

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**July 28, 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 Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, and Councilmembers Keeney, Wisnaski and 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 07/14/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Public Comment: JJ Hayka offered to share questions or concerns with Representative Matt Hall.
7. Presentation by Classic Auto Factory
8. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Dugan gave an update on happenings throughout Allegan County.
9. Agenda approval:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Agenda for the July 28, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
10. Mayor's Report: None.
11. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Superintendent Keyzer discussed a contract with SmartSights, LLC. A 3-year service contract is recommended.  
**A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Green, approving a 3-year contract with SmartSights, LLC for SCADA system support and emergency text messaging service. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Superintendent Keyzer discussed the purchase of a 4" Promag flow meter with a 3-year warranty. The meter would replace the current meter (installed in 1998) that is no longer serviceable due to age.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the purchase of a 4" Promag flow meter and warranty from Endress Hauser for \$7,973.99. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - C. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the removal, service and reinstallation of the pump equipment from Well 7 by Peerless Midwest. This service was recommended following this year's municipal well inspection.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, approving the overhaul and maintenance of Well 7 pump equipment by Peerless Midwest for a cost not to exceed \$33,540.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - D. Personnel Coordinator/Interim Treasure Kersten discussed an amendment to the Section 125 Plan. The amendment allows the City to opt out of Flex Spending Accounts and Dependent Care Accounts. No City employees are currently enrolled in either of these plans.  
**A motion by Green, seconded by Keeney, approving an amendment to the City's Section 125 Plan to opt out of offering Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) and Dependent Care Accounts (DCAs) for the current plan year. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - E. City Manager Lakamper discussed a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Fleis and Vandenbrink for the South Main paving project. This project will begin the second week of August.  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink for construction engineering on the South Main road construction project for \$75,500.00. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
12. Communications:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the June 2025 Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports, the 06/10/2025 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes and the 6/12/2025 Parks & Trees meeting minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
13. Accounts Payable:  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Green, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$131,241.37 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
14. Public Comments: None.

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15. Staff Comments:

Personnel Coordinator/Interim Treasurer Kersten shared that interviews were being held for the Finance Director position.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis had nothing to report.

Deputy Superintendent Keyzer had nothing to report.

Director Callahan discussed recovering kayakers from the river.

Clerk Leonard shared that the City is looking for Board of Review alternates. One application has been received.

City Manager Lakamper gave an update on Mill Building #2, stating that the insurance company has requested a quote from Taplin covering both restoration and demolition. Lawn restoration in the Old Orchard is mostly complete, with final reseeding happening in September. He shared that Director Callahan had hosted an active shooter table top exercise that was well received. He stated he had looked into recording Council meetings to share on YouTube, and would provide cost estimates soon.

16. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele reminded everyone about the Plainwell All School Reunion being held on August 9, 2025 at 1pm in the PHS cafeteria. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service, and visit with others who have attended Plainwell Schools. She had Traverse City in her thoughts and prayers.

Councilmember Wisnaski shared that the flowers this year look great.

Councilmember Keeney thanked Classic Car Factory for the presentation, and thanked Commissioner Dugan for his update.

Councilmember Green thanked Darius and his family for coming to the meeting, and thanked Director Callahan for hosting training for area officers.

17. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
submitted by,  
JoAnn Leonard  
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

August 11, 2025

  
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JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk