

MINUTES
Plainwell Planning Commission
August 20, 2025

1. Chairperson Colingsworth called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call:
Present: Chairperson Rachel Colingsworth, Commissioners Stephen Bennett, Kevin Hammond, Dale Burnham, Lori Steele and City Manager Justin Lakamper.
Excused: Commissioners Elizabeth Raich and Jay Lawson
4. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Bennett, seconded by Steele, to accept and place on file the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of the 05/07/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Chairperson's Report: None.
7. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City of Plainwell resident Amanda Czarnecki discussed Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). She has a carriage house on her property that was converted into an apartment many years ago and was used as a rental in the past. Plainwell's Zoning Ordinance doesn't allow more than one single family residence per parcel. She is asking that the Planning Commission consider an Ordinance amendment to allow ADUs in R1A/R1B single family residentially zoned areas.
A motion by Hammond, seconded by Steele, instructing City Staff to initiate an amendment to the City of Plainwell Zoning Ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in R1A/R1B single family residentially zoned areas and prepare draft ordinance language for further consideration. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
8. Communications:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Hammond, to accept and place on file the City Council Meeting Minutes from 4/23/2025, 4/28/2025, 5/12/2025, 5/27/2025, 6/09/2025, 6/23/2025, 7/14/2025 and 7/28/2025. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Public Comments: None.
10. Staff Comments:
City Manager Lakamper discussed Classic Auto Factory, and their interest in the Mill buildings as a location for classic car storage, repair and display.
11. Commissioner Comments: None
12. Adjournment:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Burnham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk