

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA

Plainwell City Council

Monday, July 27, 2026 - 7:00PM

Department of Public Safety Building

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes – 07/13/2026 Regular Meeting
6. Public Comments
7. County Commissioner Report
8. County Clerk Report
9. Agenda Approval
10. Mayor's Report
11. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. City – Ordinance 406 – Amending Chapter 53: Zoning
Council will consider adopting Ordinance 406 to amend Chapter 53: Zoning of the City of Plainwell Code of Ordinances regarding specialty vehicle garages and automobile service stations and public garages in the Central Business District.
 - B. City - Resolution 2026-13 - Approved Depositories Listing
Council will consider adopting Resolution 2026-13 as presented.
 - C. City - Special Event Permit 2026-15 – Theater Performance at the Band Shell
Council will consider approving Special Event Permit Application 2026-15.
 - D. City - Resolution 2026-14 – RDA Class C Liquor License
Council will consider approving Resolution 2026-14 as presented, which recommends approval of a new RDA Class C Liquor License issued under the provisions of MCL 436.1521a(1)(a) for Brixton Ways Events, LLC (Mill 17) by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
 - E. City - Resolution 2026-15 – Social District Permit
Council will consider approving Resolution 2026-15 as presented, which recommends approval for a Social District Permit for Halen Enterprises LLC dba Joe's Pizza and Sports Bar.
12. **Communications:** The June Department of Safety Report, the 6/09/2026 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes, and the 5/09/26 Parks & Trees meeting minutes.
13. Accounts Payable - \$227,394.28
14. Public Comments
15. Staff Comments
16. Council Comments
17. Adjournment

Agenda Subject to Change

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Reports & Communications:

A. City – Ordinance 406 – Amending Chapter 53: Zoning

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 “ZONING” OF THE CITY OF PLAINWELL CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND SEC. 53-3, TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS AND PUBLIC GARAGES AND SPECIALTY VEHICLE GARAGES; TO AMEND SEC. 53-44, PERTAINING TO PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES IN THE CBD DISTRICT TO ADD SPECIALTY VEHICLE GARAGES; TO AMEND SEC. 53-45, PERTAINING TO PERMITTED USES AFTER SPECIAL APPROVAL IN THE CBD DISTRICT TO ADD AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS AND PUBLIC GARAGES; AND TO AMEND SEC. 53-108, PERTAINING TO AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS AND PUBLIC GARAGES.

Ordinance No. 406 proposes several related amendments to Chapter 53 of the City Code. The amendment adds and clarifies definitions for automobile service stations and public garages and creates a new definition for specialty vehicle garages. A specialty vehicle garage would include the indoor restoration, maintenance, repair, customization, storage, display, and sale of classic, antique, vintage, specialty, and collector vehicles, together with related parts and merchandise. The proposed ordinance would allow specialty vehicle garages as a principal permitted use in the Central Business District. This will allow Classic Auto Mill to conduct their planned business.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing to receive comment on Ordinance 406 on July 15, 2026 at 6:30pm. No public comment was offered, and following discussion and review, the Planning Commission voted to recommend Ordinance 406 to Council for consideration.

Recommended action: Consider adopting Ordinance 406 as presented.

B. City - Resolution 2026-13 - Approved Depositories Listing

The city’s investment policy requires periodic reviews of institutions where city funds can be deposited. The most recent review was done in December 2022 and included the banks that the city has historically worked with. Since that review, I’ve become aware of a Michigan-owned credit union which meets the qualifications set forth in the city’s investment policy. After following the due diligence procedures of the investment policy, I recommend adding Lake Michigan Credit Union to the listing of approved depositories for city funds.

Recommended action: Consider adopting Resolution 2026-13 as presented.

C. City - Special Event Permit Application (SEPA) 2026-15 – Theater Performance - 8/20/2026 @ 6pm, Bandshell

A SEPA was received from the Plainwell Arts Council for an old-time radio show of Animal Farm, complete with sound effects, to be held at the Bandshell. This event will be held Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 6pm, and is open to the public.

Recommended action: Consider approving SEPA 2026-15 as presented.

D. City - Resolution 2026-14 – RDA Class C Liquor License

The City created a redevelopment district on January 12, 2026. Section 521a of the Michigan Liquor Control Code, Public Act 58 of 1998, MCL 436.1101 et. seq. (“MLCC”) permits the City of Plainwell to establish “redevelopment project areas” to make specific on-premises liquor licenses available to applicants beyond the City’s allowed quota licenses. This type of license is available as long as \$75,000 is invested into the redevelopment of a building that is located within a “redevelopment project area.” The license is tied specifically to the business and to the location, which means they cannot sell it or move it elsewhere. Brixton Ways Events, LLC (Mill 17) seeks Council approval to apply for this type of license.

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Recommended action: Consider adopting Resolution 2026-14 as presented, which recommends approval of an RDA Class C Liquor License for Brixton Ways Events, LLC (Mill 17) by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

E. City - Resolution 2026-15 – Social District Permit

Michigan Public Act 124 of 2020 was signed into law on July 1, 2020; this law allows Michigan municipalities to establish Social Districts that allow for Commons Areas where two or more contiguous licensed establishments could sell alcoholic beverages in special cups to be taken into the Commons Areas for consumption. The City of Plainwell submitted a Social District Application along with a Management Plan, which was accepted and placed on file with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission in December of 2023. Joe's Pizza and Sports Bar has applied for a Social District Permit, which requires approval from Council before submission to the State.

Recommended action: Consider adopting Resolution 2026-15 as presented, which recommends approval for a Social District Permit for Halen Enterprises LLC dba Joe's Pizza and Sports Bar.

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings

- August 05, 2026 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm
- **August 10, 2026 – Plainwell City Council – 7:00pm**
- August 11, 2026 – Plainwell DDA/BRA/TIFA – 7:30am
- August 11, 2026 – Parks & Trees – 4:00pm
- August 19, 2026 – Planning Commission– 6:30pm

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