

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA

Plainwell City Council

Monday, April 27, 2026 - 7:00PM

Plainwell City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes – 04/13/2026 Regular Meeting
6. Public Comments
7. County Commissioners Report
8. Agenda Approval
9. Mayor's Report
10. Recommendations and Reports:

A. DPS – Repairs to Engine 11

Council will consider approving the payment of \$10,377.50 for necessary repairs to Engine 11, a 2000 model year fire apparatus, to restore the vehicle to safe and reliable operational condition.

B. City – Mill Building Survey

Council will consider approving a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Fleis & VandenBrink for field and office work to provide an Ingress/Egress Easement Exhibit, PA 132 and ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey for an approximate 3-acre parcel surrounding the old Paper Mill Building in the Northeast corner of Tax Parcel 55-030-076-01 at a cost of \$13,750.00.

C. City – Plainwell Auto Survey

Council will consider approving a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Fleis & VandenBrink for field and office work to provide a PA 132 Survey and Topographic Survey for an approximate 1-acre parcel along the South Line of Tax Parcel 55-030-076-01 at a cost of \$5,000.00.

11. **Communications:** The March 2026 Department of Public Safety Report, the 03/10/2026 DDA/TIFA/BRA meeting minutes and the 03/10/2026 Parks & Tree meeting minutes.
12. **Accounts Payable - \$137,469.56**
13. **Public Comments**
14. **Staff Comments**
15. **Council Comments**
16. **Adjournment**

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Note: All public comment limited to two minutes, when recognized please rise and give your name and address.

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Reports & Communications:

A. DPS – Repairs to Engine 11

Engine 11 had been scheduled for routine maintenance and repairs due to several known mechanical and electrical issues associated with its age and continued operational use. During the repair process, multiple critical deficiencies were identified that required immediate correction to ensure firefighter safety, operational readiness, and compliance with accepted fire service practices.

Repairs completed included:

- Repair to a door alarm system and replacement of faulty wiring to prevent the apparatus from being driven while equipment compartment doors are open.
- Repair of the primer system, which is necessary for drafting water during fire suppression operations.
- Replacement of wiring for non-functioning emergency lighting
- Replacement of a battery charger that no longer functioned for a thermal imaging camera
- Replacement of outdated scene lighting with new LED lighting, allowing the lights to operate from the vehicle's alternator rather than requiring a portable generator.

These repairs were necessary to maintain the safe and effective operation of the apparatus and to ensure the vehicle remains capable of supporting emergency response operations. Several of the repairs to Engine 11 were known issues that had been scheduled for service; however, the anticipated costs were expected to be minimal. The total cost of repairs was not fully known until the vehicle was returned to service and the final invoice was received.

This situation is consistent with maintenance of older emergency vehicles, where underlying issues may not be fully identified until repairs are underway. Addressing these issues at the time of service prevented future equipment failures, reduced the likelihood of more costly repairs, and ensured continued readiness of the apparatus for emergency response.

Recommended action: Consider approving the payment of \$10,377.50 for necessary repairs to Engine 11, a 2000 model year fire apparatus, to restore the vehicle to safe and reliable operational condition.

B. City – Mill Building Survey

Part of our purchase agreement with Classic Auto Mill is for the City to conduct the survey to create the new parcel. Fleis & Vandenbrink, our engineering firm of record, is also working with Classic Auto Mill to complete the environmental work. They can begin work on the survey at the end of this week. The survey is necessary to keep the sale of the Mill property moving along, and once completed, we can close on the property.

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Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

- May 06, 2026 – Planning Commission
- **May 12, 2026 – City Council – 7:00pm**
- May 13, 2026 – DDA/BRA/TIFA – 7:30am
- May 13, 2026 – Parks & Trees – 4:00pm
- May 20, 2026 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm

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