

**CITY OF PLAINFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PLAINFIELD CITY HALL
August 5, 2025**

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 August 5, 2025, 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 two visitors on Library Board.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Shurtleff 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 minutes of July 8, 2025 claims for August 2025, and July Financial Reports. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Neil to approve a building permit for 412 West Street to pour concrete to finish patio. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Shurtleff to approve a building permit for 507 West Street to pour concrete in driveway under carport. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Bremer County Sheriff's Office- No call hours from Bremer County Sheriff's Office as council meeting was moved up. July call hours will be reviewed at September council meeting.

Cemetery- Reviewed landscape revitalization document to replace deceased trees in the cemetery on west, north and northeast property lines. Document will be sent to the public for donations to complete revitalization at Willow Lawn Cemetery.

City Council/Mayor- Election paperwork for mayor and council members will be submitted to be put on November ballot. Due to conflicts with mayor and council members, Mayor Geise suggested to council members to change regular September 9th meeting to Thursday, September 4th at 6:00pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

City Hall- Discussed signage for City Hall for visitors and citizens to have a clear view of City Hall location.

Finance- Mayor Geise made council aware that building permit fee needs to be increased and it was discussed on increasing fee for work that has already been started without completing proper building permit application and getting approval through City.

Fire Department- Annual Pork Dinner Fundraiser will be on Sunday 9/7, 11am – 2pm. All proceeds will be used to help purchase a new Tanker Truck.

Library- Lisa Kramer and Renee Neil presented to Mayor and Council that the board is having a hard time filling open library board spot. Current Library Board has 6 out of 7 active board members. The Library Board is researching the ability to change board language to at large to bring in a new library board member that is not located in Plainfield or Bremer County.

Water, Sewer & Garbage- Maintenance Superintendent Dietz discussed Water main break repaired on the northeast side of town. Discussed how to prevent water leaks from happening in the future. Also, mentioned nitrate levels in the city were tested in range and will complete additional testing to ensure levels do not rise. Dietz is planning on adding valves and replacing some fire hydrants around the city before winter. Shut-off notices will be sent to residents that will be affected by repairs in advance.

Short/Long Term Planning/Capital Projects- Cold storage building was discussed to be finished before winter and match City Hall colors on outside. Discussed items be moved and updated in City Hall storage along with items needed in City Hall.

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

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Motion by Shurtleff, seconded by Schmall to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 50: AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO FEES FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYING SERVICES. Roll call vote- Balvanz, Downing, Neil, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Shurtleff to set the date/time for the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 50 for Thursday, September 4th at 6:00pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Downing, seconded by Neil to approve Resolution No. 2025-11: A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF LOCAL SALES AND SERVICE TAX IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, IOWA, COUNTY BREMER, IOWA NEW LANGAGUAGE. **“FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND REPAIRS, STREET, WATER, SEWER AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS.”** RCV - Roll call vote- Balvanz, Downing, Neil, Schmall, and Shurtleff. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Several properties that need nuisance yellow tags and letters were discussed. Properties will be tagged and lettered over the next few weeks.

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