

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
June 08, 2026

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:01pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Dan Martin 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, Roger Keeney and Cathy Green.
5. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Meeting Minutes of the 05/26/2026 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: Tom Siver introduced himself and shared that he is running for District Judge.
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Agenda approval:
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Keeney, to approve the Agenda for the June 08, 2026 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None..
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Clerk Leonard discussed openings on several Boards and Commissions. Appointments are made by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by Council.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, approving the Mayor's appointment of Terry Pickett to the Parks & Tree Commission and Susan Charkowski to the Planning Commission and reappointment of Derek Carter to the Board of Review and Rimante Grigaliunas to the DDA/BRA/TIFA Board. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the purchase of a blower unit. Plainwell has rented this type of leaf blowing equipment for the past few years. The unit is discounted because it is a demo model but still comes with a full warranty. Brand new, it would cost around \$17,000. This will be a positive equipment purchase for the City. We will save on man hours while blowing leaves and be able to clean the downtown area out more often and with greater efficiency.
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, approving the purchase of a Ferris FB 3000 Ride On Blower from Walters Equipment & Rentals for \$12,200.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, approving the draft 2026/2027 BRA/DDA/TIFA Budget as presented. 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 May 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 Green, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$200,661.50 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
13. Public Comments: None.
14. Staff Comments:
 - A. Director Callahan gave an update on the Color Run, sharing there was a great turnout this year, and he expects next year to be even bigger.

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- B. Superintendent Keyzer reports that biannual life station cleaning would take place soon.
- C. Personnel Coordinator/Deputy Treasurer Kersten had nothing to report.
- D. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis stated he had nothing to add.
- E. Clerk Leonard had nothing to report.
- F. City Manager Lakamper reported that a lot of work went into preparing the annual budget. He then discussed the power coming into the building, noting that Darius from Classic Auto Mill has been working with Consumer's to get power to the other Mill buildings. Currently there is a single meter at the pole that feeds into a City owned transformer. The power is stepped down to an odd voltage of 208 and fed into GHD, and City Hall submeters off of GHD's panel. Consumers can't provide 480 service directly to the rest of the Mill buildings without transferring the existing service to outside meters and metering each building separately. For them to do that, we would have to meet fire code, which requires walls with 3-hour fire rating between each building. We are meeting with Consumer's next week to get a better understanding of what that entails. None of this was anticipated with the sale of the Mill buildings.
15. **A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to meet in closed session as permitted under section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of a public employee if the named individual requests a closed hearing at 7:21pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
- A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, to return to Open Session at 7:39pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.**
16. Council Comments: None.
17. Adjournment:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
June 22, 2026


JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk