

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
May 12, 2026**

Invocation, dedicated to Elizabeth Shurtleff, Plainfield's Fallen Firefighter and beloved wife to City Council member Chad Shurtleff given by Thomas Geise. 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 May 12, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:00pm with Mayor Thomas Geise presiding and Council Members Clyde Balvanz, Jamison Downing, Timothy Neil, Joseph Schmall, and Chad Shurtleff present. The following department heads were in attendance: Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent and Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Shurtleff to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Motion carried. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Balvanz to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of April 14, 2026, the April 2026 Financial Reports, and the claims for May 2026. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Geise proclaimed the weeks of May 18th and 25th as American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Days and urged all citizens of the city to pause and honor our Veterans by wearing the Memorial Poppy on National Poppy Day, May 29th, 2026.

Mayor Geise opened the public hearing concerning the FY26 Budget Amendment at 6:09pm. City Clerk Miller reviewed the amended revenue and expenditure amounts with the Council. No comments, questions, or concerns, written or oral, were received from the public. Mayor Geise closed the public hearing at 6:12pm.

Visitor Lee Williamson Treasurer of Plainfield Fire Department joined council meeting at 6:12pm.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Shurtleff to approve Resolution No. 2026-04: AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026. Roll call vote- Balvanz, Downing, Neil, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Downing to approve Resolution No. 2026-05: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY BETWEEN FUNDS. Roll call vote- Balvanz, Downing, Neil, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Resolution No. 2026-06: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE EXISTING LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND TO THE NEW LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND AND ESTABLISHING TERMS OF REPAYMENT. Resolution is tabled until City Clerk Miller brings further research to bring to council members at June council meeting.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Downing to officially approve a building permit for 719 2nd Street to install a chain-link fence within setbacks on the sides and back of garage and home. No fence in front yard. Along with garden shed that is less than 100 square feet without cement underneath. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to officially approve a building permit for 638 3rd Street to install a decorative privacy fence on back patio. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Shurtleff to officially approve a building permit for 421 1st Street to pour concrete cement pad and sidewalk to both buildings on property. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Review and discussion was held on photo evidence for setbacks and lot lines for building permit at 521 Center Street. City Council agreed it does suffice and recommends Bremer County Building and Zoning to review building permit again.

Department Reports:

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Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report for April was reviewed by the Mayor and Council. Deputies logged 90 hours with 13 calls for service in Plainfield.

City Hall- Council reviewed the ICAP insurance renewal and recommends having new end loader information added before approval. City Clerk Miller will reach out ICAP to get this added. City Hall will be closed June 15th-18th for Clerk's Training.

Fire Department- Treasurer Lee Williamson requested that Zade McCall becomes a new member of the Plainfield Fire Department. Ayes: Balvanz, Downing, Neil, Shurtleff and Schmall. Nays: None. Motion carried. Lee exited at 6:48pm.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall to approve quote from Crystal Heating for new gas meter required by MidAmerican. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council member Neil presented to Mayor and council two oak trees and two maple trees replaced in parks.

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

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Neil to approve the Special Class C Retail Alcohol License (BW) for the Plainfield Days Committee for Plainfield Days 2026. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Balvanz to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License (LC) for The Ole 707, pending dram insurance approval. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on multiple nuisance properties. Yellow tags and letters will be going out to property owners monthly throughout the summer.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Schmall to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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