

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
September 22, 2025

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Scott Fenner of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brad Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Lori Steele, and Councilmembers Roger Keeney, Randy Wisnaski and Cathy Green.
Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Meeting Minutes of the 09/08/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: Presentation by Mill 17 Event Center
7. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Dugan gave an update on happenings throughout Allegan County.
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Agenda for the September 22, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Clerk Leonard discussed Ordinance 402, which amended Chapter 56: Taxes of the City of Plainwell Code of Ordinances to allow for up to two alternate members for the Board of Review. Appointments are made by the Mayor, and subject to confirmation from Council.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, confirming the Mayor's appointment of Holly Harrison to the Board of Review as an alternate member. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Manager Lakamper discussed Amanda Kersten's resignation from the position of Interim Treasurer. Amanda will remain as Personnel Coordinator and take on the additional role of Deputy Treasurer.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, confirming the resignation of Amanda Kersten as Interim Treasurer, effective October 6, 2025. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. City Manager Lakamper discussed the appointment of a new Treasurer. Denise Wilcox has accepted the Treasurer position for the City of Plainwell, with a start date of October 6, 2025. Per section 6.1(b) of the City Charter, the appointment of the Treasurer requires Council approval
A motion by Green, seconded by Keeney, to confirm the appointment of Denise Wilcox as Treasurer for the City of Plainwell effective October 6, 2025, under the condition that outside of the role of the City Treasurer/Finance Director, she shall not hold any elective or appointive office after the expiration of her current term as Alamo Township Treasurer. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. City Manager Lakamper discussed a main server and network switch upgrade.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, approving the purchase and installation of a new server and network switch by Clark Technical at a cost of \$13,085.98. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - E. City Manager Lakamper discussed USA Earthworks Pay Application #8 for work done on the Old Orchard Project. The contractor has completed the project, and this is the final pay application.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Green, approving USA Earthworks Pay Application #8 in the amount of \$44,838.90. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
11. Communications:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the August 2025 Department of Public Safety Report and the 08/12/2025 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 \$238,448.16 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
13. Public Comments: Paul Grimm asked for more information on Classic Car Factory.

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14. Staff Comments:

Personnel Coordinator/Deputy Treasurer Kersten thanked Council and City Manager Lakamper for the opportunity to serve as Interim Treasurer.

Deputy Superintendent Keyzer stated that no news is good news, and he had nothing to report.

Director Callahan discussed the completion of the S. Main paving project, and the DPS Open House being held on October 11, 2025. He shared that DPS is working toward law enforcement accreditation.

Clerk Leonard had nothing to report.

City Manager Lakamper discussed S. Main, sharing that striping and raising the manhole covers will happen shortly. The road will remain open during this process. He reported that currently there are two fiber installation companies in Plainwell working in the Right of Way between the sidewalks and the streets. He provided an update on Classic Auto Factory, stating that the owner, Darius, is adamant about having 99-year lease.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked Amanda for filling in as Treasurer for the City. She mentioned having an appetizer and drinks at Mosaic Distillery, sharing that both were excellent.

Councilmembers Keeney, Green and Wisnaski thanked Amanda for taking on the Treasurer duties.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
October 13, 2025


JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk