

City of Plainwell



Brad Keeler, Mayor
Lori Steele, Mayor Pro-Tem
Cathy Green, Council Member
Roger Keeney, Council Member
Randy Wisnaski, Council Member

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Plainwell, Michigan 49080
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AGENDA
Plainwell City Council
Monday, March 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** – 03/09/2026 Regular Meeting
6. **Presentation** – Conversion Dam Project Update
7. **Public Comments**
8. **County Commissioners Report**
9. **Agenda Approval**
10. **Mayor's Report**
11. **Recommendations and Reports:**
 - A. **City – Boards and Commissions Appointment List**
Council will consider approving the Mayor's appointment of William Elliott as an alternate to the Board of Review.
 - B. **WR – Rebuild of a Cushman Lift Station Wilo Sewage Pump**
Council will consider approving the rebuild of the Cushman St. lift station Wilo sewer pump by Midwest Electric at a cost of \$6,390.44.
 - C. **City – Special Event Permit 2026-06 - Festival Friday**
Council will consider approving Special Event Permit 2026-06 as presented.
 - D. **City – Demolition Contractor Selection – Mariette House**
Council will consider approving a contractor and cost for demolition of the fire damaged home located at 134 Mariette Street.
 - E. **City – Surplus Land Sale – 761 N. Main St.**
Council will consider approving the sale of approximately 1 acre of real property, commonly known as 761 N. Main St., to All Star Paving for a price of \$10,000, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any documents or other agreements necessary to close on the sale of the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the Property subject to this motion.
 - F. **City – Mill Building Discussion**
Discussion
12. **Communications:** The February 2026 Department of Public Safety Reports and the 02/10/2026 DDA/TIFA/BRA meeting minutes and the 11/11/2025 Parks & Tree meeting minutes.
13. **Accounts Payable - \$97,080.13**
14. **Public Comments**
15. **Staff Comments**
16. **Council Comments**
17. **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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MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
March 09, 2026

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Scott Smail from Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brad Keeler, Mayor Pro Tem Lori Steele and Councilmembers Randy Wisnaski, and Roger Keeney.

Absent: Councilmember Cathy Green

A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, to excuse Councilmember Green from tonight's proceedings. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Meeting Minutes of the 02/23/2026 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

6. Public Comment: None

7. Presentation: Community Action of Allegan County.

8. Agenda approval:

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, to approve the Agenda for the March 09, 2026 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

9. Mayor's Report: None.

10. Recommendations and Reports:

- A. City Manager Lakamper discussed a purchase agreement with Plainwell Auto involving the sale of 1 acre of property on the Mill site for a new Plainwell Auto building. David has submitted concept plans for the new building, and those are part of this agreement. The City will pay for the survey
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the sale of approximately 1 acre of real property of the parent parcel 55-030-076-01 to David Steffen for a price of \$40,000 per acre, subject to surveys, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any documents or other agreements necessary to close on the sale of the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the property subject to this motion. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

- B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the City's annual flower purchase from Zeinstra's Greenhouse. The DPW purchases flowers for display throughout the City in the warmer months, and has had great success working with Zeinstra's Greenhouse. They have provided Plainwell's flowers for the last several years. They begin growing flowers early, allowing the City to have larger, more mature plants with better blooms.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, approving the annual flower purchase from Zeinstra's Greenhouse in the amount of \$10,708.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

- C. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed lining a manhole on Naomi St. The City of Plainwell has an older sewer distribution system that needs reoccurring maintenance to stay operational. The manhole on Naomi Street has root intrusion that could impede the flow of the sewer. Lining this manhole will remove the existing roots and limit future root intrusion.

A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, authorizing Plummers Environmental Services to line one manhole on Naomi Street for a total cost of \$5,600.00.

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11. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the February 2026 Investment and Fund Balance 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 616,557.36 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 shared that union contract negotiations with DPW and Water Renewal were off to a good start.

Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated he had a list of yards that have snow pile damage, and yard restoration can begin once there is no risk of snow. He sent out photos to Surf Net and 123Net showing things that will need to be corrected now that the snow has melted. He thanked the community for their support of his kids. He discussed tree stump grinding at Thurl Cook Park, stating that complete stump removal isn't possible as there are electric lines tangled in the tree roots.

Superintendent Keyzer reported the bearings on a pump has burned out and it needed to be repaired, and some piping needs to be replaced.

Director Callahan talked about accreditation for the DPS, happening in April. Public participation is encouraged. He discussed the gas leak in Wedgewood it was handled promptly and has been resolved.

Clerk Leonard stated she is preparing for Election season and will be reaching out to established Election workers and recruiting new workers beginning in April.

City Manager Lakamper discussed the demolition of Building 2, sharing that Darius had approached him to discuss purchasing building 2 as well, and remodeling it to remove the roof, fix the walls, and use it as additional storage space and outdoor space. Lakamper stated this is something that requires structural engineer review to see if it is possible. If it is possible, it might allow the City to keep some of the insurance money in the BRA account, which would be a bonus.

He gave an update on the river and dam project. This project has been ongoing for several years, with a goal of removing the three diversion dams and replacing them with fish ladders. The City has not been able to get permission to access the land by the dams from the property owners. Without owner permission, the project can't move forward. EGLE's safety division has conducted a study of the dams, which they will share at the 3/223/2026 Council Meeting. Basically, all 3 dams are in disrepair, and show evidence of undermining. If they fail, it is likely that contaminants will be released into the river. We have invited the property owners to this meeting, in hopes that they'll get a better idea of what will happen if the dams fail, and advantages of replacing them.

The City has received a court order allowing demolition of the remains of the burned residence on Mariette St. The update to IPMC code is still being worked on. The City also got a positive judgment against the house on Sherwood with the incomplete fence which will need to be removed.

Holiday Inn Express will be open for business later this month.

Lakamper shared that the new owners of the former Clark Gas Station have submitted site plans for demolition of the old building and construction of a new gas station, however, as this property is zoned CBD, gas stations are not an approved use. We are working with the City's Planning and Zoning firm on an Ordinance amendment that would allow them to construct a new gas station on the site. Lakamper congratulated Bob and his kids.

15. Council Comments:

- A. Mayor Pro Tem Steele congratulated Madison and Dylan and wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.
- B. Councilmember Keeney congratulated Bob and his kids.
- C. Councilmember Wisnaski congratulated Bob and his family.

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16. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
March 23, 2026

JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk

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**City of Plainwell
Boards & Commissions
Appointment List
March 2026**

Board of Review
William Elliott (Alternate)

3-year term
06/2028 (partial term)

Current Vacancies
Parks & Tree

2 openings



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MEMORANDUM

211 N. Main Street
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
Phone: 269-685-6821
Fax: 269-685-7282

TO: City Council / Justin Lakamper, City Manager
FROM: Luke Keyzer, Supt, Water Renewal
DATE: March 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Approval to Rebuild Wilo Pump

SUGGESTED MOTION: I motion to approve Midwest Electric to rebuild a Wilo sewage pump for the Cushman Street lift station for \$6390.44.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This Wilo pump is one of three in the Cushman lift station. Last week it quit working so we pulled it out and sent it to Midwest Electric. They pulled it apart and found the lower bearing had locked up which burned up the electric motor. They are going to rewind the motor and replace all the bearings and seals. The pump is a 2008 and has been in service for 18 years.

ANALYSIS: The Wilo pumps are very well built and last a long time. We would like to rebuild this pump and possibly get a new one. That would give us a spare in case another pump goes down.

BUDGET IMPACT: This will impact the fund 590-540-775.



