

**CITY OF PLAINWELL**  
**MINUTES**  
**Planning Commission**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Colingsworth
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call:  
Present: Rachel Collingsworth, Lori Steele, Jay Lawson, Stephen Bennett, Jim Higgs  
Excused: Gary Sausaman. Kevin Hammond
4. Approval of Minutes: 10/04/2023  
**Motion to approve minutes and place on file was made by Lawson and seconded by Bennett. All in favor vote. Motion passed.**
5. Chairperson's Report: None
6. New Business:  
**Motion to close the regular meeting was made by Higgs and seconded by Steele. Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Lawson and seconded by Higgs at 6:32 pm**
  - A. Public Hearing: Special Use Permit for a Cell Tower at 950 Industrial Parkway. Jason Riggs from Vertical Bridge was in attendance.  
No Public in attendance nor were any comments sent to the City Clerk.  
Discussion on the project: Higgs asked many questions regarding the size, shape, and construction of the tower. Bennett asked why Plainwell, Riggs responded it was driven by T-Mobile, the tower has the ability to add more antennas to service other cell providers and improve service in downtown Plainwell.  
**Motion to close the public hearing was made by Higgs and seconded by Steele, all in favor of closing the meeting at 6:45 p.m.**  
**Higgs motioned to approve the Special Use Permit for Vertical Bridge at the location of 950 Industrial Parkway to move to City Council for final approval. Seconded by Lawson. All in favor vote. Motion Carried.**
7. Old Business: None
8. Reports and Communications: 09/25/2023 were reviewed and placed on file.
9. Public Comments: None
10. Staff Comments: Siegel, Community Development Manager provided an update on the new businesses opening in November.
11. Commissioner Comments:  
Higgs inquired about the 610/640 Jersey St. property for sale now.  
Lawson inquired about an ordinance the city has for downtown property.
12. Adjournment: Colingsworth adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.