

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
February 11, 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 February 11, 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. Council Member Clyde Balvanz was absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Brittney Lentz, City Clerk/Treasurer and Evan Wagner, Fire Chief; along with one visitor.

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

Dakota Klingfuss, new owner of the 4-plex apartment building at 722 Main Street, requested that the Council allow him to place a dumpster for trash at the rear of the building, instead of the eight garbage and recycling carts. After much discussion, motion by Downing, seconded by Shurtleff to allow a dumpster at 722 Main Street, as long as it is secured/fenced in. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Klingfuss exited at 6:16pm.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Shurtleff to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of January 13 & 15, 2025, claims for February 2025- including a claim to Jolene White: library program supplies, \$34.96, and the January 2025 Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Neil to officially approve the building permit for 856 Main Street for a 50'x90' pole building without concrete to be able to store a tile plow. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report for January was reviewed by the Mayor and Council. Deputies logged 74 hours with 13 calls for service.

Cemetery- Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall to approve the Spring cemetery spraying contract with TruGreen. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

City Council/Mayor- Liddle family will be annually donating flags in honor of Laurence and Elizabeth Liddle for the veterans memorial.

City Hall- IAMU Safety review was completed with staff and reviewed by the Council.

Finance- Employees and Library Board Members will be attending the Bremer County Foundation Grant Workshop on March 3.

Fire Department- Chief Wagner updated the Council on a claim with IMWCA and questioned insuring their fifteen new radios. City Clerk Lentz was directed to add them to the city's policy. Wagner exited at 6:54pm.

Plainfield Days Committee- Mayor Geise thanked everyone who purchased pizzas for the Plainfield Days fundraiser. They made and sold approximately 204 pizzas.

Water, Sewer, & Garbage- Discussion was held on the high water usage and utility bill of account #226001. Motion by Downing, seconded by Shurtleff to apply the overage formula that was previously used to decrease the total bill for the property to \$437.62 for the quarter. Council noted that this will be the last time they are able to do this for this property. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Short/Long Term Planning/Capital Projects- Council reviewed wheel loader quotes and City Clerk Lentz spoke with them about possible ways to finance a new machine. Consensus of the Council was to hold off until Fall to review the local option sales tax designation.

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

The Mayor, Council, and Department Heads reviewed the final FY26 budget projections as presented by City Clerk Lentz.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Neil to approve Resolution No. 2025-02: AMENDING THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD PERSONNEL POLICY. Roll call vote- Ayes: Downing, Neil, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Absent: Balvanz. Motion carried.

Mayor Geise, Council, and Department Heads continued to review the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Sanitary Sewer: Chapters 95-99 and Sidewalk Regulations: Chapter 136. Continued discussion was held on necessary amendments.

Discussion was held on the 322 Division Street property. City Clerk Lentz received a call from the property owner that they plan to tear down the dwelling, as they consider it a “hazard”. Mayor Geise requested that City Clerk Lentz investigate the need for a demolition permit process to be added to the code.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Downing to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Brittney Lentz, City Clerk/Treasurer

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