

Invocation for the Plainfield City Council meeting was given by Tom Geise and Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Geise.

The Plainfield City Council met in regular monthly session April 8, 2014 at the Plainfield Public Library at 7:00pm with Mayor Tom Geise presiding and Council Members Clyde Balvanz, Blake Franzen, Kathy Remley and Joe Schmall present. Council Member Kyle Adams was absent. The following department head was in attendance: Maintenance Superintendent Andy Luck. Visitor, Irene Koob, was also present.

Motion by Remley seconded by Schmall to approve the agenda with the addition of a building permit for 702 Main Street. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mayor Geise read two letters from Ron Ihde. The first was a request to shut off the siren that sounds at noon and 6pm due to the noise level; the second letter was a request to allow Ihde to remove the entire sidewalk on his property and seed it down for mowing. Council briefly discussed the issues and reviewed Ordinance No. 136: Sidewalk Regulations, in relation to Ihde's request. No action was taken at this time.

Motion by Balvanz seconded by Schmall to approve the consent agenda; which includes the minutes of March 11 & 14, 2014, bills for April 2014 and the Clerk's Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Geise proclaimed the week of May 14-21, 2014 as Poppy Days for the American Legion Auxiliary. Irene Koob, of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, explained to the Council that all poppies are handmade by veterans. Koob exited.

Mayor Geise declared his appreciation to the members of the Nashua-Plainfield School Board and proclaimed the month of May 2014 as Iowa School Board Recognition Month.

Mayor Geise proclaimed the month of May 2014 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Motion by Balvanz seconded by Remley to approve a building permit to add a boardwalk with roof and a door to an existing building at 215 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the slope of the concrete for the permit request at 702 Main Street. Motion by Schmall seconded by Remley to approve a building permit for 702 Main Street to pour a new concrete approach on the east end and a new sidewalk on the south side of the building. On the south side the concrete shall have a ¼" fall in the first 4 feet so the water runs off the road. Ayes: Franzen, Remley and Schmall. Nays: None. Abstain: Balvanz. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a building permit for 624 1<sup>st</sup> Street, to build a one-stall garage over an existing sewer easement. No action was taken at this time.

Discussion continued from the March meeting on a letter the Council received from Gary Bellinger of East Side Car Wash. Motion by Schmall seconded by Franzen to credit the East Side Car Wash utility account \$817.50 for the excavation and replacement of the City owned shut-off. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Franzen, Remley and Schmall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Lentz reported that the CD's for Willow Lawn Cemetery are not listed under the City's employer identification number. Consensus of the Council was to change the EIN for the Cemetery CD's to the City's EIN.

Balvanz reported that the building by the water tower is looking rough as it needs to be painted. Balvanz will obtain estimates to paint the building and present them at the May meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the 2013 Water Quality Report. Said report is posted in the City Clerk's Office and the Library for public review.

Superintendent Luck informed the Council that Municipal Pipe and Tool will be in town August 15<sup>th</sup> to clean and televise the entire sewer system.

Balvanz obtained three quotes to replace the 2011 Ford F250 pickup and plow with 2015 Ford F250 with plow. Council reviewed the quotes and will take action at the next meeting.

Motion by Balvanz seconded by Franzen to accept the monthly department reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council reviewed water meter readings for a number of utility accounts. Motion by Remley seconded by Balvanz to approve due to water running to prevent frozen pipes, if a resident's water usage exceeds their average quarterly amount (this will cover water usage for the months of February through April 2014) the City will adjust the bill to their average water usage at the address over the past year and a half. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Residents will not need to call in, bills will be averaged automatically.

Council reviewed Ordinance No. 156: Swimming Pool Enclosures.

Motion by Balvanz seconded by Franzen to set the FY14 Budget Amendment Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:05pm in the Nielsen room of the Plainfield Public Library. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion Remley, seconded Schmall to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Tom Geise  
Mayor

Attest: Brittney Lentz  
City Clerk/ Treasurer

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