MIDWEST ELECTRIC MOTORS
 3748 Miller Road
 Kalamazoo MI 49001
 (269) 343-7090 Fax (269) 343-2918

QUOTATION

Repair Order Number 0055935
Date Received: 3/6/2026
Expiration Date: 3/6/2026
Customer Number: 0001965
Customer P.O.:
Terms Net 30 Days

Sold To:
 CITY OF PLAINWELL
 211 N. Main St.
 PLAINWELL, MI 49080
Confirm To:
 luke 269-492-4581

Ship To:
 CITY OF PLAINWELL
 211 N. Main St.
 PLAINWELL, MI 49080

Repair Notes

Motor Pump
 Servo Other
 Bearings Brushes
 Chuck Cleaning
 Cord Switch

Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	OK to Dollar Amount	
Wilo	FA15.52	650047008	0.00	Warranty (POP Needed)

Horsepower	Frame	RPM	Phase	AC/DC	Enclosure
15.4		1800	3	AC	

Item Code	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Extended Price
6206	BEARINGS	1.00	EACH	17.12	17.12
5211	Bearing	1.00	EACH	139.62	139.62
P66	Dielectric / Transformer Oil	3.00	EACH	10.00	30.00
6016044	Wilo Seal Kit	1.00	EACH	2,793.70	2,793.70
	Rewind Charge	1.00	EACH	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Labor	16.00	HOUR	110.00	1,760.00

Net Order: 6,340.44
 Less Discount: 0.00
 Freight: 50.00
 Sales Tax: 178.83
Order Total: 6,569.27

Signature _____

Date _____



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City of Plainwell Special Event Permit Application

For public events held in a City of Plainwell park or property

Permit # 2026-06

Plainwell City Hall
211 N. Main Street
Plainwell, MI 49080
Phone: 269-685-6821
Fax: 269-685-7282
www.plainwell.org

If you would like to host a special event, please complete the application form below. Applications must be submitted at least 21 days before the event. Your event will not be approved until the following items are received and approved by the City:

1. A completed and signed Special Event Permit application form
2. Completed hold harmless agreement
3. \$50 Special Event Permit Application fee paid
4. Liability insurance coverage with City of Plainwell listed as additionally assured, if required for your event

Date of application: 3/11/26

Applicant Information:

Contact Name: Deborah Droppers, Executive Director
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: 269-330-6202 Email: deb@eventkalamazoo.com

Sponsoring Organization/Business: KELC Events
 Address: 1417 S. Burdick Street City: Kalamazoo Zip: 49001
 Phone: 269-388-2830

Nonprofit Profit

Event Information:

Date of Event 6/12/26 Event Start Time: 5:00 pm Event End Time: 8:30 pm
 Type of Event: Street Festival Name of Event: Festival Fridays - Plainwell
 Number of People Expected to Attend: 500

Location of event:

- Thurl Cook Park Sherwood Park
 Kenyon Park Hicks Park
 Fannie Pell Park Other: downtown - closure of Bridge Street from Park to cul-de-sac
 Band Shell

Please describe what areas of the park will be used: The proposed street closure is on Bridge Street from Park to intersection
Additionally, Hicks Park will be used for the entertainment, gathering, celebration, and yard games for engagement.



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Event Details:

Please describe in detail the activities planned:

Festival Fridays - Plainwell is a 3 hour popup placemaking festival that is coordinated by KELC Events as part of a collegiate learning opportunity for college students to understand placemaking and festival design. The event will collaborate with downtown businesses, farmers market, and entertainers to support a celebration in Downtown Plainwell.

Is this a fund-raising event? If yes, what is it for? We just hope to break evenWill participants or spectators be charged an admission fee? YES NOWill there be alcohol for sale? YES NOWill there be food for sale? YES NOWill there be merchandise for sale? YES NOWill there be a vendor participation fee? YES NODo you have insurance? YES NOWill any items be distributed? YES NOWill the event be advertised? If so, how? YES NOSocial media, posters, flyers, email campaign and radio partnership with Midwest CommunicationsDoes the event require on-site security? YES NODoes the event require on-site medical service? YES NODoes the event require street closure? If so, indicate route YES NOBridge street from Park to intersectionDo you plan to have sound amplification? YES NOIs electrical power required (for sound amplification, lighting, etc)? YES NO

If yes, please show items on a site plan and describe how power is to be provided

 Portable generator PGE temporary power service Other, please describe if electrical outlet is available - if not portable generatorAre you using local businesses? YES NO**Special Services:**

I am requesting permission to provide the following special services* at my event:

 Canopy/Tent Inflatables (please describe): _____ Tables and chairs Caterer Alcohol Other (please specify): yard games

*Groups providing special services must complete this form and provide a Certificate of Insurance two months prior to event date. Tents/canopies or inflatables must list the City of Plainwell as additionally insured and a copy of the insurance must be attached with this request.

*Tents/Structures: If you are installing or constructing any structures (tents, stages, etc.) please include a site plan showing these structures. Please describe type, size, and number of structures.



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City of Plainwell Hold Harmless Agreement

This special event applicant or designee of the sponsoring organization(s) (hereafter called "permittee") agrees to reimburse the City of Plainwell (hereafter called "City") for all loss incurred by it in repairing or replacing damage to City property proximately caused by the permittee, its officers, employee, agents, monitors, or any other persons attending or forming the special event who were, or should have been, under the permittee's control. Persons who merely attend or join in a special event are not considered by that reason alone to be "under the control" of the permittee.

The permittee further agrees to defend without costs, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from any liability to any persons, damages, losses, or injuries arising out of or alleged to arise out of the permitted event, which was proximately caused by the actions of the permittee, its officers, employees, agents, including monitors, or any other persons attending or joining in the event who were, or reasonably should have been under the control of the permittee. Persons who merely attend or join in an event are not considered by that reason alone to be "under the control" of the permittee.

I understand and agree to comply with all the terms of the above Hold Harmless Agreement if my application has been approved and all special conditions and required advance payment have been met.

Signature of Permittee(s): *[Signature]* Date: 3.11.2026
Signature of Officer of Sponsoring Organizations: *[Signature]* Date: _____
Title: EX. DIRECTOR

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application is correct.

We agree to remove all props and items brought into the public areas and clean up all litter and debris that result from our event the same day as the event. I understand that a permit is required before this event can be held.

Signature of Applicant: *[Signature]* Date: 3.11.2026

Please Send Completed Applications To:

City of Plainwell
211 N. Main Street
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-685-6821
Or email to: contactus@plainwell.org

Administrative Use Only:		
Received by: _____	Date: _____	Amount paid: _____ cash/CO/check # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Application approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Permit # assigned	<input type="checkbox"/> Event on calendar
<input type="checkbox"/> Application scanned & logged	<input type="checkbox"/> Email DPW/DPS	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice posted before event

Festival Fridays Plainwell

Fact Sheet

*Updated 3/6/2026

Website: www.foodtruckrallykz.com
Facebook: @kalamazoofoodtruckrally
Instagram: @FoodTruckRallyKzoo



Partnership Date: June 12, 2026

Event Description

This series is designed to encourage people to come downtown, celebrate the unique places that help to define community and gathering for celebration. The festivals themselves are designed to celebrate unique cultures, small businesses including food entrepreneurs and local musicians. This event is designed to active streets as festival as part of a placemaking initiative.

The event design and management are intentional to provide opportunities for event management students at local colleges to learn how to pop-up a festival and learn event design, creative ideation, and how to manage events within DDA district areas. The management framework and logistical design will be created to provide an “event in a box” format for future event producers to use to create similar events in downtown in future years.

The Event series is also designed to highlight the downtown area by elevating surrounding businesses to encourage pedestrian traffic, opportunity to encourage stores to leverage the traffic, and to highlight the unique nature and vibe of their downtown (DDA) district.

Highlights:

Food: Food Truck Vendors
Beverages: Beverages will be sold as nonalcoholic.
Music: Each evening event will host a DJ and a live band, professional sound reinforcement
Why: To active downtown streets

Date: June 12, 2026

Event Time: 5:00pm – 8:30pm

Load In: 3:00 p.m.

Tear Down: Immediately Following

Location: Bridge Street, from Park to Intersection (cul-de-sac)
Hicks Park

Entertainment:

The entertainment is one of the key elements of this event series. The live entertainment format includes a DJ to start from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and a live band from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. Sound production is scheduled and managed by an outside contractor. The entertainment schedule will be announced in April.

Family Activities:

Yard games, oversized game boards, and arts and crafts will be part of the format of this event encouraging families to attend the event and enjoy the activation of programming as part of a street festival.

Participating Vendors:

Food vendors will include up to 5 food trucks that will be located on Bridge Street. We would like to invite local farmers market vendors to also join us as a way to support local vendors. Working with Allegan County Health Department, all guidelines will be outlined and followed for event day activation. Downtown businesses will be invited to also collaborate for event day promotion and activation. It is possible that a passport card will be used to encourage walk-ability and downtown exposure.

Management Team

KELC Events is the management team for Festival Fridays. The leadership team has event management experience with coordination of over 70 events annually. The team has hosted major festivals, parades, street festivals, major community gatherings, conventions, and concerts. The organizational leadership team has been in the event business since 1985.

FESTIVAL FRIDAYS CROWD CONTROL AND EMERGENCY PLAN

The week of the event emergency numbers will be outlined and communicated through an emergency response call system with the emergency management team outlining who to call for what type of emergency. For this short event, walkie talkies will not be used, but rather cell phones since cell reception is good. The emergency cell phone report will be distributed to the emergency response team as required.

Weather Related Procedures:

Severe Weather

In the event of high winds all vendors must be informed that Emergency Procedures are being implemented. Each vendor is responsible for securing their area including removing tent sides (if there are tent sides) securing grills, propane, grey water, and kitchen equipment (sinks, shelves, tables, and knives). All loose, sharp, and dangerous items should be placed inside a vehicle or enclosed area.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch – Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunder storms in and close to the watch area. Be prepared to move to a place of safety threatening weather approaches. Notify all volunteers, vendors, and security personnel on site to prepare for evacuation procedures.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning – A severe thunderstorm has been sited and reported. Therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes with little or no advance warning. Begin evacuation procedures. Instruct vendors to secure propane tanks and to put away all sharp utensils. Drop sides of all tents, fold up all tables/chairs and lie flat to the ground. A P.A. Announcement should be made providing an update on the condition of the weather in the area. Shelter areas for a severe thunderstorm warning is at [building locations – must be approved ahead of time by that building – public services will check to make sure that you have permission]

Tornado Watch – Conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. Be prepared to move to a place of safety if threatening weather approaches. Instruct

vendors to secure propane tanks and to put away all sharp utensils. Drop sides of all tents, fold up all tables/chairs and lie flat to the ground. A P.A. Announcement should be made providing an update on the condition of the weather in the area. It is possible that during this time, attendees will be asked to leave.

Tornado Warning – A tornado has been spotted and reported. Therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. Mandatory evacuation of the site is required. A P.A. Announcement should be made providing an update on the condition of the weather in the area. Evacuation areas [building locations – must be approved ahead of time by that building – public services will check to make sure that you have permission]

When evacuating the site of patrons, it is recommended that staff and volunteers sweep through the site in pairs. Use event security staff to assist in evacuation procedures.

Calling 9-1-1

Emergency situations include, but are not limited to, health problems, physical altercations, armed encounters, bomb threats, and severe weather. Public Safety has requested, and can act most efficiently, when the primary or secondary coordinator is designated as the point communicator for detailing an emergency situation.

Details should include:

- Type of emergency and the status of the incident.
- Exact location of the incident within the Festival Place.
- Directing the dispatcher to the best location for an emergency vehicle to approach the site.

Armed Encounters

If shots are heard, it is advised to get down to the ground immediately and lay as flat as possible. If the time and situation permit, a public message should be made to all on site to get down on the ground. Police will provide instructions from that point forward. Do not attempt to take the gun from the perpetrator. If approached, it is important to not resist and give the suspect whatever it is that they want. Remember their appearance with as much detail as possible. Be a good witness.

All efforts will be made to eliminate guns in the site, and under the rules, no guns are allowed in the site – and these rules should be explicitly stated in the rules at the gate. Under MLCC ruling, event signage can state no guns and no concealed weapons.

Bomb Threat

It is recommended that at least 1 hour before open, that the Arcadia Creek Festival Place is cleared of all un- authorized persons. A minimum of two people should conduct a full sweep of the site, checking for any loose or suspicious items. Any bags that enter the site during the event may be searched at the discretion of security and the festival coordinator.

In the case of a reported bomb threat, the festival coordinator is responsible for notifying all volunteers, vendors, security, and patrons about the potential danger. The announcement should communicate that individuals can determine whether to leave, until the threat is considered to be legitimate.

Shut Down Authority/Procedures

- The event coordinator is responsible to make their own decisions as they are on site to view and see the weather first-hand. They should consider current weather conditions, weather service bulletins, watches, and warnings. Weather related issues could fall under the purview of the Plainwell Police if it were a life/safety issue such as a tornado.
- Plainwell Police, under the authority of the International Fire Code 101.2, reserves the right to impose a closure or other restrictions based on weather or other concerns affecting the safety of the public.
- The Fire Marshal can shut down the event area for Fire Code violations.
- Noise issues will be addressed by Police with the event coordinator.
- All other issues are left to the discretion of the event coordinator.

Emergency Contact

Deborah Droppers, Executive Director – 269-330-6202

Additional names will be added appropriate for that event date

Contact: Deborah Droppers, Executive Director
KELC Events | 1417 S. Burdick Street | Kalamazoo, Mi 49001 |
deb@eventkalamazoo.com | www.experientiallearningcenter.org |
269-388-2830 (office) | 269-330-6202 (cell)
The Kalamazoo Experiential Learning Center



2026 Friday Festivals
June 12, 2026 | Plainwell, MI
 Hick's Park and Bridge Street
 Event from 5-8:30 p.m.





Hosted By KELC Events
 269-388-2830
director@experientiallearningcenter.org
www.FoodTruckRallykz.com

Food Vendor Placement Key

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- 5.

The Festival Friday's event series is a placemaking event that pops up on street, featuring live music, food trucks, yard games, and beverages. The beverages sold on site are unique mocktails. Food truck vendors will sell beverages as part of their menus. The food trucks will also offer a "taste" sampling menu to encourage attendees to sample the event and learn more about different types of food. The trucks will all represent different cuisines. The event will also work with the area businesses to encourage partnership in promotion and in encouraging event day dwell times.



	Barricades		Food Cart Vendor		Security Guard
	Cocktail Tables		Food Truck Vendor		Entrance
	Small dumpster		Tent		Portajon
	Bike Rack		Sponsor Tent		stage



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MEMORANDUM

211 N. Main Street
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
Phone: 269-685-6821
Fax: 269-685-7282

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Justin Lakamper, City Manager
DATE: March 23rd, 2026
SUBJECT: Demolition Contractor Selection – Mariette House

SUGGESTED MOTION: "I motion to select _____ for a cost of _____ to perform the demolition of the fire damaged home located at 134 Mariette Street."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The home at 134 Mariette burned down approximately 1.5 years ago. Since receiving the insurance funds, the owner of the property took no action to cleanup or rebuild the fire damaged home. As part of the state's fire withholding program, the City received \$16,000 from the property owner's insurance payout to be used in the event that the building did not get torn down. The City was able to secure a court judgement on the 5th allowing us to demolish and clear the property using the fire withholding funds. The homeowner was given a 21-day timeline from the execution of the order to clear the property of any valuables.

After securing this order the City obtained quotes from three demolition contractors:

Wolfe Waste Removal: \$15,075
ACE Excavating and Gravel Inc: \$15,800
Austin Excavating: \$16,500

ANALYSIS: It is my recommendation that we use Wolfe Waste Removal. They are the least expensive and come in under the \$16,000 that we have set aside to perform the work. This also gives us a small cushion should there be any additional unforeseen costs. Wolfe has also informed us that they would be able to start on the week of March 30th and would complete the work in approximately one week. This will bring this longstanding problem to its appropriate conclusion.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

ATTACHEMENTS: Demolition Quotes

Wolfe Waste Removal

8128 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009
☎ (269) 808-4407
✉ owensniper93@gmail.com



Bill To:
City Of Plainwell

Service Address:
134 Mariette Street
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

Estimate No: 3
Estimate Date: 03/10/2026

Contact Information

☎ (269) 685-9858
✉ kcallahan@plainwell.org

Line Items

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	RATE	AMOUNT
House Demo Clean up all existing structures on property, Utilities capped off, Yard graded and seeded.	1	\$11,225.00	\$11,225.00
Foundation Remove concrete slab from house	1	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00
		Subtotal	\$15,075.00
		Total	\$15,075.00

Thank you for your business!

ACE Excavating & Gravel, Inc

3311 Redmond Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
3/9/2026	632

Name / Address
City of Plainwell 211 N. Main St. Plainwell, MI 49080

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Demolition and clean up of fire damaged home at 134 Mariette St., Plainwell, MI 49080 Demolish home and transport debris to an approved landfill. Demolish concrete and footings. Transport concrete for recycling. Install topsoil, grass seed, and straw mulch.*	1	15,800.00	15,800.00
Thank you for the opportunity to bid this job. This estimate is good for 30 days.		Total	\$15,800.00

Austin Excavating LLC

(269) 760-2047
1225 108TH AVE
Otsego, MI 49078

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
3/10/2026	114

Name / Address
john varley/ plainwell city (134 Mariette st plainwell)

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Demo and remove burnt house, and concrete under it, remove small shed (said to be cleaned out prior to demo) Cap water line at sidewalk (city to have it shut off at curb stop valve) Michigan gas is to remove their service(per representative) Spoke with pci they do not require a lead and asbestos test ect, No known hazards on site (if it is later determined there is it will be an extra cost for those removals) Top soil and seed lot	1	16,500.00	16,500.00
Total			\$16,500.00

Job must be paid in full once complete, quote is good for 30 days

Customer Signiture



"The Island City"

MEMORANDUM

211 N. Main Street
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
Phone: 269-685-6821
Fax: 269-685-7282

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Justin Lakamper, City Manager
DATE: March 23rd, 2026
SUBJECT: Surplus Land Sale – 761 N. Main St.

SUGGESTED MOTION: "Motion to approve the sale of approximately 1 acre of real property, commonly known as 761 N. Main St., for a price of \$10,000, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any documents or other agreements necessary to close on the sale of the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the Property subject to this motion."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City owns the depicted 1-acre parcel located at 761 N. Main. It was purchased for \$5,000 by the City to be used as an access point for a potential housing development on the other side of the railroad tracks. The City was unable to obtain a railroad crossing at that location. Since then that property has sat unused. We had inquiries from an adjoining property owner to purchase this land to create an access driveway to their property located at 771 N. Main. Council previously agreed to put the parcel up for sale through an RFP process. We put out an RFP that requested that interested parties give us their plans for the land and the price they were willing to pay. The intention of selling the land this way was to be able to pick the project that made the most sense for development. We received one response to the RFP, which is attached, from the adjoining property owner. They offered \$10,000 for the lot so that they can attach it to 771 N. Main and build a driveway back to the business that they are putting in on 771 N. Main.

ANALYSIS: This offer is not quite what we thought the land could be worth. We received the opinion from a local realtor that it could be worth \$40,000 - \$70,000. This was based on the idea that it is a 1-acre buildable lot in town. This lot however needs utility hookups which cost approximately \$30,000, due to the need to reroute traffic and cut the road. This is about \$20,000 more than utilities normally cost. We also researched that the last lot where a house was built on N. Main, sold for \$23,000 in 2022, which came with 4.3 acres. Given this comp, the cost of utilities, the fact that we only received one bid, and that selling this land to the adjoining property owner will allow them to build a business on a vacant lot, I recommend selling the lot to All Star Paving for \$10,000. They will be responsible for all associated costs to close.

BUDGET IMPACT: \$10,000 of revenue to the general fund.

ATTACHMENTS: Parcel image





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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Justin Lakamper, City Manager
DATE: March 23rd, 2026
SUBJECT: Mill Building Discussion

SUGGESTED MOTION: None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Darius has recently proposed acquiring building 2 instead of having us tear it down. He would like to have the roof removed and make the third floor an open air patio, and then use the second floor for his car business. The caveat is that he would like to use part of the Cities insurance payout to perform the needed construction to make this happen. We received \$589,000 from the insurance which would cover the cost to tear the building down. This was what we were planning on doing prior to Darius proposing keeping the building. When he first asked me about it, I told him that he would need a structural engineer to verify that his plans are possible and that this would need to take place quickly as we are planning on tearing it down.

ANALYSIS: Were this to work out as proposed the building would be saved and we would be able to keep a large portion of the insurance payout in the BRA fund. The mechanism for doing this would include us putting funds for construction into an escrow account that would be paid out to Darius as he completes the roof removal and shoring up of the building. In essence we would be paying him to complete repairs on the building that in theory would be less than the cost of a full demolition. I have this on here as a discussion as I would just like to get the councils opinion before further negotiating details with Darius over a potential acquisition of this nature.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

ATTACHEMENTS: None

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PLAINWELL PUBLIC SAFETY

Police, Fire and Medical First Responder Services

MONTHLY REPORT

February 2026

Prepared by Director Kevin Callahan

Classification of Crimes Reported

File Class	CRIMES AGAINST PERSON	February	Year to Date
900	Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
1000	Kidnapping	0	0
1100	Sexual Assault	5	7
1200	Robbery	0	0
1300	Aggravated & Non-Aggravated Assault	5	8
PROPERTY CRIMES			
2000	Arson	0	0
2100	Extortion	0	0
2200	Burglary	0	0
2300	Larceny	5	7
2400	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1
2500	Forgery/Counterfeiting	0	0
2600	Fraudulent Activities	0	6
2700	Embezzlement	0	0
2800	Stolen Property - Buying, receiving	0	0
2900	Damage to Property	0	3
3500	Violation of Controlled Substances Act	0	0
MORALS/DECENCY CRIMES			
3600	Sex Offenses (Other than Sexual Assault)	0	0
3700	Obscenity	0	0
3800	Family Offenses	4	4
4100	Liquor Violations	0	0
PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES			
4800	Obstructing Police - Offenses Which Interfere with Investigations	1	1
4900	Escape/Flight - Fleeing and Eluding a Officer's Custody	0	0
5000	Obstructing Justice	6	6
5200	Weapons Offenses	0	0
5300	Public Peace	12	18
5400	Traffic Investigations - Any Criminal Traffic Complaints	6	8
5500	Health and Safety	6	20
5600	Civil Rights	0	0
5700	Invasion of Privacy	2	5
6200	Conservation Law Violation	0	0
7300	Miscellaneous Criminal Offense	0	0
GENERAL NON-CRIMINAL			
9100	Juvenile/Minor/School Complaints	2	2
9200	Civil Custody	0	0
9300	Traffic Non-Criminal (Reports Only - Does not include Citations Issued)	4	10
9400	False Alarm Activation	5	7
9500	Fires (Other than Arson)	1	3
9700	Accidents, All Other	12	31
9800	Inspections, Unfounded FIRS	0	0
9900	General Assistance (All Except Other Police Agencies)	69	125
9911 & 9912	General Assistance (Other Police Agencies)	62	137
FIRS	Medical First Responder	29	65

Plainwell Department of Public Safety

Complaints/Activities for February 2026

ARRESTS

CUSTODIAL ARRESTS	1	An individual taken into custody for a criminal offense and jailed for that offense.
ARREST COUNTS	4	Criminal complaints or cases cleared by the custodial arrest or issuance of a warrant(s).

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT & CITATIONS

HAZARDOUS CITATIONS	6	Uniform Law Citations issued by officers to individuals for moving traffic violations. (Drag racing, Speeding, etc.)
NON-HAZARDOUS CITATIONS	2	Uniform Law Citations issued by officers to individuals for NON-moving traffic violations. (Registration, Equipment, Etc.)
DRUNK DRIVING CITATIONS	0	This is an activity that we specifically monitor that would normally be considered a hazardous citation.
PARKING CITATIONS	0	Citations issued in violation of city ordinance. This would include Overnight Parking, Time Limitation Parking, etc.
VERBAL WARNINGS	7	Traffic enforcement where no citation was issued but warnings were given.
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS/WARNINGS	15	

COMPLAINTS

ORIGINAL DISPATCH COMPLAINTS	229	Complaints that are call in or the officer is dispatched to by Allegan County Central Dispatch (911) or our business office.
PATROL INITIATED COMPLAINTS	7	Complaints observed by the officer while on patrol or came to their attention by personal observation.
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	236	

OTHER ACTIVITIES

MOTORISTS ASSISTS	4	Motorist contacts caused by mechanical breakdown or similar problem.
PROPERTY INSPECTIONS	0	Checks of homes or business specifically requested by a home or business owner.
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	3	Total motor vehicle accidents both on public roads or private property.
COMMERCIAL BUILDING SECURITY CHECK	1,563	Nightly security inspections of business' conducted by officers to assure windows and doors are locked.
FOUND UNSECURED	203	The number of business' found unlocked or unsecured.

Plainwell Department of Public Safety

Scheduled Hours By Activity for February 2026

The categories listed below are based on law enforcement related activities and the hours that scheduled road patrol personnel spend in the 4 major areas.

Total Hours

Percentage of Total Hours

TOTAL ROAD PATROL HOURS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH

The Hours officers are scheduled for road patrol or other uniformed functions. These are fixed shifts which generally carry assigned duties.

844

Totals of all the below mentioned areas.

HOURS SPENT INVESTIGATING OR HANDLING CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

The Hours Scheduled for criminal investigations of complaints that are in violation of a criminal law that an individual could be arrested and jailed for.

38

4.47%

Examples include: Burglaries, Robberies, Drunk Driving, All Sex Offenses, Alcohol Offenses, Larcenies, Etc.

HOURS SPENT INVESTIGATING OR HANDLING NON-CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

The Hours Scheduled for Calls for Service or Complaints that require investigation but are not criminal in nature.

193

22.91%

Examples include: Auto Accidents, Accidental Fires, Traffic Citations, Property Inspections, Etc.

HOURS SPENT ON SUPPORT OR PERIPHERAL ACTIVITIES

The Hours Scheduled for required duties however are not criminal or non-criminal in nature and are supporting functions.

225

26.68%

Examples include: Report Writing, Court, Directed Patrol, Foot Patrol, On Duty Training, Transport of Paperwork to the Court, Evidence to the Crime Lab, Etc.

TOTAL UNOBLIGATED PATROL HOURS

The Hours of Scheduled Road Patrol left over that officers are not assigned to an activity or working on a complaint.

388

45.94%

Examples include: General Preventive Patrol, Building Security Checks, Etc.

Note: This also includes any break time the officers take during their shift.

TOTAL HOURS OBLIGATED TO DUTIES, COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS, ETC.

456

54.06%

It is recommended by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) that no more than 65% to 70% of an officers time on duty, be obligated to complaints, investigations, activities or assigned responsibilities. The rationale behind this is to assure that officers are available for emergencies without unreasonable delay and provide for preventive and traffic patrol duties.



February Reports for Plainwell Department of Public Safety

PRIORITY 1 ASSISTS OUTSIDE OF JURISDICTION

The Plainwell Department of Public Safety was dispatched to 62 calls for assistance outside the city limits of Plainwell by Allegan County Central Dispatch.

These calls were classified as Priority 1 Assists.

Fire Suppression/Call Out Incident Report

Date	Dispatch Time	Arrival Time	Location	Incident Type	Actions Taken	Apparatus	PSO	POC
01/06/2026	14:58	15:00	265 Lesa St	EMS Call	Emergency Medical Services, Other	C6, S62	2	5
01/31/2026	13:33	13:38	320 Brigham St	EMS Call	Emergency Medical Services, Other	0	2	3
01/31/2026	13:59	14:05	684 Starr Rd	EMS Call	Emergency Medical Services, Other	C4	1	2
02/07/2026	17:22	17:33	1362 M-89	Assist OFD - Structure Fire	Extinguish, Investigate	C5, E17, T63	2	3
02/09/2026	02:06	02:09	402 S Main St	Structure Fire	Extinguish, Investigate	C1, E11, E17, T63	2	5
02/10/2026	09:34	09:34	947 Lincoln Pkwy	Alarm	Disregarded	C4	2	1
02/13/2026	22:19	22:28	203 Roberts St	CO Alarm	Investigate	C5	2	3
02/21/2026	21:46	22:01	NB US 131 51mm	Vehicle Crash	Traffic Control	E11	1	4
02/23/2026	15:32	15:32	409 Naomi St	EMS Call	Emergency Medical Services	C1, C6	3	3
02/25/2026	21:12	21:21	945 Second Division	Structure Fire	Extinguish	C3, C5, E11, E17, T63	4	7

Calls for Service at Plainwell Schools

Plainwell High School: 5
684 Starr Road

Gilkey School: 0
707 S. Woodhams Street

Plainwell Middle School: 2
720 Brigham Street

Starr Elementary: 0
601 School Drive

Early Childhood Development: 0
307 E. Plainwell Street

Renaissance School: 0
798 E. Bridge Street

Admin, Maintenance & Bus Garage: 0
600 School Drive

Ordinance Report

We had 4 Ordinance Complaints.

This is a breakdown of the Ordinance Violations for the month of February 2026:

- (1) - Zoning and Permit Violations.
- (1) - Parking Complaint.
- (2) - Dog at Large.

MINUTES
Plainwell BRA DDA TIFA
February 10, 2026

1. Chairman Larabel called the meeting to order at 7:32am in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Nick Larabel, Adam Hopkins, Jim Turley, Cathy Green, David Steffen (7:36am), Randy Wisnaski and Justin Lakamper
Excused: Paul Rizzo
4. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Green, seconded by Turley, to accept and place on file the BRA DDA TIFA Meeting Minutes of the 01/13/2026 meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Chairman's Report: None.
7. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Deborah Droppers from KELC (Kalamazoo Experiential Learning Center) Events discussed hosting Festival Fridays in conjunction with the DDA. Festival Fridays would occur once. The available months are May, June, July and August.
A motion by Steffen, seconded by Wisnaski, recommending support of KELC as the coordinator of a Festival Friday Special Event to be held from 3pm-8pm at Brook's Plaza, Hick's Park, and W. Bridge St. on either June 12th or July 10th 2026 to City Council for consideration. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. **A motion by Turley, seconded by Hopkins, confirming BRA payables for January 2026 in the amount of \$1,500.79. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
 - C. **A motion by Larabel, seconded by Green, confirming DDA payables for January 2026 in the amount of \$7,938.07. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
 - D. **A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Hopkins, confirming TIFA payables for January 2026 in the amount of \$599.11. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
 - E. **A motion by Green, seconded by Steffen, recommending the Revolving Loan Application from Doster Real Estate for \$10,000 to City Council for final review and approval. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
8. Communications:
The January 2026 Summary and Detail Financial Reports, City Council Meeting minutes from 12/22/2025 and 01/12/2026, Purchase Agreement with Plainwell Auto, Purchase Agreement with Classic Auto Mill and the Parking Lot Agreement with Mill 17 were reviewed.
9. Public Comment: None.
10. Staff Comment: Lakamper provided an update on the sale of 1 acre of property to Plainwell Auto, stating that the agreement needs to go to Council for final authorization. He shared that the purchase agreement with Classic Auto Mill was signed last night, and that they will be using Fleis & Vandenbrink for the EPA and base studies. He discussed the current parking lot agreement proposal with Mill 17, noting that after considerable back and forth, the agreement states that the parking lot will be used as is, with Mill 17 agreeing to handle winter maintenance. There are details to work out, one being the request from Mill 17 that the City no longer use the lot,

MINUTES
Plainwell BRA DDA TIFA
February 10, 2026

for any reason. Lakamper feels this can be discussed, and with proper planning, the City shouldn't need to give up the ability to use the lot.

Lakamper discussed an idea that the owner of Classic Auto Mill, Darius, shared for the Farmer's Market. He proposed having permanent sheds located along the side of building 10 on his property. This was just a conversation, but it's something he is considering doing which would be awesome. Larabel noted that this is how it should be- a partnership between the businesses and the City to work together for the benefit of everyone. Darius hopes to be open by October, and he seems very interested in supporting community projects, including possibly hosting an Oktoberfest event for his grand opening.

Larabel asked when building 2 was coming down, and Lakamper answered that we hadn't selected a company yet, but that the City did get insurance money to cover the demolition cost.

Lakamper discussed the composition of the DDA board, noting that in effect, this 9-person Board is three separate boards, the DDA, the TIFA and the BRA. At least 50% of the board (5 of the 9 members) needs to be people with an interest in property in the downtown. A discussion followed about what businesses are considered part of the DDA.

11. Board Member Comments: Turley shared that he and several others met with Consumers Energy to discuss an easement agreement for a proposed electrical grid update in Industrial Park. The project involves transformers and new underground lines, and the easement is for ~7ft along Lincoln Parkway.

12. Adjournment:

A motion by Turley, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44am. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Submitted by: JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk

**MINUTES
PARKS & TREE COMMISSION
November 11, 2025**

1. Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:01pm in the City Hall Conference Room.
2. Roll Call:
Present: Chair Matthew Bradley, Vicechair Bunny LaDuke, Commissioners Marsha Keeler, Corey Redder and Shirley DeYoung, Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis, and City Manager Justin Lakamper
Excused: Councilmember Lori Steele.
3. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by DeYoung, seconded by Keeler, to accept and place on file the Parks & Trees Meeting Minutes of the 09/09/2025 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment: Sherwood Park looked good for Veteran’s Day, and the memorial service went well.
5. Chairman’s Report: None.
6. Park Reports:
Bob stated that the public restrooms at Pell Park and Sherwood Park remain open, and the others are closed for winter. Pell Park is getting a new picnic table. In Upper Thurl Cook Park, trees have been removed, and new playground equipment will be going in. The reimbursement from Chula Vista for the pollinator garden in front of the DPW and WR buildings came through.
Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung
Shirley reported the park was empty, but looked good.
Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler
Marsha reported the park is okay.
Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley
Matthew reported the park looked good, and the boardwalk railings between Hicks and Pell are still sturdy.
Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder
Cory reported the upper park trees were removed, and the park was quiet. He noted some ‘donut’ tracks in the parking lot.
Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis and Lori Steele
Bob stated he hadn’t been out to the park recently.
Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke
Bunny had nothing to report.
Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder
Cory reported that the trestle railing had been reinforced and seems better.
7. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Vicechair LaDuke discussed the pollinator garden, sharing a handout with the Commission breaking down how the grant funds were dispersed.
8. Staff Comments: Justin provided an update on the Mill property development, sharing site and design plans for the Plainwell Auto building, potential placement of parking lots, and how this all ties in with the Masterplan as it pertains to commercial use of the property. He discussed Classic Auto Factory and their intent to lease and renovate the remaining Mill Buildings. He provided an update on the party interested in purchasing Building 17 & 18 for use as a wedding venue, and shared their concepts for the space and grounds.
9. Commissioners’ Comments: None
10. Adjournment:
A motion by Redder, seconded by Keeler, to adjourn the meeting at 5:26pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by JoAnn Leonard

03/19/2026

INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR CITY OF PLAINWELL
INVOICE ENTRY DATES 03/06/2026 - 03/19/2026
BOTH JOURNALIZED AND UNJOURNALIZED
BOTH OPEN AND PAID

Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
000009	CONSUMERS ENERGY		
	2026.02 2	CITY WIDE ELECTRIC SERVICE FEBRUARY 2026	3,942.49
	9328801010	ADMIN - LAND RENT/LEASE 2026	25.00
TOTAL FOR: CONSUMERS ENERGY			3,967.49
000014	MICHIGAN GAS UTILIITIES CORP		
	5851746813	DPS GAS SERVICE FEBRUARY 2026	923.31
	5852403029	DPW BLDG GAS SERVICE FEBRUARY 2026	691.38
	5852571021	WR CUSHMAN LIFT GAS SERVICE FEBRUARY 2026	88.87
	5852936068	WR PLANT GAS SERVICE FEBRUARY 2026	4,433.95
	5853271380	CH FOOT BRIDGE GAS SERVICE FEBRUARY 2026	187.71
TOTAL FOR: MICHIGAN GAS UTILIITIES CORP			6,325.22
000034	VERIZON		
	6134301259	ADMIN - CREDIT BALANCE FROM ACCT CANCELLATION R	(68.94)
	6138162282	DPW/WR ALARM SERVICE 2/11 - 3/10/2026	43.17
TOTAL FOR: VERIZON			(25.77)
000035	APPLIED INNOVATION		
	3099212	CITY HALL COPIER CHARGES 2/13 - 3/12/2026 RB	99.44
	3101176	DPW/WR - COPIER CHARGES 2/16 - 3/15/2026 CP	186.78
TOTAL FOR: APPLIED INNOVATION			286.22
000138	AMERICAN OFFICE SOLUTIONS		
	41477020	DPS - COPIER LEASE/USAGE FEBRUARY 2026	250.48
TOTAL FOR: AMERICAN OFFICE SOLUTIONS			250.48
000164	ETNA SUPPLY CO INC		
	S106758724.001	WR - REPAIR CLAMP LK	525.00
TOTAL FOR: ETNA SUPPLY CO INC			525.00
000332	ALLEGAN COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS		
	2026-03-17	ADMIN - FILING FEE - MORTGAGE FOR REV LOAN - DOSTE	30.00
TOTAL FOR: ALLEGAN COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS			30.00
000461	BOB'S HARDWARE		
	1104131	DPW - CLOCK(2)/BATTERIES WELL HOUSES JF	30.77
TOTAL FOR: BOB'S HARDWARE			30.77

000531	CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE		
	S3-260358833	WR - GENERATOR SERVICE CALL/MAINT. LK	502.90
TOTAL FOR: CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE			502.90

000843	B & C TROPHY		
	2456	DPW - COAT(6) EMBROIDERY CP	150.00
TOTAL FOR: B & C TROPHY			150.00

000910	GRAINGER		
	9836690264	WR - ROLLER CHAIN/WATER HOSE LK	291.46
	9842541477	WR - BATTERY BACK UP LK	269.42
TOTAL FOR: GRAINGER			560.88

000941	WEST MICHIGAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE TC		
	6700	DPS - PISTOL PERF MARCH 25-26 BRUCE KC	200.00
TOTAL FOR: WEST MICHIGAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE TC			200.00

000962	STATE OF MICHIGAN		
	11406549	ADMIN - FISCAL YEAR 2026 HAZARDOUS WASTE USER CH	100.00
TOTAL FOR: STATE OF MICHIGAN			100.00

001413	NCL OF WISCONSIN		
	532459	WR - LAB SUPPLIES LK	2,723.15
TOTAL FOR: NCL OF WISCONSIN			2,723.15

001854	MODEL FIRST AID		
	00000138598	DPW - FIRST AID CABINET RN	19.00
	00000138599	WR - FIRST AID SUPPLIES LK	51.37
TOTAL FOR: MODEL FIRST AID			70.37

002116	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS		
	005582801030126	CITY HALL INTERNET MARCH 2026	132.77
	005583601030126	DPW/WR INTERNET MARCH 2026	149.99
TOTAL FOR: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS			282.76

002281	HOME DEPOT		
	0024115	DPW - BRACKET(4)/1X12(2) CH DESK WALL AB	88.06
	019708/6023730	DPW - OAK BOARD(9) CH DESK WALL JF	35.10
	2024609	DPW - 2X4 CH DESK WALL JF	3.67
	4014945	DPW - OAK BOARDS CH DESK WALLS AB	191.04
	5024384	DPW - OAK BORADS CH DESK WALL JF	156.00
	6023717	DPW - WOODFILLER/TRIM SCREWS CH DESK WALLS JF	20.54
	7023657	DPW - BLADE SET/BAR CLAMP/BRAD NAILS CH WALL AB	77.05
	8023556	DPW - CONST SCREWS/2X4(2) JF	37.48
	8023612	DPW - 2X4(3) CH DESK WALLS JF	11.25
TOTAL FOR: HOME DEPOT			620.19

002368	ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL		
	2026-02	DPS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEBRUARY 2026 KC	1,075.00
TOTAL FOR: ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & KIEL			1,075.00

002442	HOPKINS PROPANE COMPANY		
	35075719	AIRPORT PROPANE 394.7GL AB/RB	1,124.50
TOTAL FOR: HOPKINS PROPANE COMPANY			1,124.50

002661	JIM KOESTNER INC		
	6047554/1	DPS - L O F 2019 IMPALA *1289 KC	58.91
TOTAL FOR: JIM KOESTNER INC			58.91

002673	STATE OF MICHIGAN MDOT		
	2026-03-04	ADMIN - S MAIN PROJECT JL	4,702.01
TOTAL FOR: STATE OF MICHIGAN MDOT			4,702.01

002713	SYSTEMS SPECIALTIES CO		
	66757	WR - DEZURIK 6' PLUG VALVE LK	2,618.17
TOTAL FOR: SYSTEMS SPECIALTIES CO			2,618.17

002787	ESPER ELECTRIC		
	36490	WR - CUSHMAN VFD REPLACED LK	739.28
TOTAL FOR: ESPER ELECTRIC			739.28

004837	MUNIWEB - INGSTRON		
	1411	FEBRUARY 2026 WEB HOSTING/RES SCHEDULING	250.00
TOTAL FOR: MUNIWEB - INGSTRON			250.00

004855	PLAINWELL ACE HARDWARE		
	22073	DPW - HAMMER BIT CH DESK WALL AB	12.99
	22188	DPW - WOOD FILLER/SANDING SHEETS CH DESK WALL A	16.98
	22206	DPW - WALLPLATE/OUTLET/ETC CH DESK WALL AB	21.88
	22207	DPW - 25' MSR TAPE TRUCK 19A DR	21.99
	22213	DPW - ICE/FRIDGE FILTER AS	16.99
	22230	DPW - 55G TRASH BAGS RL	197.94
	22232	DPW - MISS DIG PAINT BLUE(6)/GREEN(6) AB	107.88
	22243	DPW - PAINT BRUSH/TRIM BRUSH CH DESK WALL AB	16.98
	22248	WR - ALL PURP CLNR/SCOURPADS/SHOP TOWELS LK	31.15
	22256	WR - BRASS KEYS(4) LK	19.96
	22262	DPW - MISC FASTENERS JF	16.36
	22268	DPW - JERSEY WRK GLOVES(48) SHOP AS	186.72
	22274	DPW - TOILET BOWL CLNR RESTROOMS DR	9.18
	22275	DPW - HANGER STORAGE(8) SHOP AS	52.72
	22277	DPW - CHAIN/QUICK LINK RIVERWALK RL	10.26
	22278	DPW - TOOL STORAGE BIN SHOP AS	20.78
	22282	DPW - QUICKCRETE STM RL	11.99
	22288	DPW - TOGGLE BOLT WATER METERS AB	7.59

	22290	DPW - DAWN DISH SOAP SHOP AS	9.18
	22293	DPW - CLEANER/ARMOR ALL JF	15.18
	22296	DPW - CORNER BRACE(2) AS	8.58
TOTAL FOR: PLAINWELL ACE HARDWARE			813.28
004858	FERGUSON WATERWORKS		
	0239428	DPW - CURB VALVE(2) AB	461.73
	0239746	DPW - FLUSHER KENYON RESTROOM AB	309.31
	1399445	DPW - KENYON SINK AB	66.57
TOTAL FOR: FERGUSON WATERWORKS			837.61
004886	REPUBLIC SERVICES		
	0249-008808956	MARCH 2026 CITY WIDE RECYCLE	4,993.09
TOTAL FOR: REPUBLIC SERVICES			4,993.09
005012	UNITED BANK		
	2026.03.02	RETURNED ITEM FEE - PAYROLL PRENOTE - AK	7.50
	2026.03.06 9:50	ACH FEES PAYROLL PRENOTE DUNKLEE AK	7.00
	2026.03.11 12:12	ACH FEES PAYROLL	7.00
	2026.03.12 10:21	ACH FEES AP	7.00
	2026.03.13 11:28	ACH FEE UB PAYMENTS	7.00
	2026.03.18 9:27	ACH FEE TAX DIST	7.00
TOTAL FOR: UNITED BANK			42.50
005015	CHECKALT-KLIK		
	251807	ELOCKBOX FEES FEBRUARY 2026	159.38
TOTAL FOR: CHECKALT-KLIK			159.38
005041	EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES		
	907467477	WR - 1200GL BIOXIDE LK	4,800.00
TOTAL FOR: EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES			4,800.00
005047	STAPLES, INC.		
	6056649998	DPW - COPY PAPER/THERMAL POUCH/TP CP	203.71
	6056840498	DPW - DOCUMENT SNAP ENV(3) CP	33.27
	6056840499	DPW - BIC PENS CP	8.69
TOTAL FOR: STAPLES, INC.			245.67
005170	PERCEPTIVE SERVICE & OPERATIONS		
	10579	WR - CUSHMAN ST LIFT SERVICE/REPAIR LK	1,125.00
TOTAL FOR: PERCEPTIVE SERVICE & OPERATIONS			1,125.00
005171	FLYERS ENERGY LLC		
	CFS-4555203	DPS - FUEL FOR POLICE/FIRE VEHICLES 3/15/2026	761.15
TOTAL FOR: FLYERS ENERGY LLC			761.15
005202	WINDEMULLER ELECTRIC, INC		

	248852	WR - TROUBLESHOOT METHANE SENSOR LK	700.00
TOTAL FOR: WINDEMULLER ELECTRIC, INC			700.00

005214	MES I ACQUISITION INC		
	IN2462541	DPS - FIRE BOOT KC	513.69
TOTAL FOR: MES I ACQUISITION INC			513.69

005219	DELIA TACTICAL INTERNATIONAL LLC		
	0003-423	DPS - EMER BREACH COURSE - MB/KC/JC/DM/JP/BR/JV/J	1,000.00
TOTAL FOR: DELIA TACTICAL INTERNATIONAL LLC			1,000.00

