

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
September 9, 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 September 9, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:00pm with Mayor Thomas Geise presiding and Council Members Jamison Downing, Joseph Schmall, and Chad Shurtleff present. Council Members Clyde Balvanz and Timothy Neil were absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent and Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer; along with one visitor: Keith Kaspari, District Representative.

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

Keith Kaspari, District Representative for Congresswoman Ashley Hinson, addressed the City Council regarding his role and responsibilities as a district representative. Mr. Kaspari provided information on how his office can assist the City of Plainfield by providing information regarding federal program and resources.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of August 11, 2026, claims for September 2026, and the August 2026 Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall to officially approve a building permit for 311 Jefferson Street to replace stairs in the front and back of property. Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall, to officially approve a building permit for 320 Stewart Street for a retaining wall. Council Member Shurtleff abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report was reviewed by the Council. Deputies spent 72.75 hours and responded to 8 calls for service in Plainfield during the month of August 2026.

Cemetery- Mayor Geise held discussion on the survey going to be complete in the cemetery to ensure that all trees for the Willow Lawn Revitalization project are set inside plot lines. Superintendent, Tom Harskamp of Nashua Plainfield School District called Mayor Geise during city council meeting at 6:20pm to discuss where the previous trees in Willow Lawn Cemetery were removed and where the new trees will be planted. Phone called ended at 6:25pm.

City Hall- City Clerk Miller, shared with council members, will be training in October and City Hall will be closed for IMFOA conference October 21-23. Siren batteries were tested on 9/8 and one battery exploded. Motion by Downing, seconded by Schmall to order all four new batteries for the siren.

Fire Department- Annual Pork Diner Fundraiser reminder on 9/13, 11am-2pm. The fire department had a contractor remove the radio tower on the property. City Clerk Miller had radio tower removed from insurance.

Water, Sewer, & Garbage- Superintendent Deitz verified that the sewer work and fire hydrant installations have been completed. He further noted that patching work remains necessary in certain areas where the sewer projects were completed.

Mayor Geise held discussion on planning for select obsolete sidewalks removal throughout the City. The City will be completing work on removing select obsolete sidewalks on City property this fall.

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

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall to set Halloween Trick-or-Treating for Saturday, October 31st from 5:30-7:30pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on nuisance abatement planning. Additional letters will be going out to property owners. The City Attorney is assisting with court documents and municipal infractions on a couple of properties.

Motion by Schmall, seconded by Shurtleff to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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