

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA

Plainwell City Council

Monday, October 12, 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 – 09/28/2026 Regular Meeting
6. Public Comments
7. County Commissioner Report
8. Agenda Approval
9. Mayor's Report
10. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. DPW – Annual Road Salt Purchase
Council will consider 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.
 - B. DPS – Public Safety Radio Replacement
Council will consider 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.
 - C. City – Classic Auto Mill Roof Damage Settlement
Council will consider 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.
 - D. DPS – Purchase of Fire Gear
Council will consider 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.
11. Communications: The September 2026 Investment and Fund Balance Reports.
12. Accounts Payable - \$179,077.24
13. Public Comments
14. Staff Comments
15. Council Comments
16. Adjournment

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Recommendations, Reports & Communications:

A. DPW – Annual Road Salt Purchase

Each year, the State of Michigan does the bidding process for the yearly salt delivery through MIDEAL. This year Detroit Salt is the contractor for early salt delivery and Compass Minerals is the contractor for yearly delivery. By using the State for our order, we get good pricing and guaranteed delivery.

Recommended action: Consider 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.

B. DPS – Public Safety Radio Replacement

The Department has been planning the replacement of its existing Motorola AN-model radios, as these radios have reached the end of manufacturer support and are unable to provide the encryption capabilities needed for future use. Michigan State Police guidance requires compliant encryption when criminal justice information is transmitted over land mobile radio outside a physically secure location. MPSCS guidance identifies hardware-based AES-256 as an encryption option for its system and recommends hardware-based encryption for subscriber radios. Pricing was obtained for Motorola, EF Johnson/Kenwood, and Tait radios.

Our agency and other Allegan County agencies researched these options and shared findings at monthly Police Chiefs administrative meetings. The evaluation considered price, operational experience, coverage, and compatibility with MPSCS. Based on information shared in countywide discussions, other Allegan County agencies also appear likely to select EF Johnson/Kenwood. It is recommended that Plainwell complete a mixed purchase with new EF Johnson/Kenwood portable radios and software upgrades for current Motorola mobile radios.

Recommended action: Consider 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.

C. City – Classic Auto Mill Roof Damage Settlement

On January 26, 2026, the City entered into a purchase agreement with Classic Auto Mill, LLC for mill property. A June 2026 windstorm damaged the roof of Building 10 while the City still owned the property and before closing. Staff obtained roofing quotes through the buyer and submitted an insurance claim. This claim is separate from the Building 2 roof-restoration work addressed in the purchase agreement amendment. City Attorney Blake Conklin has advised that the City, as seller, was obligated under the purchase agreement to convey the property in the condition existing when the agreement was signed, and therefore to repair intervening damage or compensate the buyer for the resulting loss in value. The proposed payment settles that obligation. The agreement fixes the payment at \$24,450. In exchange, the buyer accepts full satisfaction of the City's obligations concerning roof damage and roof condition from January 26, 2026 through closing and releases the City from related claims, including unknown claims. The buyer assumes responsibility and costs for necessary roof repairs or replacement; the City does not guarantee that the proceeds will cover those costs. The settlement requires no additional transfer of insurance proceeds pertaining to this event, is not an admission of liability, and leaves unrelated purchase-agreement obligations unchanged. Staff recommends approval to resolve the roof matter while placing repair responsibility with the buyer.

Recommended action: Consider 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.

D. DPS – Purchase of Fire Gear

NFPA Standards gives guidance on the lifespan and replacement criteria for turnout gear- mandatory retirement of structural firefighting gear at ten (10) years from the date of manufacture, regardless of condition. Three (3) sets of fire gear have reached the 10-12 year mark and need to be replaced. Continuing to use gear beyond these limits exposes firefighters to increased risk of burns, carcinogen absorption, and mechanical injury, and places the City at liability risk. Firefighting environments have changed substantially in recent years. Modern structure fires burn hotter and faster due to synthetic materials and lightweight construction. Without reliable, compliant

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gear, firefighters face reduced thermal and moisture protection, increased exposure to carcinogens and contaminated particulates, equipment failures that may jeopardize rescue, suppression, and RIT operations, and the inability to meet best-practice standards for firefighter health and safety.

Recommended action: Consider 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.

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings

- October 13, 2026 – DDA/BRA/TIFA – 7:30am
- October 14, 2026 – Parks & Trees – 5:00pm at Kenyon Park
- October 21, 2026 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm
- October 26, 2026 – City Council – 7:00pm at the Department of Public Safety Building (119 Island Ave)

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