

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
July 8, 2025**

Mayor Geise invited everyone to present to join him in a moment of silence, followed by the posting of Colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Plainfield City Council met in regular monthly session on July 8, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Plainfield City Hall at 6:00pm with Mayor Thomas Geise presiding and Council Members Clyde Balvanz, Joseph Schmall, and Chad Shurtleff present. Council Members Jamison Downing and Timothy Neil were absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent, Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer, Evan Wagner, Fire Chief and Lee Williamson, Treasurer for Fire Department.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall to approve the agenda. All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Shurtleff to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of June 16, 2025, the June 2025 Financial Reports, and the claims for July 2025. Ayes: All. Motion carried. All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Shurtleff to approve a building permit for 516 West Street, to build dog fence on property line. Written permission from the adjoining property owners was filed with the permit. All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Schmall to waive 2nd and 3rd reading of ordinance 57; amending the golf cart ordinance to include SMV requirement sign. Roll call vote complete in June for 1st reading of ordinance 57. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report for June was reviewed by the Mayor and Council. Deputies logged 393.5 hours with 54 calls for service in Plainfield. Renewed police contract for another six months, July – December 2025.

Cemetery- Balvanz reported that the City should be getting donations to purchase trees to be placed around cemetery.

City Council/Mayor – Ballot information has been submitted for Mayor Thomas Geise to renew another two-year term. Clyde Balvanz and Chad Shurtleff will be renewing for another four years as City Council Members.

City Hall – Closed 7/4 for July 4th Holiday and closed 7/25 City Clerk on vacation.

Finance – Mosquito spraying rates were discussed to be increased to \$6.50, budget amendment will be made to approve as extra mosquito spraying need this year.

Fire Department- Fire Chief Wagner and Lee Williamson presented information on LOSAP for Plainfield Fire Department members to invest in and City Hall will be managing once approved.

First Responders– Total of 6 First Responders with 2/6 that generally respond to calls.

Library– Superintendent Dietz reported that he is working on getting up security cameras in the library.

Parks– Superintendent Dietz will be removing trees in the park that have been damaged.

Plainfield Days- Mayor Geise reported that Plainfield Days will start setup on Wednesday July 9th with help from volunteers and NP Football Team. Clean up will start on Sunday July 13th with help from volunteers along with NP Baseball Team.

Roads- Superintendent Dietz reported that Blacktop Services did a great job repairing patch work and sealing roads.

Water, Sewer & Garbage– New Utility Bills will be available to residents on August 1st.

Short/Long Term Planning/Capital Projects – Flood mitigation was discussed as rain totals were high. Previously made sandbags are at City Hall along with extra bags to make new sandbags if needed.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Shurtleff to accept the monthly department reports.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held on changing the Local Option Sales & Service Tax designation from 100% infrastructure to be able to use those dollars for other purposes/needs of the city. No action was taken at this time will be at the next Council Meeting in August to be approved by Council.

Discussion was held on nuisance abatement planning. Yellow tags and letters will be going out to property owners monthly continuing through the summer.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Schmall to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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