

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
October 13, 2025

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Ken Fritz of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
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
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Green, to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Lori Steele from tonight's proceedings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Green, seconded by Keeney, to accept and place on file the Council Meeting Minutes of the 09/22/2025 regular meeting and the 10/08/2025 Mill Development Workshop. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None.
7. Presentation: 10/17/2024 and 04/20/2025 Field Save Awards by Director Callahan
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Green, to approve the Agenda for the October 13, 2025 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: Dean's is closed for the season, but S. Main is open now.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the purchase of a new utility locator for the DPW.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the purchase of a utility locator from C&S Solutions, Inc. for \$8,120.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the need for a SCADA system update for the DPW.
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the purchase of a SCADA system and software support from Windemuller for \$39,351.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. Clerk Leonard discussed receiving an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption application form Profielnorm USA, LLC. A public hearing is required to allow taxpayer, applicant, assessor and taxing unit an opportunity to be heard.
A motion by Green, seconded by Wisnaski, to set a public hearing for November 10, 2025 for consideration of an IFT application received from Profielnorm USA, LLC and to afford the applicant, the City Assessor and a representative of each taxing unit an opportunity to be heard with regard to said application. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. City Manager Lakamper discussed a Social District Permit for Mosaic Distillery.
A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, approving Resolution 2025-18 which recommends the consideration and approval of a Social District Permit for Mosaic Distillery by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
11. Communications:
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the September 2025 Investment, Fund Balance and Water Renewal Reports. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
12. Accounts Payable:
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$212,087.02 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
13. Public Comments: Dale Burnham of 202 Prairie St. discussed some situations that he'd like the City Ordinance Officer to look into: a Ford Explorer with flat tires on E. Bridge St., an empty lot at the end of Floral St. that is being used to dump trash and as a camping spot, and the next steps concerning the burned house on Marriott St. He also asked about the Mill Development plan.

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14. Staff Comments:

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis congratulated the Field Save award recipients. He shared that S. Main should be complete by the end of the week. He shared that the two fiber installation companies currently in the City will be here for several more months, and to expect the MISS DIGS to continue. Profielnorm USA plans to begin utility connections soon. Loose leaf pickup began this week. Residents may rake loose leaves (no brush or sticks) into the road near the curb and DPW will pick them up. The damaged trees in Thurlcook Park were removed and will be replaced with playground equipment.

Superintendent Keyzer shared that Water Renewal is working on maintenance for fall.

Director Callahan discussed the Public Safety Open House held October 11th, sharing that it went well with good community attendance.

Clerk Leonard had nothing to report.

City Manager Lakamper shared the Denise Wilcox, the new City Finance Director/Treasurer had started this week. He discussed ongoing negotiations with Classic Auto Factory concerning the lease of the remaining Mill Buildings, with the ultimate goal of transferring ownership.

15. Council Comments:

Councilmember Wisnaski congratulated the Field Save award recipients.

Councilmember Keeney congratulated the Field Save award recipients and wished everyone a happy Indigenous People's Day.

Councilmember Green congratulated the Field Save award recipients.

16. Adjournment:

A motion by Green, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
October 27, 2025


JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk