

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
March 10, 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 March 10, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:00pm with Mayor Thomas Geise presiding and Council Members Clyde Balvanz and Tim Neil (present via speaker phone due to traveling out of state), Joseph Schmall, and Chad Shurtleff present. Council Member Jamie Downing was absent. The following department heads were in attendance: Brice Dietz, Maintenance Superintendent and Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall 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 February 10, 2026, claims for March 2026, and the February 2026 Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Geise opened the public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 58: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE WATER SERVICE SYSTEM, WATER METERS, AND RATES FOR WATER SERVICE, at 6:04pm. Mayor, Council, and department heads reviewed the proposed water rate increase of approximately 5%. No comments were received from the public. City Clerk Miller stated the water increase will need to match 100% of sewer rate and she is requesting council to put another public notice for sewer rates increase to match water rate increase. Discussion was held on Sanitary Sewer. Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Shurtleff to proceed with public notice. City Clerk Miller verified she will put out public notice to get approved by council on March 30th special meeting. Mayor Geise closed the public hearing at 6:08pm.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Shurtleff to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 58: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE WATER SERVICE SYSTEM, WATER METERS, AND RATES FOR WATER SERVICE. Roll call vote- Ayes: Balvanz, Neil, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Absent: Downing. Motion carried.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Balvanz to set the date/time for the second readings of Ordinance No. 58 for Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:15pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- Call Hours report was reviewed by the Council. Deputies spent 80.5 hours and responded to 8 calls for service in Plainfield during the month of February 2026.

Cemetery- City Clerk Miller and Council member Balvanz reported that they have met the donation amount for cemetery tree revitalization but will continue to accept donations that will go towards the modification of entrance to cemetery to make entrance wider.

City Attorney- City Clerk Miller reviewed emails from TMobile confirming the termination of lease and verified they are not required to share termination explanation. Miller confirmed with Attorney that no more funds will be provided to City of Plainfield now that TMobile lease has been terminated.

City Council/Mayor- City Clerk Miller handed out employee evaluations to Mayor and council members that were present. Employees evaluations are due on or before May 12th council meeting.

City Hall- City Clerk Miller reported that City Hall will be closed on April 8th at she will be at Clerk's training in Ankeny April 8th & 9th.

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Library- Superintendent Dietz reviewed generator quote from Elsamiller Electric Co. of \$11,950 which does not include gas piping. Motion by Neil, seconded by Shurtleff to approve generator quote.

Roads- City Clerk Miller verified that Golf Cart Permit stickers for 2026 are now available to renew or purchase at City Hall. City Hall will need a copy of insurance and \$30 for each permit issued.

Water, Sewer & Garbage- Superintendent Dietz reviewed Speicher Excavating quotes replacing fire hydrant and water main valves. Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Neil to approve Speicher Excavating quote 146 for \$11,505.00, quote 147 for \$4,644.00, and quote 148 for \$4,410.00 to be paid by Local Option Sales Tax funds. Superintendent Dietz reviewed the Speicher Excavating quote for replacing sewer manhole on West Street. Motion by Schmall, seconded by Balvanz to approve Speicher Excavating quote 149 for \$10,135.00 to be paid by Local Option Sales Tax funds.

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

City Clerk Miller reminded Mayor and Council that special meetings for Levy & Budget will be held on March 30th, 2026, at 6:00pm and 6:15pm.

Mayor Geise updated the Council on nuisance abatements that are currently in progress. Discussion was held on further nuisance abatement planning.

Motion by Balvanz, seconded by Schmall to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Thomas Geise, Mayor

Attest: Abigail Miller, City Clerk/Treasurer

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