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Plainwell City Council
October 12, 2026

12. Accounts Payable:
A motion by Keeney, seconded by Wisnaski, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of $179,077.24 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

13. Public Comments:
    A. Darius Grigaliunas thanked Council for approving the roof reimbursement.

14. Staff Comments:
    A. Personnel Coordinator/Deputy Treasurer Kersten had nothing to report.
    B. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis congratulated Darius and his family, stating that the building looks great and the grand opening was a success. He discussed the tree planting event in the downtown and New Orchard subdivision, sharing that everything went well, the trees look great and offering a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the event possible.
    C. Superintendent Keyzer stated that the notice had been posted for Plainwell's new water permit that will be active November 1st. Sampling is occurring over the next two weeks. More information can be found on EGLE's website.
    D. Director Callahan stated that that the grand opening event at Classic Auto Mill went well, and lots of people came. He likes the new signs on the building. He shared that retired Plainwell Police Chief Bill Bomar participated in this year's Homecoming Parade.
    E. Clerk Leonard shared that Early Voting for the upcoming November General election begins Saturday, October 24th and runs through Sunday, November 1st. Polls are open from 8am until 4pm each day. Election day is Tuesday, November 3rd and polls are open from 7am until 8pm.
    F. City Manager Lakamper shared that the City closed on the 1-acre land sale to NAPA Auto on the Mill site and the 25-acre land sale in Industrial Park to Bex Farms. He stated that the tree planting event went well, with about 20 volunteers and 4 arborists participating. He thanked DPW staff for digging holes, moving the trees to their locations, and making sure mulch was available for each planting site. This preparation work made the event much smoother. Mill 17 has closed on the building purchase, and construction is already underway. Lakamper shared that he had talked with Watt's Homes about beginning work on parcel 2 of the Mill site, while waiting for parcel 5 to become workable. Lakamper stated that in the absence of a Finance Director/Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer Amanda Kersten and contracted employee Brian Kelley will fulfill those duties for the City. Lakamper thanked Darius and Rimante for all they have done. He shared that the mums around City Hall had been provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Steele and thanked her.

15. Council Comments:
    A. Councilmember Wisnaski thanked Classic Auto Mill for helping the City.
    B. Mayor Pro-Tem Steele offered condolences to a local family for their loss. She thanked the Grigaliunas family for bringing the Mill back. She thanked the volunteers and consumers energy staff who came for the tree planting, as well as DPW, stating that DPW staff went above and beyond to help. She shared that Pumpkins in the Park was a success.
    C. Councilmember Green thanked Benedictus Grigaliunas and family for their work on the Mill.
    D. Councilmember Keeny thanked Darius for the sign, sharing that he had a great time at the grand opening. He offered condolences to a local family.

16. Adjournment:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
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1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation: Given by Brian Warren 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, Cathy Green and Roger Keeney. Absent: None
5. Approval of Minutes:
   A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to accept and place on file the Council Meeting Minutes of the 09/28/2026 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment:
   A. Joeseph Smith-Risk shared that Lighthouse Baptist Church is seeking donations of sleeping bags, clothing and toiletries for local unhoused persons.
   B. Darius Grigaluinas shared the Classic Auto Mill grand opening was a huge success. Restaurant venues, a fitness club, and a detailing shop have all expressed interest in the Mill complex and even toured the facility. He stated that Classic Auto Mill will become a destination location for Plainwell and invited City Council and staff to visit anytime.
7. County Commissioner Report: None.
8. Agenda approval:
   A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Agenda for the October 12, 2026 meeting as presented. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
9. Mayor's Report: None.
10. Recommendations and Reports:
    A. Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed this year's road salt purchase.
       A motion by Keeney, seconded by Green, approving the annual purchase of road salt from Detroit Salt (early delivery) and Compass Minerals (regular delivery) at a total cost of $14,504.00. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
    B. Director Callahan discussed replacing and updating Public Safety's radio and equipment.
       A motion by Keeney, seconded by Steele, approving the purchase of EF Johnson/Kenwood portables and software upgrades to mobile radios, including programming, activation fees, and radio pouches, for $54,086.42. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
    C. City Manager Lakamper discussed a roof damage settlement with Classic Auto Mill covering damage to Building 10.
       A motion by Green, seconded by Keeney, approving the Insurance Proceeds and Roof Claims Settlement Agreement with Classic Auto Mill, LLC; authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and authorize payment of $24,450 from the related insurance proceeds. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
    D. Director Callahan discussed the purchase of three sets of fire gear.
       A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Steele, approving the purchase of three sets of fire gear from MES at a cost of $6,153.84 to replace existing gear that is at its end of usable service life. 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 September 2026 Investment and Fund Balance Reports. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.