

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
November 10, 2025**

Mayor Geise invited everyone present to join him in a moment of silence, followed by the posting of the Colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Plainfield City Council met in regular monthly session on November 10, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 5:00pm with Mayor Thomas Geise presiding and Council Members Jamison Downing, Timothy Neil, Joseph Schmall, and Chad Shurtleff present. Clyde Balvanz was absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent and Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer. Along with Fire Chief Evan Wagner and Treasurer for Fire Department Lee Williamson.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Shurtleff to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

There were no comments during open time from the public.

City Clerk Miller discussed, reviewed financial reports and claim reports to council. Motion by Neil and seconded by Shurtleff to approve October minutes, November financial reports and November claims report. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours reports were reviewed by the Council for October. Deputies spent 74 hours and responded to 13 calls for service in Plainfield during the month of October 2025.

Cemetery- City Clerk Miller let Council know that they received four donations for Willow Lawn Cemetery revitalization. Along with grant options to apply for to help with funding tree revitalization. The Cemetery board meeting is set for Wednesday, November 19th at 5pm at Council Chambers in Plainfield.

City Council/Mayor- Mayor Geise updated Council on Election results Chad Shurtleff and Clyde Balvanz will remain on council for another four years. Mayor Thomas Geise will be the Mayor of Plainfield for another two years. Local Option Sales Tax language change was approved with an 88% yes vote. This change will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

City Hall- The office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 24th -28th.

Finance- City Clerk Miller stated that she will be working on the budget for FY27 and asked if council had any requests. No requests at this time. Miller will provide council with FY26 budget packets for them to review again.

Fire Department- Chief Wagner requested that Elizabeth Shurtleff become a new member of the Plainfield Fire Department. Ayes: Downing, Neil, and Schmall. Nays: None. Abstain: Shurtleff. Motion carried. Wagner also requested funds for bunker gear, boots and gloves for new employee. City Clerk Miller will review budget and get back to Fire Department regarding funds. Lee Williamson verified that LOSAP will have more information on LOSAP program in December. The City and Rural Trustee's will have meeting on December 9th at 5pm to discuss items for Fire Department and Rural Trustee meeting on January 13th at 5pm. Chief Wagner and Lee Williamson left the meeting at 5:34pm.

Library- Mayor Geise informed the council that there is no generator at the library for public to come use in emergencies. He suggested that the City uses LOSST funds to provide Library with a new stationery generator. Motion by Neil, seconded by Schmall for new stationery generator at the Library. City Clerk Miller mentioned that the Library is still working on policies pertaining to safety and children.

Plainfield Days Committee- The committee had a great Hot Beef Supper Fundraiser. They are planning Christmas on Main and will send out details soon.

Roads- Mayor Geise shared a friendly reminder to Council and to the residents of Plainfield to ensure they do not burn, mow, throw grass clippings or leaves, into city streets. Please take them to the yard waste site located on the east end of Division Street, down the road towards the river.

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Water, Sewer & Garbage- Discussion was held on high water usage and utility bill of account #226001. Council discussed and determined that they will not be credited for utility bill. City Clerk Miller gave a brief report on delinquent utility accounts #506001 & #502001. Consensus of the Council was to send the landlord a notice of intention to certify the delinquent utility charges to the Bremer County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes if not paid in December 2025. City Clerk Miller will research utility deposits on utility bills to provide to council next meeting.

Short/Long Term Planning/Capital Projects - Superintendent Dietz informed Council that Christie Door will be coming this week to quote garage doors to improve cold storage building.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Schmall to accept the monthly department reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

City Clerk Miller reviewed and discussed Annual Financial Report with Council. She verified all numbers that are entered into report come directly from reports on our accounting system. Motion by Neil, seconded by Downing to approve Annual Financial Report 2025 for the City of Plainfield. As submitted by City Clerk Miller. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

City Clerk Miller reviewed and discussed Street Finance Report with Council. Motion carried by Shurtleff and seconded by Downing to approve Street Finance Report 2025 for City of Plainfield. As submitted by City Clerk Miller. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on multiple nuisance properties, most properties that were lettered have been resolved. City Clerk Miller will review setback information with City Attorney to determine if setbacks need to be updated.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Downing to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

Transcribed by the City Clerk/Treasurer, subject to Council approval.