

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
April 28, 2025

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$63,020.20 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments: None.

14. Staff Comments:

Personnel Coordinator/Interim Treasurer Kersten was excused to attend training.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated that hydrant flushing went well. Street sweeping is wrapping up. The flower nursey has sent some photos of the planters that will be put out in about 2 weeks.

Community Development Manager Siegel shared that there are only 20 days remaining until her retirement in May. The downtown clock is being repaired, and she will be submitting grant information for the West Michigan Trails project this week.

Deputy Superintendent Keyser stated that he is testing Thursday for a Class B license.

Superintendent Pond stated there are 35 days remaining until his retirement in June.

Director Callahan reported that the Chief's vehicle has been successfully sold at auction.

Clerk Leonard had nothing to report.

City Manager Lakamper shared that Profielnorm has begun construction for their new building in Industrial Park. He shared that the first agreement with BizEx Ventures has been signed, with others to follow after the building purchase is complete. MDOT has awarded the S. Main St. paving project to Lakeland Asphalt, with a project timeline from now through September. There will be an interview this week for the Community Development Manager position.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele shared that a former City of Plainwell employee, Roy Carlson, has passed away. Mr. Carlson had worked at the Plainwell Airport and had provided assessing services to the City. She shared her relief that Public Safety Officer Welcher was okay following an altercation at the high school.

Councilmember Green reminded staff and the public about the Art Council children's theater being held Saturday, June 21 at 7pm at the Plainwell High School Performing Arts Center.

Councilmember Keeney wished everyone a happy cinco de mayo.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 2025


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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, Councilmember Keeney, Councilmember Wisnaski and Councilmember 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 04/14/2025 regular meeting and the 04/23/2025 special meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment:
Judy Munch of 114 Russet - asked for an update about fill dirt and lawn reseeding for residents of the Old Orchard. She shared that she had heard that USA Earthworks was not coming back to address these concerns, mentioning that spring is here and her grass is growing, and that she has a pipe sticking up in her yard still.
7. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Dugan gave an update on happenings throughout Allegan County.
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, to approve the Agenda for the April 28, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Community Development Manager Siegel discussed West Michigan Trails Organization's development of a 42-mile non-motorized trail beginning in Kalamazoo Township and ending in Kent County. Plainwell will be working with the City of Wayland, Wayland Township, and Gun Plain Township on this project.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve Resolution 2025-09 as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Pond discussed the repair annular seals. These seals stop methane from escaping, and are located on the concrete on top of the digester. There are two seals that require repair.
A motion by Green, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the repair of the annular seals on both anaerobic digesters at the Water Renewal plant by Mulder Building Sealants & Restoration for \$5450.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Deputy Superintendent Keyser discussed recalibrating eleven flow meters at in use by Water Renewal. This calibration is required annually by EGLE.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, approving the calibration of eleven flow meters at the Water Renewal plant by Forberg Smith for \$6319.60. 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 March 2025 Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports, and the 03/11/2025 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.