

**PLAINVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday May 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Holm called the Regular Plainview City Council meeting to order on Tuesday May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members in attendance: Keith Holm, Holly Reeve, Brandon Bauman, and Lindsay Hammer Bartley.

Council Members absent: Don Kuschel.

Department Heads in attendance: City Administrator David Todd, Finance Director Vicki Axley, City Clerk Carol Kujath, Deputy Clerk Kayla Hall, Police Chief Jason Timm, Public Works Director Shane Loftus, and Fire Chief Mike Lyons.

Department Heads absent: Library Director Alice Henderson.

Guests in attendance: Brian Malm with Bolton & Menk, Chris Hahn with CEDA, Mike Morath, and Richard Johnson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Mike Morath – 50500 Co Rd 4 Plainview Township and former Plainview Business Owner – Showed gratitude towards The Plainview American Legion helping the families hit by the tornado devastation. Appreciate it more that you will ever know. Frustration with the city for applying for the grant for flooding, when Plainview was not truly affected by the flooding....city should consider flying both the old and new flag like the City of Elgin....

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Reeve, second by Hammer Bartley to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Bauman, second by Holm to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A. City Council Minutes – April 14, 2026

B. Bills

C. Permits/Licenses/Donations

1. Chicken Permit – Aaron & Sue Nelson

2. Chicken Permit – Dustin Mussell and Wendy Schneider

3. Chicken Permit – Gary and Wendy Schneider

4. Loudspeaker Permit – Plainview American Legion – May 16, 2026

D. Department Head Reports and Board Minutes

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

7. NEW BUSINESS –

A. 2026 Concrete Bids for Sidewalk Replacement –

Public Works Director Shane Loftus explained to the Council that each year the City replaces sidewalks with tripping hazards or sidewalks that are failing along with some sections of curb if they are causing an issue. The City generates \$26,500 in sidewalk fees and budgets an additional \$28,500 for a total of \$55,000 in sidewalk replacement. Requests for bids were sent out, but only one bid was received.

For a standard 4 inch thick/5 ft wide sidewalk Leonard Enterprises is \$55.20 per lineal foot for removal and replacement.

Curb removal/replacement:

Type of curb	Removal	Replacement	Total
B618	\$21.60 per ft	\$78.00 per ft	\$ 99.60 per ft
B624	\$22.80 per ft	\$78.00 per ft	\$100.80 per ft
Mountable	\$21.60 per ft	\$78.00 per ft	\$ 99.60 per ft

Motion by Reeve, second by Hammer Bartley to approve the Leonard Enterprises for sidewalk/curb replacement for 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Street Maintenance –

Public Works Director Shane Loftus explained to the Council that the city spends approximately \$100,000 each year on street repair projects. This year's street repair project will be to repair an alley from 7th ST SW to 5th ST SW (2 blocks), however the cost for the two blocks is \$130,000, so this project will be split, with one block to be done this year and the other to be completed next year to stay within budget. There was some confusion in the original motion with the dollar amount of \$65,390.75 as an estimated amount. Brian Malm from Bolton & Menk explained that the motion tonight did not need a dollar amount because the request is to approve getting bids for this project. Once bids are received, a new motion will come before council with an actual amount instead of an estimated amount.

Motion by Hammer Bartley, second by Bauman to approve getting bids and replacing an alley for an estimated \$65,390.75.

Amended motion by Reeve, second by Bauman to approve getting bids and replacing an alley.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. 2026 CEDA Contract Addendum –

Chris Hahn from CEDA came before Council with a recommendation from the EDA to approve an addendum to the 2026 CEDA Contract to include an additional 96 hours for the time Allison Whalen uses for REV Program and modification of the Toolkit. It was noted that the EDA confirmed funding exists in the budget for the additional hours with the hourly rate of \$71.68 for a total of \$6,881.28. The EDA approved this recommendation on a 7-0 vote at their April 21, 2026, meeting.

Motion by Holm, second by Hammer Bartley to approve 2026 CEDA Contract Addendum to include an additional 96 hours (REV Program & Toolkit).

D. Full-Time Police Officer Hire –

Police Chief Jason Timm came before Council informed the Council that Officer Aaron Stoning accepted a Chief of Police position with the City of Grand Meadow. With Stoning's departure the Plainview Police Department has a vacancy for one full-time

officer. Chief Timm requested approval for the vacancy to be filled by Odessa Ward, a part-time officer who is already trained and prepared to transition into a full-time position. Ward's starting wage would be set at \$30.67 per hour, in accordance with the current union contract.

Motion by Reeve, second by Holm to approve Odessa Ward as a full-time police officer. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Petition for Alley Vacation within the Chas Posz Subdivision and Setting the Public Hearing –

The City received a petition to vacate a portion of the alley and preserve the utility easement that runs concurrent to the north property line from a majority of the property owners along the alley, of Block 11 of the Chas Posz Subdivision. Per Minnesota Statute 412.851 a public hearing pursuant to the request for vacation is required. The city validated the petition of landowners abutting the alley proposed to be vacated. Notifications will be mailed out along with a publication of the public hearing which has been set for June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Plainview City Hall.

Motion by Bauman, second by Reeve to approve Resolution 2026-10 declaring the sufficiency of the petition for vacation of the alley in the Chas Posz Subdivision and setting a public hearing.

9. INFORMATION ONLY DOCUMENTS –

- A. **Spring Clean-Up** – May 30, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Public Works Director Shane Loftus is still looking for a couple council members to volunteer to help with the clean-up.
- B. **Grant for Pool Memberships** – In 2024, the PEM Foundation approached the city about a grant opportunity that would help fund pool memberships for PEM District families. The city was awarded \$20,000 in 2024, \$10,000 in 2025, and \$5,400 for the 2026 pool season. These grant funds will be used for discounted family, and single season passes for PEM District students and their families. With the grant funds applied, family passes will be \$105 and individual passes will be \$65. The discounts for memberships directly reflect the amount of grant funds the city was awarded. The City of Plainview gratefully acknowledges the PEM Foundation for their investment in the PEM community through this grant.
- C. **DNR Letter of Appreciation to the Plainview Fire Department** – The Plainview Fire Department received a letter of appreciation from the MN DNR for their response to an incident on Monday March 30, 2026, when a conservation officer was injured in the Whitewater Wildlife Management Area. The DNR greatly values partnerships with the first responders and public safety agencies in the area. The DNR thanked the highly trained, dedicated professionals from the Plainview Fire and Rescue that willingly responded to the call, and for their partnership during this incident. Council applauded the Fire Department for the job well done during this incident.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT –

-Hammer Bartley – The Envision Plainview Group will have the final Spark Session, which is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at the Plainview Public Library, to showcase the tool kit that the EDA has been working on for the last year. The EDA is partnering with Kindling, owned by

Shantelle Speedling, to be a consultant serving as an entrepreneur navigator focused on working with start-up businesses and directing them to the resources available through the EDA. Envision Plainview forwarded the initiative. The tool kit for entrepreneurs is on the EDA website. The meeting will also showcase the new business spaces at the library, which can be reserved to be used as a private space to conduct interviews or a space to get work done.

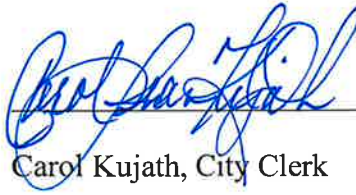
-Holm – Shantelle Speedling's wages will be covered by a grant that was already awarded with enough funds to get through the end of 2026. At that time will need to re-evaluate.

11. ADJOURN –

Motion by Hammer Bartley, second by Holm to adjourn the Plainview City Council meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



Keith Holm, Mayor



Carol Kujath, City Clerk