999999	DOSTER REAL ESTATE		
	2026-03-17 RL	ADMIN - SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN DISBURSEM	10,000.00
TOTAL FOR: DOSTER REAL ESTATE			10,000.00

AAESAACH	ALLEGAN AREA EDUCATION SVC AGENCY		
	03132026AAESA	DISTRIBUTE 2026 TAX COLLECTIONS W/E 03/13/2026	5,739.58
	031326XR-AAESA	STATE PORTION OF IFT	(2,037.38)
TOTAL FOR: ALLEGAN AREA EDUCATION SVC AGENCY			3,702.20

ACACH	ALLEGAN COUNTY TREASURER		
	031326COUNTY	DISTRIBUTE 2026 TAX COLLECTIONS W/E 03/13/2026	2,333.73
TOTAL FOR: ALLEGAN COUNTY TREASURER			2,333.73

HNBACH	ARGENT INSTITUTIONAL TRUST CO		
	78491	ANNUAL ADMIN FEE OLD ORCHARD BOND	500.00
TOTAL FOR: ARGENT INSTITUTIONAL TRUST CO			500.00

PCSACH	PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS		
	031326PW	DISTRIBUTE 2026 TAX COLLECTIONS W/E 03/13/2026	34,446.47
TOTAL FOR: PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS			34,446.47

RDLACH	RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY		
	03132026LIBRARY	DISTRIBUTE 2026 TAX COLLECTIONS W/E 03/13/2026	719.20
TOTAL FOR: RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY			719.20

STATE MICH	STATE OF MICHIGAN		
	2025IFT	IFT DISTRIBUTION - SET AND AAESA 2025	2,219.63
TOTAL FOR: STATE OF MICHIGAN			2,219.63

TOTAL - ALL VENDORS			97,080.13

INVOICE AUTHORIZATION

Person Compiling Report

Denise Wilcox, Finance Director/Treasurer

I verify that to the best of my knowledge the attached invoice listing is accurate and the procedures in place to compile this invoice listing has been followed.

I verify that I have reviewed the expenditures and to the best of my knowledge the attached invoice listing is accurate and matches invoices physically authorized by Department Heads.

Insert Signature: **Roxanne Branch**
Digitally signed by Roxanne Branch
Date: 2026.03.19 13:16:02 -04'00'

Insert Signature:

Luke Keyzer, Water Renewal Plant Supt.

Kevin Callahan, Public Safety Director

I verify that I have reviewed the expenditures attributed to my department and to the best of my knowledge the attached invoice listing is accurate and complies with the City's purchasing policy.

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Digitally signed by Kevin A Callahan
Date: 2026.03.19 14:08:04 -04'00'

Bob Nieuwenhuis, Public Works Supt.

Justin Lakamper, City Manager

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A. City – Boards and Commissions Appointment List

The Board of Review has an opening for a partial term ending June 30, 2028. Appointments are made by the Mayor, and subject to confirmation from Council.

Recommended action: Consider approving the Mayor’s appointment of William Elliott as an alternate to the BOR.

B. WR – Rebuild of a Cushman Lift Station Wilo Sewage Pump

This Wilo pump is one of three in the Cushman lift station. Last week it quit working, so we pulled it out and sent it to Midwest Electric. They took it apart and found the lower bearing had locked up and burned up the electric motor. They are going to rewind the motor and replace all the bearings and seals. The pump is a 2008 and has been in service for 18 years. Wilo pumps are very well built and last a long time. We would like to rebuild this pump and possibly get a new one, which would give us a spare in case another pump goes down.

Recommended action: Consider approving the rebuild of the Cushman St. lift station Wilo sewer pump by Midwest Electric at a cost of \$6,390.44.

C. City – Special Event Permit 2026-06 - Festival Friday

Special Event Permit 2026-06 is for a Festival Friday Event sponsored and held by Kalamazoo Experimental Learning Center (KELC). Festival Friday will be held June 12th downtown Plainwell at Hick’s Park, Brook’s Plaza and a portion of Bridge St. This 3-hour pop up festival is held as part of a collegiate learning opportunity for students interested in planning and event design. This celebration of downtown Plainwell will feature local businesses, Food Trucks, live entertainment and family friendly arts and crafts and games.

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

D. City – Demolition Contractor Selection – Mariette House

The home at 134 Mariette burned down approximately 1.5 years ago. Since receiving the insurance funds, the owner of the property has taken no action to clean up or rebuild the fire damaged home. As part of the State’s fire withholding program, the City received \$16,000 from the property owner’s insurance payout to be used in the event that the building was not repaired, and needed to be torn down. The City was able to secure a court judgement on March 5th, 2026, allowing us to demolish and clear the property using the fire withholding funds. The homeowner was given a 21-day timeline from the execution of the order to clear the property of any valuables. Wolfe Waste Removal is recommended for this project. They are the least expensive and come in under the \$16,000 that we have to perform the work. This also gives us a small cushion should there be any additional unforeseen costs. Wolfe has also said they would be able to start the week of March 30th and demolition would take approximately one week.

Recommended action: Consider selecting Wolfe Waste Removal to perform the demolition of the fire damaged home located at 134 Mariette Street at a cost of \$15,075.00.

E. City – Surplus Land Sale – 761 N. Main St.

The City owns the depicted 1-acre parcel located at 761 N. Main. It was purchased for \$5,000 by the City to be used as an access point for a potential housing development on the other side of the railroad tracks. The City was unable to obtain a railroad crossing at that location, so the property has sat unused. Council had agreed to put the parcel up for sale through an RFP process, which was done. We received one response from the adjoining property owner who offered \$10,000 for the lot so that they can attach it to 771 N. Main and build a driveway back to the business that they are putting in on 771 N. Main. This offer is not what we thought the land could be worth. We received the opinion from a local realtor that it could be worth \$40,000 - \$70,000, based on the idea that it is a 1-acre buildable lot in town. This lot however needs utility hookups which cost approximately \$30,000, due to the need to reroute traffic and cut the road. The last lot sold where a house was built on N. Main sold for \$23,000 in 2022 and the parcel was 4.3 acres. Given this comparison, the cost of utilities, the fact that we only received one bid, and that selling this land to the adjoining property owner will allow them to build a business on a vacant lot, I recommend selling the lot to All Star Paving for \$10,000. They will be responsible for all associated costs to close.

Recommended action: Consider approving the sale of approximately 1 acre of real property, commonly known as 761 N. Main St., to All Star Paving for a price of \$10,000, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to

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execute any documents or other agreements necessary to close on the sale of the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the Property subject to this motion

F. City – Mill Building Discussion

Classic Auto Mill has proposed acquiring building 2 instead of having us tear it down. Darius would like to remove the roof and make the third floor an open-air patio, and use the second floor for his car business. The caveat is that he would like to use part of the City’s insurance payout to perform the construction. We received \$589,000 from insurance which would cover the cost of demolition. This was the plan prior to Darius proposing keeping the building. When he first asked me about it, I told him that he would need a structural engineer to verify that his plans are possible and that this would need to take place quickly as we are planning on tearing it down. Were this to work out as proposed, the building would be saved and a large portion of the insurance payout would remain in the BRA fund.

Recommended action: Discussion

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

- April 01, 2026 – Planning Commission
- **April 13, 2026 – City Council – 7:00pm**
- April 14, 2026 – DDA/BRA/TIFA – 7:30am
- April 14, 2026 – Parks & Trees – 4:00pm
- April 15, 2026 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm

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