

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
October 14, 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 October 14, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:00pm 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.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Downing to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

There were no comments during open time from the public.

City Clerk Miller let Council know the correction in minutes of Thursday, October 31st to Friday, October 31st for Halloween trick or treating, 5:30p – 7:30p. Motion by Downing, seconded by Shurtleff to approve the minutes of September 4, 2025, claims for October 2025, and October Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours reports were reviewed by the Council for both August and September. Deputies spent 57.75 hours and responded to 8 calls for service in Plainfield during the month of August 2025. Deputies spent 69.75 hours and responded to 7 calls for service in Plainfield during the month of September 2025.

Cemetery- City Clerk Miller let Council know that they received one donation for Willow Lawn Cemetery revitalization.

City Attorney- Council reviewed Chapter 145.03 – Unsafe Buildings 5) Abandoned, Council agreed to have City Clerk Abigail look into updating language with City Attorney.

City Council/Mayor- Mayor Geise updated Council on trick or treating will be available for homes to give out candy to children to celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31st between 5:30p – 7:30p. Along with local Plainfield businesses handing out candy on Main Street for children too. Food truck Dona Mari's Tacos – The Chiqui Way will be serving Mexican food near the Ole 707.

City Hall- The office will be closed October 15th - 17th for training at the IMFOA conference.

Fire Department- City Clerk Miller informed Council that she registered for the Fire Department for the LOSAP program with no charge. Miller will be discussing next steps for LOSAP program with Fire Department.

First Responders- Miller applied for the annual ICAP grant for needed safety items and funds of \$1,000 were received for cones and barricades to be purchased.

Library- Miller informed the Council that Library will not be replacing the Janitor as the Director and volunteers will be taking over cleaning. Also, Director of Library Thul and City Clerk Miller reviewed policies and procedures. Director will be adding children policy, behavior policy, safety and security policy to ensure safety for all employees, volunteers, children and adults who enter into Plainfield Public Library.

Parks- Superintendent Dietz stated that all tree stumps have been removed.

Plainfield Days Committee- The committee will be hosting a free-will donation Hot Beef Supper fundraiser on November 7th at the Plainfield Methodist Church.

Roads- Mayor Geise shared a friendly reminder to Council and to the residents of Plainfield to ensure they do not 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.

Water, Sewer & Garbage- Superintendent Dietz informed Council the Visu-Sewer Inc. will be regrouting sewer system as it is still on warranty and will be at no cost to the City. Superintendent Dietz will be looking into Garage Doors to improve cold storage building.

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Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Downing to accept the monthly department reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discussion of Ordinance No. 52 pertaining to water rates service. Water rates were just increased at the beginning of February 2025, billed on May 1st 2025. City Clerk Miller will review water rates with Superintendent Dietz to determine when water rates need to be increased for next year.

Discussion was held on multiple nuisance properties. City Clerk Miller let Council know that letters were sent to couple of residents that have been lettered before in the past. Along with a Municipal infraction on one property.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Shurtleff to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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