MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
October 26, 2026

1. Mayor Keeler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Department of Public Safety Building.
2. Invocation: Given by Ken Frits of 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 Cathy Green, Roger Keeney and Randy Wisnaski.
   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 10/12/2026 regular meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. Public Comment: None
7. County Commissioners' Report: Commissioner Dugan gave an update on happenings throughout Allegan County.
8. Agenda approval:
   A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to approve the Agenda for the October 26, 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 and Personal Coordinator/Deputy Treasurer Kersten discussed the purchase of a new copy machine for use at City Hall.
    A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, approving the purchase of a Ricoh IMC3510 Copier from Applied Innovation for $7,770.00 and authorizing a budget amendment to add funds into the capital outlay line item, 101-900-971.00, to cover the purchase. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
11. Communications:
    A motion by Steele, seconded by Green, to accept and place on file the September 2026 Department of Public Safety Report and the 09/08/2026 DDA/BRA/TIFA meeting minutes. 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 $140,841.33 for payment of the same. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
13. Public Comments: None.
14. Staff Comments:
    Superintendent Keyzer discussed upcoming generator maintenance for all seven of the City's generators. This will take place over the next week or so.

    Personal Coordinator/Deputy Treasurer Kersten reported that job applications for a part-time DPW position are being accepted.

    Clerk Leonard shared that Early Voting is going well. Attendance is higher than August, with over 100 voters coming in so far.

    City Manager Lakamper added to Personal Coordinator/Deputy Treasurer Kersten's report on the part time DPW position, sharing that offering a part-time position (32 hours) saves not only hourly pay, but also the cost of benefits. He stated that an application for Plainwell's conversion dams will be submitted to the State of Michigan soon, even though the City doesn't have landowner support. He is hopeful that after State input, the landowners will be more open to discussion. The main that supplies water to City Hall and Mill 17 is exposed where it crosses the Mill race and there is a risk of it freezing. Lakamper is working with Fleis & Vandenbrink on an option for a new 12' main installation, which could then supply water to Classic Auto Mill, and any new construction on the Mill site. Fleis & Vandenbrink are also looking into funding sources to help with the Trestle Bridge. The Planning omission will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2026 to receive community input on a Special Use application for the sale of premade sheds. The City's new web page is almost ready. The new web site was designed by a local resident, and the process has been smooth and savings over a traditional municipal web site designer are significant. The City's recycling pick up day will change on January 1, 2027, moving from Thursday pick up to Tuesday pickup for all City residents. Republic will mail out notices to City residents. The Industrial Park paving project bid process will begin next week.
15. Council Comments:

1. Councilmember Keeney noted that the new playground equipment at Thurl Cook park is a hit and is consistently in use.
2. Councilmember Green wished everyone a great and safe Halloween.

16. Adjournment:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Wisnaski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully
submitted by,
JoAnn Leonard
City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL
November 09, 2026
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