

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
January 12, 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 January 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. Along with Treasurer for Fire Department Lee Williamson.

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

There were no comments during open time for the public.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Neil to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of December 9, 2025, claims for January 2026, and the December 2025 Financial Reports, which included the 2025 gross wages as follows: Balvanz, Clyde- \$180.00; Dietz, Brice- \$48,315.73; Downing, Jamison- \$280.00; Geise, Thomas- \$1,300.00; Gosnell, Keri- \$825.00; Hendry; Lentz, Brittney- \$22,989.80; Miller, Abigail- \$21,707.00; Neil, Timothy- \$280.00; Schmall, Joseph- \$280.00; Shurtleff, Chad- \$260.00; and Emalee Thul- \$11,400.00. Total for 2025- \$107,817.53. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Geise proclaimed January 23rd as William Lawrence Meadows Remembrance Day and urged all members of the Plainfield community to keep Officer Meadows and his family in their thoughts. In memory of Officer Meadows, all flags on City property will be flown at half-mast from 8am-5pm on Friday, January 23rd.

City Clerk Miller reviewed Resolution No. 2026-01 PURCHASING POLICY FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD. City council members requested more information before proceeding with policy. Policy has been tabled for further review in the future. City Clerk Miller will complete further research to bring to council members at next council meeting in February.

City Clerk Miller reviewed Letter of Acceptance of Termination of Tower Lease with T-Mobile and the request for reasonable documentation to support Termination of Lease and conditions to properly terminate Water Tower Lease. Motion by Neil, seconded by Shurtleff to approve sending Letter to T-Mobile. Roll call vote- Balvanz, Downing, Neil, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report for December was reviewed by the Mayor and Council. Deputies logged 93 hours with 7 calls for service December 2025.

Cemetery- City Clerk Miller shared with council members that she requested new signs at Meadows Memorial to fix names that were misspelled. Along with name that was misspelled on cemetery board.

City Attorney- Mayor Geise reviewed with council members court documents from City Attorney.

Plainfield Days Committee- The committee will be having their annual Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser, with order forms due back to City Hall on Wednesday, February 1st.

Roads- Maintenance Superintendent Dietz reviewed the 2026 street maintenance proposal with the Council. Superintendent Dietz has decided to move a couple streets that will not need a seal coat for an additional year. Blacktop Service Co. for single seal coat at \$2.70 per square yard.

Water- Maintenance Superintendent Dietz proposed that he will be changing out a couple of water meters in the spring and will need half an order of the same meters purchased to ensure we have enough on hand.

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

The Mayor, Council, and Department Heads reviewed the FY27 budget schedule as presented by City Clerk Miller. The budget work session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th at 5:00pm.

Mayor Geise stated that the City of Plainfield is waiting for two municipal fines to be paid by two residents in the City of Plainfield. If no payment is received by the Clerk of Court in timeframe given by judge, City Clerk Miller will be proceeding with processing fines onto property taxes.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Schmall to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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