

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA

City of Plainwell

All Boards Workshop

City Hall Council Chambers

Thursday, June 04, 2026 @ 10:00AM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Minutes from 05/27/2025**
5. **New Business:**

A. Mill Complex purchase agreement – Building 2

Council will discuss adding Building 2 to the Purchase Agreement for the Mill Complex with Classic Auto Mill and reimbursing Classic Auto Mill up to \$360,000 for work to stabilize, repair, and retain the building.

B. Parking lot agreement – Mill 17

Council will discuss a parking lot agreement with Mill 17 to use the area in front of mill buildings 10,15, and 16 for their business's parking.

6. **Public Comments**
7. **Staff Comments**
8. **Council Comments**
9. **Adjournment**

Agenda Subject to Change

Note: All public comment limited to two minutes, when recognized please rise and give your name and address
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Plainwell City All Boards Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025

1. Regular meeting was call to order by Mayor Keeler at 5:30pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Present:
 - A. City Council: Lori Steele, Brad Keeler, Roger Keeney, Randy Wisnaski
 - B. DDA/BRA/TIFA: Jim Turley, Nick Larabel, Adam Hopkins
 - C. Planning Commission: Beth Raich, Kevin Hammond, Stephen Bennett, Rachel Colingsworth, Jay Lawson
 - D. Parks & Trees: Marsha Keeler, Corey Redder, Mathew Bradley (5:58pm)
4. Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the All Board Meeting Minutes of the 09/23/2024 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. New Business: Mill Property Development
City Manager Lakamper discussed the history of the Mill site and the proposed development plans presented at the City Council meeting held on May 12, 2025 by Allen Edwin Homes and Watts Homes & Construction.
6. Public Comment:
 - A. Doug Young of 515 Foxmoor Dr – stated that he would welcome condos along the river.
 - B. Jean Hardin of 335 E. Bridge St – asked about Allen Edwin’s proposal of rental units
 - C. Sheri Swartz of 970 106th – stated that she loves the downtown area and Plainwell schools. She shared that she had difficulty finding homes for sale or apartment for rent in Plainwell, and feels housing in needed. She supports condos as a great option for seniors in the area.
 - D. Daniel Krupp of 244 W. First Ave. – shared concerns about Allen Edwin build quality, and stated he hopes we can preserve some of the nature elements along the river for public use.
 - E. Todd Overhuel of 419 W. Chart St. – stated he trusts City Council to make the right decision for the community
 - F. Matthew Bradley of 115 Walnut Woods – has lived in Plainwell for years and believes Plainwell is the perfect bedroom town right between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. He wants to keep the small town feel alive and well.
 - G. Jill Dunham of 1042 N. Stoneridge Dr – stated that Plainwell Community Schools would welcome new students, and was in a position to support enrollment growth.
 - H. Tom Homes of 830 Thomas St – shared his concerns about Allen Edwin build quality not being up to Plainwell standards, and stated his support for the condo development.
7. Board Comments: Board members discussed concerns about traffic, construction quality, lot size, population density, and aesthetics. They agreed that continued community involvement is welcome.
8. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk