

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA

Plainwell City Council

Monday, March 09, 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** – 02/23/2026 Regular Meeting
6. **Public Comments**
7. **Presentation** – Community Action of Allegan County
8. **Agenda Approval**
9. **Mayor's Report**
10. **Recommendations and Reports:**

A. City – Purchase Agreement with Plainwell Auto

Council will consider approving the sale of approximately 1 acre of real property of the parent parcel 55-030-076-01 to David Steffen for a price of \$40,000 per acre, subject to surveys, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any documents or other agreements necessary to close on the sale of the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the property subject to this motion.

B. City – Annual Flower Purchase

Council will consider approving the annual flower purchase from Zeinstra's Greenhouse in the amount of \$10,708.00.

C. City – Sewer System Lining – Naomi Street

Council will consider authorizing Plummers Environmental Services to line one manhole on Naomi Street for a total cost of \$5,600.00.

11. **Communications:** The February 2026 Investment and Fund Balance Reports.
12. **Accounts Payable - \$616,557.36**
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. City – Purchase Agreement with Plainwell Auto

Local Plainwell Auto store owner David Steffen would like to purchase approximately 1 acre of the mill property to build a new building for his business. At the January 26th council meeting, the Council voted to enter into negotiations with David to sell him one acre of land. The closing costs would be split between David and the City, and the City would pay for the survey work to create the new parcel. The purchase agreement stipulates that David has 90 days for his inspection period, which begins once the survey and title work has been completed, and that closing will take place after his site plan has been approved for the building. This ensures that he will only purchase the land if he can build his store on the property. The proposed location is in an area on the property that was cleaned up to “commercial standard” during the remediation. This means that this area can only be used for commercial development.

Recommended action: Consider approving the sale of approximately 1 acre of real property of the parent parcel 55-030-076-01 to David Steffen for a price of \$40,000 per acre, subject to surveys, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any documents or other agreements necessary to close on the sale of the property. Further authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the property subject to this motion.

B. City – Annual Flower Purchase

The DPW purchases flowers for display throughout the warmer months, and has had success working with Zeinstra’s Greenhouse. They have provided the flowers for the last several years. They begin growing the plants early in the season, allowing Plainwell to have larger, more mature plants with better blooms.

Recommended action: Consider approving the annual flower purchase from Zeinstra’s Greenhouse in the amount of \$10,708.00.

C. City – Sewer System Lining – Naomi Street

The City of Plainwell has an older sewer distribution system that needs reoccurring maintenance to stay operational. The manhole on Naomi Street has root intrusion that could start to impede the flow of the sewer. Lining this manhole will remove the existing roots and limit future root intrusion.

Recommended action: Consider authorizing Plummers Environmental Services to line one manhole on Naomi Street for a total cost of \$5,600.00.

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

- March 10, 2026 – DDA/BRA/TIFA – 7:30am
- March 10, 2026 – Parks & Trees – 4:00pm
- March 18, 2026 – Planning Commission – 6:30pm
- **March 23, 2026 – City Council – 7:00pm**

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