

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
August 11, 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 August 11, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:00pm with Mayor Thomas Geise presiding and Council Members Tim Neil, Joseph Schmall, and Chad Shurtleff present. Council Member Clyde Balvanz joined later in the meeting. Council Member Jamie Downing was absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent and Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer.

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

There were no comments during open time for the public.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Schmall to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of July 14, 2026, claims for August 2026, and the July 2026 Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall to approve a building permit for 204 Lincoln Street to remove cement stairs and replace with wooden stairs. Building permit for 320 Stewart Street tabled for a later date. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report was reviewed by the Council. Deputies spent 86.5 hours and responded to 11 calls for service in Plainfield during the month of July 2026.

Cemetery- Discussion was held on installing trees at the cemetery.

City Hall- Maintenance Superintendent explained signage and viewed images for new signage at City Hall. Motion by Neil, seconded by Schmall to approve signage with address in front of City Hall. City Hall will be closed on August 14th and September 1st-September 7th. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Finance- City Clerk Miller reviewed ICAP renewal options with council members. Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Neil to approve increase premium by \$500 to \$1,000 and add additional cyber insurance. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Fire Department- The Fire Department received a grant from Bremer County Community Foundation for \$8,000 to replace outdated bunker gear.

Library- Library Board Members changed September board meeting to Wednesday, September 2nd at 6pm. The Plainfield Public Library received a grant from Bremer County Community Foundation for \$3,500 to replace computers for the public.

Council Member Clyde Balvanz joined the meeting at 6:20pm.

Plainfield Days Committee- City Clerk Miller reviewed grant information to two candidates with Hawkeye Community College and NIACC with Council Members. Motion by Schmall, seconded by Neil to approve \$200 Scholarship and \$500 Scholarship for Plainfield Days Committee.

Roads- Superintendent Dietz held discussion on end loader coming at any time and for projects to be completed with new end loader.

Water, Sewer & Garbage- Discussion was held on infrastructure on the water tower to ensure safety and security. Speicher will be coming to town to start valve repairs and replace fire hydrants that have been approved by council in previous meetings.

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

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Shurtleff to approve Resolution No. 2026-09: TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE PLAINFIELD PERSONNEL POLICY. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Neil, Shurtleff and Schmall. Nays: None. Absent: Downing. Motion carried.

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Motion by Schmall, seconded by Neil to move regular September council meeting to Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council reviewed Chapter 136: Sidewalk Regulations and dilapidated sidewalks will be documented to assess plan at next council meeting.

At the request of the City Council, City Attorney Guthrie to file application for rule to show cause and affidavit in support of application for property at 322 Division Street and has asked the Court to set a hearing date for this matter. Discussion was held on yellow tags and letters that were previously sent out to residents for nuisance abatement.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Schmall to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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