

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA

Plainwell City Council

Monday, May 11, 2026 - 7:00PM

Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes – 04/27/2026 Regular Meeting
6. Public Comments
7. County Commissioner Report
8. Agenda Approval
9. Mayor’s Report
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City – Special Council Meeting – 2026/2027 Budget Workshop
Council will consider holding a special meeting on Monday, June 08, 2026 at 5:30pm to discuss the preliminary 2026/2027 budget.
 - B. City – Thurl Cook Park Playground Equipment Purchase
Council will consider approving the purchase of playground equipment from American Parks Company for \$31,941.88.
 - C. WR – Removal and Replacement of Damaged Fencing
Council will consider approving the removal and replacement of damaged fencing around the Bioxide Station by Superior Fence and Rail for \$5,439.57.
11. Communications: The April 2026 Investment and Fund Balance Reports and the April Water Renewal Report.
12. Accounts Payable - \$85,066.91
13. Public Comments
14. Staff Comments
15. Council Comments
16. Adjournment

Agenda Subject to Change

Note: All public comment limited to two minutes, when recognized please rise and give your name and address.

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Reports & Communications:

A. City – Special Council Meeting – 2026/2027 Budget Workshop

City Administration requests a special meeting to present and discuss the preliminary 2026/2027 city budget.
Recommended action: Consider holding a special meeting on Monday, June 08, 2026 at 5:30pm to discuss the preliminary 2026/2027 budget.

B. City – Thurl Cook Park Playground Equipment

Several trees in Thurl Cook Park were damaged by USA Earthworks during the Old Orchard construction project. The park was used as a staging area, and when moving piping with machinery they struck several trees causing significant damage. The trees were evaluated by an arborist who gave an estimated cost for replacement. The City then negotiated with USA Earthworks and obtained approximately \$15,000 from them, which was intended to go toward upgrading the playground equipment. We also applied for and received grant funding from the Anna Pipp Foundation for the last two years totaling \$20,000, giving Plainwell a total of \$35,000 to purchase and install new playground equipment. This major upgrade to a popular park will happen with little to no direct cost to the City due to generous grant funding coupled with the \$15,000 tree damage reimbursement from USA Earthworks. After researching pricing and equipment offerings from several playground equipment vendors, American Parks Company is recommended for this project.

Recommended action: Consider approving the purchase of playground equipment from American Parks Company for \$31,941.88.

C. WR – Removal and Replacement of Damaged Fencing

The original 8' wooden fencing surrounding the Bioxide Station was old, and heavily damaged during the recent storm. The 4x4 posts were all rotted and snapped off at the ground, and three panels were knocked down. The wooden fence will be replaced with 6' tall chain link fence with privacy slats. This will be part of the City's storm damage insurance claim. This fence should be replaced soon, so it doesn't fall. Two quotes were received. Superior Fence and Rail is recommended for this job.

Recommended action: Consider approving the removal and replacement of damaged fencing around the Bioxide Station by Superior Fence and Rail for \$5,439.57.

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

- April 14, 2026 – DDA/BRA/TIFA – 7:30am
- April 14, 2026 – Parks & Trees – 4:00pm
- April 15, 2026 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm
- **April 27, 2026 – City Council – 7:00pm**

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