

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
September 08, 2025

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: None.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brad Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Lori Steele, 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 08/25/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. County Commissioner's Report: None.
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Agenda for the September 08, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Director Callahan discussed Resolution 2025-17, the adoption of the Mutual Box Aid Alarm System (MABAS) with Allegan County and the State of Michigan.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, to adopt Resolution 2025-17 as presented. 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 August 2025 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. 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 \$157,862.33 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 wished Lori a happy birthday.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis wished Lori a happy birthday. He shared that the water tower painting project is complete, and looks good. 123Net is finishing up fiber line installation, and SurfNet is starting. Communication on the S. Main paving project has been poor, with the most recent update stating the project will start next Monday. Blockades have been removed for now.

Superintendent Keyzer wished Lori a happy birthday, and said everything is going well at Water Renewal.

Director Callahan wished Lori a happy birthday. He reminded everyone about the fire department open house on October 11th.

Clerk Leonard wished Lori a happy birthday.

City Manager Lakamper shared that the Treasurer's position has been filled, and background screening is in process. He provided an update on Classic Auto Factory and their Mill building offer. The owner, Darius, has now requested a 99-year lease with the City, for \$1 per year. He states he is having difficulty finding insurance coverage for the building. Since this is a superfund site, the EPA requires a Phase I environmental study and a BEA, which will take time. Justin spoke with

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the City Attorney, and both feel that a 99-year lease is not prudent. Justin feels there is a way forward that will work for Classic Auto Factory as well as the City, and hopes discussion will continue.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele thanked everyone for the birthday wishes.

Councilmember Green discussed the Ladies, Leaves and Laughter event scheduled for November 7, 2025, and thanked Utility Billing Specialist Penny Soper for her help.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Green, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor.

Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

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September 22, 2025



JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk