

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
November 24, 2025

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Dan Martin 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 Randy Wisnaski and Cathy Green.
Absent: Councilmember Roger Keeney
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to excuse Councilmember Keeney from tonight's proceedings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Meeting Minutes of the 11/10/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Gale 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 November 24, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City Manager Lakamper discussed Resolution 2025-21, which formally approves a 12-year Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) exemption for Profielnorm USA, LLC.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, approving Resolution 2025-21 as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. City Manager Lakamper discussed the sale of City owned property at 761 N. Main St. (parcel 55-019-002-01).
A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, approving the sale of 761 N. Main St using the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and authorizing City Manager Lakamper to initiate an appraisal of the property. 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 October 2025 Investment, Fund Balance, Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports, and the 8/20/2025 Planning Commission and 10/14/2025 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
12. Accounts Payable:
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Green, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$107,250.06 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
13. Public Comments: Dale Burnham of 210 Prairie St wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.
14. Staff Comments:

Finance Director/Treasurer Wilcox wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving

Superintendent Keyzer wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He mentioned that the City owned parcel discussed tonight may be the only viable option to allow for utility service to 771 N. Main for development.

Clerk Leonard had nothing to report.

Director Callahan shared that the 2025 Shop with a Hero event will take place on 12/17/2025, with ~30 local students participating. Officer Pell was recognized by Allegan County dispatch for stopping a vehicle going the wrong way on the highway prior to an accident occurring.

City Manager Lakamper discussed the need for more housing in the City. He shared that Fleis & Vandenbrink (F&V) have begun work on the Industrial Park project engineering. They found an ~500ft original section of water main that should be replaced prior to paving. F&V engineering costs are being paid by a grant through MEDC and Lakeshore Advantage. F&V are also applying for a 50k pedestrian traffic grant that, if awarded to Plainwell, will be used to update and repair the Trestle Bridge.

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Bosch Architects, who designed the site plan for Plainwell Auto, are now designing a concept site plan for Classic Auto Factory and Mill 17 which includes parking, an access road and green space. When finished, the plans will be presented at a public meeting to gather resident input.

Mary Jane Rhodes, a top environmental lawyer, has been hired to represent the City in discussion with Weyerhaeuser pertaining to the Mill property. She shared that investigation and remediation can occur at the same time, so there is no need to delay development.

Insurance has offered a depreciated value of \$560k for Building #2, which should cover most, if not all, the cost of demolition.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and mentioned that Mosaic Distillery's signs downtown will need to be moved for the tree lighting ceremony.

Councilmember Wisnaski wished everyone happy Thanksgiving.

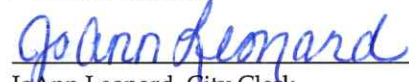
Councilmember Green asked about replacing the sign at the Fannie Pell park entrance. She shared that the newly repaired City clock looks great- it is clear and easy to see, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
December 08, 2025


JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk