provided an update on the curbside recycling and bulk trash removal services. Further research indicated that a special tax assessment district was unnecessary.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, to approve Resolution 2023-25 establishing fees for monthly curbside recycling and semi-annual bulk trash pickups to be collected on the 2023 Winter Tax Bill. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Water Renewal Superintendent Pond discussed the annual purchase of chlorine and sulfur gas necessary for Plant operation.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the annual purchase of chlorine and sulfur gas from Haviland Products for \$14,600.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

C. Water Renewal Superintendent Pond discussed the annual purchase of ferric chloride necessary for Plant operation.

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Overhuel, to approve the annual purchase of ferric chloride from Webb Chemical for \$46,436.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

D. Water Renewal Superintendent Pond discussed the annual purchase of polymer necessary for Plant operation.

A motion by Overhuel, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the annual purchase of polymer from WaterSolve LLC for \$8,800.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

E. City Manager Lakamper discussed a request from Profielnorm USA for a topographical survey of the lot at 830 Miller Rd. This survey is in addition to previously requested survey work.

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering for \$9,800.00 for survey work at 830 Miller Road as part of the land sale to Profielnorm USA. 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 June 2023 Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports, the draft June 15, 2023 Parks & Trees Meeting Minutes and the draft July 11, 2023 DDA/BRA/TIFA Meeting Minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$523,479.58 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 shared that he is working on the end of the year audit.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated that the bridge is curing. The next step, epoxy and stone chips, will be happening soon.

Community Development Manager Siegel reported that an extension has been granted for the dam project, which has been delayed by lack of access to the property for testing purposes. She shared that the rental rehab project at Perfect Image Salon is complete and all apartments have tenants. She stated the Planning Commission has reviewed a site plan provided by Holiday Inn. There will be a Public Hearing in August concerning the Master Plan.

Water Renewal Superintendent Bryan Pond said that a recent surface water PFAS test came back well within limits.

Public Safety Director Callahan stated that the new Rescue 1 boat is here, and the department is happy with the purchase.

City Manager Lakamper discussed the lead abatement project, stating the closing of the EGLE loan has been extended by 6 months. The company providing the lead abatement service is looking to adjust their process, and work has stopped for now. He discussed the dam project, stating that we need access to do construction work. He shared that while the dam located at City Hall is fine, the trestle bridge has been deemed a potential barrier to fish migration. The City may need to consider removal of the trestle bridge. He provided an RFQ update.

15. Council Comments: Councilmember Overhuel thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Finance Director Kelley on his grandson and Superintendent Nieuwenhuis on his daughter's wrestling victory. Mayor Pro-Tem Steele also congratulated Superintendent Nieuwenhuis and his daughter.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 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
August 14, 2023


Ginger J Leonard, City Clerk