

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**May 12, 2025**

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Jared Bowen of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Steele, Councilmember Wisnaski, Councilmember Keeney 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 04/28/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
6. Presentation: Mill Property Development – provided by Allen Edwin Homes and Watts Homes & Construction.
7. Public Comment: None.
8. Agenda approval:  
**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Agenda for the May 12, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
  - A. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the City's Well Head Protection Program. Fleis & Vandenbrink has handled the WHPP Plan for Plainwell in the past, and is recommended for this job.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Green, approving the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink to assist with the renewal of the existing WHPP Plan at a cost of \$13,500.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - B. Community Development Manager Siegel discussed Ordinance 400, which clarifies permitted off street parking for residential one- and two-family homes by defining 'driveway' and 'driveway extension' and providing guidelines for both. The amendment also addresses shared parking areas between buildings.  
**A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, adopting Ordinance 400, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 53 "Zoning" of the City of Plainwell's Code of Ordinances; to amend Sec. 53-175, A, 7 pertaining to one and two-family dwelling residential parking; and to amend Sec. 53-174, A, 8 pertaining to shared parking. 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 April 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 Keeney, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$103,668.23 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
13. Public Comments:
  - A. Dale Burnham of 210 Prairie St inquired about the sale of the GHD buildings.
  - B. Sandy Lamorandier of 518 S. Woodhams St. asked if there will be more meetings for public input on the Mill development project.
14. Staff Comments:  
Personnel Coordinator/Interim Treasurer Kersten shared that Cheryl Pickett is celebrating 30 years with the City of Plainwell.

**MINUTES**  
**Plainwell City Council**  
**May 12, 2025**

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated that DPW is having brats on Thursday to celebrate Cheryl's 30-year anniversary. The City's flowers will be delivered on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and should be ready in time for the Memorial Day Parade. He shared that the merry-go-round in Sherwood park had been destroyed in such a way as to be unrepairable, and that the merry-go-round from Thurlcook park would be moved to Sherwood. He also stated that merry-go-rounds are not something that can be purchased anymore.

Community Development Manager Siegel shared that Flawless Finish Detailing, located at 934 E. Bridge St. had a successful Grand Opening. She reported that she submitted a grant for engineering, and that this was her last City Council meeting.

Deputy Superintendent Keyzer stated the he was waiting for results from his test, and that it can take up to three weeks.

Superintendent Pond shared that he was one month away from retirement.

Director Callahan reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am and the Color Your World Run being held at Ransom District Library on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Leonard had nothing to report.

City Manager Lakamper reported that he was working with Brian Kelley on the City budget for the new fiscal year. He shared that performance reviews were in process, and thanked Denise for all she has done for the City of Plainwell.

15. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Steele reminisced about sitting in on Denise's interview, and how much Denise will be missed. She spoke about David Rantz's retirement gathering, noting how nice it was and that his daughter was able to do his official last call.

16. Adjournment:

**A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**

Minutes respectfully  
submitted by,  
JoAnn Leonard  
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL  
May 27, 2025

  
JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk