

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL  
February 10, 2026**

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 February 10, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:00pm with Mayor Thomas Geise presiding and Council Members Clyde Balvanz (present via speaker phone due to traveling out of state), Jamison Downing, Joseph Schmall, and Chad Shurtleff present. Council Member Tim Neil was absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent and Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer.

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

There were no open comments from the public.

Mayor Geise informed Council and Department Heads of the review of budget first due Council member Balvanz traveling. The Mayor, Council and Department Heads reviewed the FY27 budget as presented by City Clerk Miller. Discussion was held on options for financing a new end loader through General Obligation Bond or through Local Option Sales Tax. Miller will be reviewing with City Attorney Guthrie for more information to bring to council in March. City Clerk Miller discussed increasing water rates to maintain a healthy budget in the future. Motion by Downing, seconded by Shurtleff to proceed with public notice for raising water rates. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Downing, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Absent: Neil. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the final FY27 budget as presented by City Clerk Miller. Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to approve the fiscal year 2026/2027 budget and allow City Clerk Miller to submit the proposed property tax levy to the Bremer County Auditor. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to approve Resolution No. 2026-02 SETTING DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE CONSOLIDATED GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Downing, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Absent: Neil. Motion carried. Balvanz left the meeting by phone at 6:22pm.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of January 12 & 14, 2026, claims for February 2026 and additional claim given at meeting for Performance Foodservice, and the January 2026 Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report was reviewed by the Council. Deputies spent 80.5 hours and responded to 7 calls for service in Plainfield during the month of January 2026.

Cemetery- City Clerk Miller stated she applied for Mid-American Energy Grant for Willow Lawn Tree Revitalization. City Clerk Miller presented Mayor Geise and council members with a bid that came in for mowing the lawn at Willow Lawn Cemetery. Motion by Downing, seconded by Shurtleff to decline bid. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

City Council/Mayor- City Clerk Miller reminded mayor Geise and council members City Hall will be closed on Monday February 16, 2026, due to President's Day. City Clerk Miller provided information about membership of Big4 Chamber cost of \$150 and information on mobile application used through the Chamber. Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to approve membership only. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Fire Department- Mayor Geise reported that Tim Meeker will continue to be on the Bremer County E-911 Board; Chief Wagner Bremer County E-911 Board alternate. Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to appoint Tim Meeker on Bremer County E-911 Board. Roll call vote- Ayes: Downing, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Absent: Balvanz & Neil. Motion carried.

First Responders- Mayor Geise updated Council on the continuance of member Kip Ladage responding to the east side of Plainfield. Roll call vote- Ayes: Downing, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Absent: Balvanz & Neil. Motion carried.

Plainfield Days Committee- Mayor Geise reported that the committee made and sold approximately 195 pizzas for their Super Bowl take-and-bake pizza fundraiser. The committee would like to thank the community for the tremendous support!

Water, Sewer & Garbage – Superintendent Dietz discussed an additional manhole for one residence. Dietz will investigate other options and bring information to council at the next council meeting.

Mayor Geise updated the Council on nuisance abatements that are currently in progress. Discussion was held on further nuisance abatement planning.

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

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Downing to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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