

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
November 10, 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 and Councilmembers Roger Keeney, Randy Wisnaski and Cathy Green.
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Lori Steele (arrived at 7:20pm)
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Green, to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Steele from tonight's proceedings. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Meeting Minutes of the 10/27/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. Presentation: None.
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the Agenda for the November 10, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. **A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to open a Public Hearing at 7:06pm to hear comments regarding an Industrial Facility Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificate Application received from Profielnorm USA, LLC. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

City Manager Lakamper discussed the 12-year Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption Certificate request received from Profielnorm USA, LLC. On September 29, 2025.

No public comment.

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to close the public hearing at 7:13pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving a 12-year Industrial Facility Tax (IFT) Exemption for Profielnorm, USA, LLC.
 - B. City Manager Lakamper discussed Ordinance 403 which amends Chapter 53: Zoning as it pertains to Dwelling Unit Conversions and Accessory Dwelling Units.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to adopt Ordinance 403 as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. City Manager Lakamper discussed Ordinance 404 which amends Chapter 53: Zoning as it pertains to Zoning Compliance Permits.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to adopt Ordinance 404 as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - *Mayor Pro Tem Steele joined the meeting at this point*
 - D. City Manager Lakamper discussed the building location, site and design plans from MEDC for Plainwell Auto.
 - E. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed upgrading the hydraulic system on Loader 60A to allow it to utilize the Tinks Claw for loose leaf pickup.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, approving a hydraulic system upgrade for Loader 60A by AIS Construction Equipment at a cost of \$13,515.54. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

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11. Communications: None

12. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$96,921.76 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/Deputy Treasurer Kersten had nothing to report.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis reminded everyone that the last day to put loose leaves out to the curb for pick up is Sunday, November 23. The S. Main project is finished, and will be chip sealed and restriped next year. We are waiting for the signs and barricades to be picked up by the contractor.

Superintendent Keyzer stated all the biosolids/sludge was hauled out and disposed of last week. Lift station maintenance is taking place this week.

Clerk Leonard reported on the election she worked in Leighton Township, stating it went well and was a great refresher.

City Manager Lakamper discussed a meeting he had with Weyerhaeuser and the City Attorney about a letter Weyerhaeuser sent the City concerning PFAS on the Mill property. Weyerhaeuser has asked the City to delay development to allow them to investigate further. The City Attorney feels that negotiations with Watts Homes can continue. Draft covenants for the Mill property are being reviewed by EGLE at the State level.

He shared that he had informed BizEx Ventures (Building 17/18 - Wedding Venue) that Council was not interested in selling them Mill property for use as a parking lot. They proposed paid parking as a possible solution to recoup their investment. He provided an update on building 2, stating that the insurance company has estimated a \$540k payout after depreciation. This should be enough to cover demolition of the building.

There is a ribbon cutting Wednesday 11/12/2025 at 5pm for Hoard Chiropractic.

The auto auction business has withdrawn their offer to purchase the 28-acre parcel in Industrial Park, stating that the site was too small to meet their inventory needs.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Keeney shared that he leaves for vacation soon.

Councilmember Green shared that recycling hadn't been picked up on Sherwood or Cushman.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
November 24, 2025


JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk