CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
October 13, 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 October 13, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:00pm with Mayor Thomas Geise presiding and Council Members Jamison Downing, Timothy Neil, and Joseph Schmall were present. Council Member Chad Shurtleff joined the meeting by phone at 6:00pm. Council Member Clyde Balvanz was absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer. Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent, was absent.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Neil 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 September 9, 2026, claims for October 2026 and the September 2026 Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Geise opened the public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 60: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF TRUSTEES, at 6:14pm. No comments were received from the public. Mayor Geise closed the public hearing at 6:16pm.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Neil to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 60: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF TRUSTEES. Roll call vote- Ayes: Downing, Neil, Schmall and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Absent: Balvanz. Motion carried.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Shurtleff to set the date/time for the second reading of Ordinance No. 60 for Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report was reviewed by the Council. Deputies spent 61.5 hours and responded to 3 calls for service in Plainfield during the month of September 2026.

City Cemetery- City Clerk Miller informed the Council that Tiedt Nursery has planted trees in the cemetery, with the remaining trees scheduled to be planted in the spring of 2027. Miller also reviewed the MidAmerican Energy grant report with the Council, outlining grant funding that helped cover the cost of the new trees.

City Hall- City Clerk Miller informed the Council that she applied for an ICAP grant and was awarded $750 to purchase a new City Hall sign. The sign will be installed in front of City Hall before winter. Flower planters will remain along Main Street until the first snowfall, at which time they will be removed for the winter. City Clerk Miller reminded the Council that the final Plainfield Farmers Market of the season is Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

Finance- City Clerk Miller informed the Council that she consolidated the Cemetery Fund's four certificates of deposit (CDs) upon renewal to obtain a more favorable interest rate through the bank.

Fire Department- City Clerk Miller informed the Council that the Plainfield Fire Department received its new fire truck in early October on behalf of the Rural Trustees and confirmed that insurance coverage is in place for the vehicle.

Plainfield Days Committee- The committee will be hosting their annual Hot Beef Fundraiser on Friday, November 13th from 5:30-7pm at The 707. Also, Christmas on Main, Saturday, December 5th from 5-7pm.

Roads- City Clerk Miller reviewed the invoice from Blacktop Service for patching work required following sewer repairs throughout Plainfield. Miller noted that the expense was not included in the current budget and a budget amendment will be necessary to account for the unbudgeted expense.

Water, Sewer, & Garbage- City Clerk Miller informed the Council that Municipal Pipe Tool Co. jetted the city's sewer lines in early October. No issues were reported, and minimal sewer backups were noted.

Mayor Geise held discussion on sidewalks. The City is working on removing select obsolete sidewalks on the City property.

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

Halloween Trick-or-Treating is set for Saturday, October 31st from 5:30-7:30pm.

Discussion was held on nuisance abatement.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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