

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA (AMENDED) Plainwell City Council Monday, February 24, 2025 - 7:00PM Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes – 02/10/2025 Regular Meeting
6. General Public Comments
7. County Commissioner Report
8. Agenda Approval
9. Mayor’s Report
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City – Return of unused loan funds from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE)
Council will consider approving the return of \$22,171.71 in unused loan funds to EGLE from a Brownfield Redevelopment Loan of \$690,000.00.
 - B. City – Discussion of First Right of Refusal to purchase buildings from GHD
Council will discuss the purchase of buildings #17 and #18 from GHD.
11. Communications: The December Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal reports, the 01/14/2025 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes and the 01/16/2025 Parks & Trees meeting minutes.
12. Accounts Payable - \$1,042,798.72
13. Public Comments
14. Staff Comments
15. Council Comments
16. Adjournment

Note: All public comment limited to two minutes, when recognized please rise and give your name and address.

Reports & Communications:

A. City – Return of unused loan funds from EGLE

The city of Plainwell received a Brownfield Redevelopment Loan (BRL) for \$690,000.00 from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the Plainwell Papermill Phase III project on September 9, 2020. Under the terms of the agreement, any disbursed but unspent loan dollars must be refunded to the State of Michigan immediately upon project completion. A review of the Plainwell Papermill Phase III project file indicates that the city of Plainwell received a loan disbursement totaling \$690,000.00, while eligible expenditures totaled \$668,492.72, leaving an unspent loan balance of \$21,507.28. In addition to the unspent balance, the \$664.43 of interest accumulated on the loan proceeds must also be returned to the State. The total repayment due to EGLE is \$22,171.71.

Recommended action: Consider approving the return of \$22,171.71 to EGLE of unused funding from the Brownfield Redevelopment Loan of \$690,000.00.

B. City – Discussion of First Right of Refusal to purchase buildings from GHD

The city of Plainwell has the opportunity to purchase buildings #17 and #18 from GHD for the same price offered by another interested buyer. Currently, there is an offer for \$326,000.00 for the two buildings.

Recommended action: Discuss the purchase of buildings #17 and #18 from GHD for \$326,00.00.

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings

- March 05, 2025 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm
- **March 10, 2025 – City Council – 7:00pm**
- March 11, 2025 – DDA/BRA/TIFA – 7:30am
- March 13, 2025 – Parks & Trees – 5:00pm
- March 19, 2025 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm

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