

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA

Plainwell City Council

Monday, February 23, 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** – 01/26/2026 Regular Meeting
6. **Public Comments**
7. **County Commissioners Report**
8. **Agenda Approval**
9. **Mayor's Report**
10. **Recommendations and Reports:**
 - A. **City – Boards and Commissions Appointment List**
Council will consider approving the Mayor's appointment of Rimante Grigaliunas to the DDA Board.
 - B. **City – Small Business Revolving Loan Application – Doster Real Estate**
Council will consider approving the Small Business Loan Application from Doster Real Estate in the amount of \$10,000.
 - C. **City – Special Event Permits: 2026-02 Easter Egg Hunt and 2026-03 Memorial Day Parade**
Council will consider approving Special Event Permits 2026-02 and 2026-03 as presented.
 - D. **City – International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)**
Discussion
11. **Communications:** The January 2026 Department of Public Safety and Water Renewal Reports, the 01/13/2026 DDA/TIFA/BRA meeting minutes and the 11/05/2025 Planning Commission meeting minutes.
12. **Accounts Payable - \$889,008.58**
13. **Public Comments**
14. **Staff Comments**
15. **Council Comments**
16. **Adjournment**

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Reports & Communications:

A. City – Boards and Commissions Appointment List

The DDA Board has an opening for a partial term ending June 30, 2026. Appointments are made by the Mayor, and subject to confirmation from Council.

Recommended action: Consider approving the Mayor’s appointment of Rimante Grigaliunas to the DDA Board.

B. City – Small Business Revolving Loan Application – Doster Real Estate

The City of Plainwell, using grant funds awarded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), offers a Revolving Loan program to qualifying small businesses within the City. This program provides low-interest loans to help finance building improvements, support job creation, and promote long-term business success. The availability of these funds encourages investment in commercial properties and supports continued growth and economic development throughout the City. An applicant’s ability to repay the loan, available collateral, proposed use of loan proceeds, and the public benefit—such as job creation, property improvements, and support of long-term economic development—are all to be considered when reviewing the application for approval.

Drew Doster and Molly Allen-Doster, owners of Doster Real Estate, have applied for a \$10,000 loan with the intention of making improvements to the property located at 145 E Bridge Street, which they plan to later open as Doster Brewing. City Staff and the DDA Board have reviewed and recommend approval of the loan.

Recommended action: Consider approving the Small Business Loan Application from Doster Real Estate in the amount of \$10,000.

C. City – Special Event Permits: 2026-02 Plainwell Community Easter Egg Hunt and 2026-03 Memorial Day Parade

Special Event Permit 2026-02 is for the Plainwell Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Brook’s Plaza, Hick’s Park and a small section of W. Bridge St. This annual event is sponsored by several area churches.

Special Event Permit 2026-03 is for the Memorial Day Parade. Sponsored annually by Plainwell VFW Post 9377, the parade begins at 11am on Monday, May 25, 2026 on N. Anderson St and ends at Hillside Cemetery with a ceremony to remember and honor those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Recommended action: Consider approving Special Event Permits 2026-02 and 2026-03 as presented.

D. City – International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)

The City currently has a dangerous building ordinance that is used to enforce blight issues. We have had issues using it effectively in court recently. We have a few long-standing homes that present us with enforcement challenges. This is why we are seeking to replace the dangerous building ordinance with International Property Maintenance Code. This is a professionally written code that is court proven as it is in use in cities across the country. One such example is Otsego. Our current ordinance pertaining to blight is simply ineffective. I spoke with the City Attorney about the best way to update our current ordinance and he suggested using the IPMC. I asked them to put a draft together to rescind our current ordinances and replace them with the IPMC. Since this is a regular ordinance you can simply make a motion and enact it, however, I would like to just consider it tonight for discussion. Public Safety supports the adoption of IPMC as it is the gold standard for blight enforcement.

Recommended action: Discussion

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

- March 10, 2026 – DDA/BRA/TIFA – 7:30am
- March 10, 2026 – Parks & Trees – 4:00pm
- March 18, 2026 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm
- **March 23, 2026 – City Council – 7:00pm**

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