

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2013

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2013, in the Plain City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jay Jenkins, Councilmembers LaFray Kelley, Joel Maw, Mark Lowther and Bruce Higley
Excused: Councilmember Brent White
Staff: Diane Hirschi
Also present: Steve Davis, Terrie Stephenson, John Leonardi

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order. Councilmember Lowther led in the pledge of allegiance. Councilmember Higley gave the invocation/moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2012

Councilmember Higley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Public Comments:

Terrie Stephenson reported that she has been the Standard correspondent for 6 years. She reported that a new correspondent will be assigned to Plain City because she has been assigned to Farr West. She noted that she enjoyed working with Plain City and her favorite story was about the Poo-Gloos.

Public Hearing: Final Adjustments to FY 2013 City Budgets and Final Approval of FY 2014 City Budgets

Councilmember Higley moved to go into a public hearing for the purpose of making final adjustments to the FY2013 city budgets and for final approval of the FY2014 city budgets. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Steve Davis reported that the amendment for the current budget is based on the May 31, 2013 financial statement. He noted that the revenues are up by \$41,315.00. He mentioned that the sewer rate revenues have increased by \$85,000 and the expenditures have increased by \$31,000. He mentioned that there is nothing new with the capital projects fund and the redevelopment agency is still at \$0.00.

Steve Davis reported that the tentative budget for FY 2014 was passed in May and he hasn't had a lot of feedback for any changes. He mentioned that he found out that the county lowering the property tax for law enforcement comes to about \$36,500. He said that he increased the city's property tax by that amount in the proposed budget. In order to do that, however we will have to hold the truth in taxation hearings. He also noted that it will only cover about half of the increase for our law enforcement contract. Another change from the tentative budget was Councilmember Maw asked for a 2% increase to the recreation budget which amounts to less than \$2,000. Steve mentioned that those two items were the only feedback he received. Steve went over the revenues and the expenditures with the council. He noted that these numbers are based on last year. He increased the Police service line item to \$354,975 and noted that parks department is lower due to the RAMP grants. Steve noted that the budget comes in lower at \$2,094,149.00. Councilmember Lowther asked about the judicial office supplies. It was noted that they only used \$1,755 but the budget includes \$6,500. It was decided that it could be cut to \$2,000. There were some questions about legal services for the court. Diane noted that it appears that the prosecutor hasn't turned in a bill for a while. Steve reported that we will have to go through the Truth in Taxation hearings and he will get the information for that. As for the sewer budget, this is the first time that it is showing a positive \$4,000. Steve noted that he didn't make any changes to the landfill reserve and the capital projects fund. The redevelopment agency budget is \$0.00. Councilmember Higley asked about the fire hydrants. Steve noted that \$36,318 was spent last year but no new money has been allocated. There were no comments from the public.

Councilmember Higley moved to close the public hearing and go into the regular meeting. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

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Discussion/Motion: Final Adjustments to FY 2013 City Budgets

Councilmember Maw moved to approve the final adjustments for the FY2013 city budget and redevelopment agency budget. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Discussion/Motion: Final Approval of FY 2014 City Budgets

There were a couple changes to the tentative budget that included changing court office supplies from \$6,500 to \$2,000, including a 2% cost of living for the employees, a 2% increase to the recreation budget, and to increase property tax to offset what the County is decreasing for law enforcement. **Councilmember Kelley moved to approve the FY 2014 city budget with those four changes noted. Councilmember Higley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried. Councilmember Higley moved to approve the FY2014 redevelopment budget as presented. Councilmember Lowther seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Amendment to Hunters Run Subdivision – Lot 20 – Wyatt Burton

Diane noted that this is an adjustment to the Hunters Run Subdivision. John Leonardi noted that the Planning Commission approved it. **Councilmember Maw moved to approve the amendment to lot 20 of Hunters Run. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Noxious Weed Control

The Mayor noted that in the past we have participated with the County to help get rid of noxious weeds. He noted that they haven't asked this year and he is wondering if we want to do something on our own. Councilmember Higley asked if people would turn the weeds into us. He wondered what we would do with them. The Mayor suggested putting them in the dumpster as we wouldn't want to put it in the landfill because it spreads so fast. There was a question about bag size and money. The Mayor asked Councilmember Higley to look into this. **Councilmember Higley moved to table this pending further research. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.**

Motion: Cancel Meeting on July 4, 2013

Councilmember Maw moved to cancel the meeting on July 4. Councilmember Lowther seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Approval of Business Licenses:

There was none at this time.

Approval of Warrant Registers (see register dated 06/01/13 to 06/19/13)

Councilmember Kelley moved to approve and pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Higley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, White, and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Report: Planning Commission

John Leonardi reported that they approved the Lucia Subdivision. It is six lots located on 5200 W and is being developed by Allan Karras. They also talked about the Plain City Confectionary.

Report: City Council

Councilmember Higley reported that he has a copy of the Mosquito Abatement District financial statement and audit. He will leave it at the office if anyone wants to look at it. He noted that the Fire Department is doing well.

Councilmember Lowther reported that the parks and arena are looking good. He isn't happy with the road being torn up on 1500 North. It was noted that the contractor on this project is just east of Favero's alfalfa field.

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Councilmember Maw reported that the 4th is coming together. They are going to have a karaoke contest. He wanted to make sure the council had rides for the parade.

Councilmember Kelley mentioned that Brent Weston has enough new tables for the boweries and they are thinking of possibly selling the old wood tables for \$75 at the 4th. They have about 8-10 tables. The Mayor and Councilmember Lowther want to wait to make sure we don't need them before we get rid of them. They suggested we ask the senior center, fire department and other departments if they could use one. Councilmember Kelley also noted that the circus is coming on July 8 at the Town Square. Advanced tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids. The day of the show, adult tickets will be \$13 and kids will be \$7. You can go that morning and watch them put up the big top and have a tour. There will be two shows, one at 5 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor reported that the Judkins lawsuit against the city just ended the discovery phase and a lot of information has come out. As a result of that, he is filing a complaint against Councilmember Kelley concerning a conflict of interest and violating her oath of office. Normally in this situation, it would come to the Mayor, but since he is filing the complaint it needs to go to Councilmember White, the Mayor Pro-Temp who is not here tonight. He asked Diane to hold it until he gets back. He handed out of copy of the complaint to the council and Terrie Stephenson.

At 7:46 p.m. Councilmember Maw moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Higley. The vote was unanimous.

City Recorder

Mayor

Date approved