

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
March 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 March 11, 2025, 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, Timothy Neil, and Joseph Schmall present. Council Member Chad Shurtleff was absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent, and Brittney Lentz, City Clerk/Treasurer; along with one visitor.

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

Timothy Liddle presented the Mayor and Council with eight American flags and eight P.O.W. flags for the Veteran's Memorial from the Laurence and Elizabeth Liddle Memorial Fund. They are also going to donate a new flagpole for the memorial. Mayor Geise and Council Members thanked Liddle and the other fund members for the generous and much appreciated donation. Liddle exited at 6:06pm.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Neil to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of February 11, 2025, claims for March 2025, and the February 2025 Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Geise opened the public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 55: AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING CHAPTER 155, THEREOF ENTITLED RESTRICTED RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND ENACTING AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 155 IN LIEU OF ENTITLED RESTRICTED RESIDENCE DISTRICT. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Downing, Neil, and Schmall. Nays: None. Absent: Shurtleff. Motion carried. Mayor Geise and City Clerk Lentz gave an overview of the changes. No concerns were received from the public. Mayor Geise closed the public hearing at 6:13pm.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Schmall to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 55: AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING CHAPTER 155, THEREOF ENTITLED RESTRICTED RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND ENACTING AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 155 IN LIEU OF ENTITLED RESTRICTED RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

Discussion was held on waiving the additional readings of Ordinance No. 55. Council Members Downing and Neil and City Clerk Lentz indicated that they received a few questions about the ordinance, but no one stated that they were opposed to the changes. Motion by Downing, seconded by Neil to suspend the rules requiring that an ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed, per Iowa Code 380.3, and to approve the final passage and adopt Ordinance No. 55: AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING CHAPTER 155, THEREOF ENTITLED RESTRICTED RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND ENACTING AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 155 IN LIEU OF ENTITLED RESTRICTED RESIDENCE DISTRICT. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Downing, Neil, and Schmall. Nays: None. Absent: Shurtleff. Motion carried.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to set a public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 56: ENACTING AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 154, ENTITLED BUILDING CODE: REGULATING PROPERTY AND LAND USE WITHIN PLAINFIELD CITY LIMITS, for Monday, March 31st at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Balvanz left the meeting at 6:16pm.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to approve a building permit for 403 3rd Street to construct a 12'x20' wooden patio. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report for February was reviewed by the Mayor and Council. Deputies logged 72 hours with 7 calls for service.

City Council/Mayor- Mayor Geise and City Clerk Lentz will be attending an informational training on Open & Closed Meetings Law and Open Records hosted by Bremer County on March 26th.

Fire Department- City Clerk Lentz made the council aware of a voluntary length of service award program bill, that is working its way through the House, for volunteer firefighters and EMS workers.

Water, Sewer, & Garbage- Maintenance Superintendent Dietz received a quote from Speicher Excavating Inc. to install a 6" watermain valve on Division Street and replace a valve box on Center Street for \$5,306. Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to approve proceeding with the work this fiscal year. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

The Mayor, Council, and Department Heads reviewed the final FY26 budget as presented by City Clerk Lentz and spoke about moving the April regular council meeting due to a conflict. Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to approve the final budget as presented and to move the regular April council meeting to Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Schmall to approve Resolution No. 2025-03: 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 2025-2026 BUDGET. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Downing, Neil, and Schmall. Nays: None. Absent: Shurtleff. 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.

Continued discussion was held on changing the Local Option Sales & Service Tax designation from 100% infrastructure, to be able to use it for other purposes/needs of the city. City Clerk Lentz has been in contact with Bremer County Auditor, Shelley Wolf, and City Attorney, Luke Guthrie, to prepare to place the designation change on the ballot at the next city election in November. No action was taken as to the new designation request.

Discussion was held on nuisance abatement "yellow tags". Another round of tags will be going out in the next few weeks, weather pending.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Downing to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Brittney Lentz, City Clerk/Treasurer

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