

**Plainview City Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday September 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Mayor Holm called the Plainview City Council Special Meeting to order on Wednesday September 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Council Members absent: None.

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

Department Heads Absent: None.

Guests in attendance: None.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** -Motion by Kuschel, second by Reeve to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2027 Preliminary Levy and Stetting the 2026 Truth in Taxation Hearing – Resolution 2026-20 –

Minnesota Statute 275.065 Subdivision 1(a) requires that each year, cities shall adopt the preliminary tax levy for taxes payable the following year and certify it to the county auditor by September 30th. This proposed levy establishes a “ceiling” for the tax levy and allows the City the opportunity to reduce the levy after the ceiling is set until final certification in December. The City’s past practice has been to establish the preliminary levy in September, as required by State Statute, and then work through the details of that budget in October and November when we have property valuation numbers from Wabasha County, as well as more accurate numbers on any insurance increases, economic factors etc. The final budget is then presented for council approval at the December Truth in Taxation meeting. At this point, the total levy amount can be reduced from the preliminary levy set, but it cannot be set any higher.

Staff have been working on the draft budget for several months. An ongoing review of each department’s operating and capital budgets will take place during October and November which will give the Council time to review, ask questions, discuss, and make changes as they see necessary. The CIP and final budget will be considered for final adoption by the City Council in December after the Truth in Taxation hearing. It has been determined that the Preliminary 2027 levy should be set at \$3,306,892. This amount reflects an increase from the 2026 levy in the amount of \$210,992 or 6.82%. There was discussion regarding the library budget as well as the Capital Improvement Fund versus the General Fund. Holm also stated he would like to see the donation request letter from the Plainview Community Center as it is a point of

contention. He also stated, "there are other things that are a waste." Holm would like Council to receive the line-item detail of the budget for each department. Holm would like to compare the library budget with the City of Wabasha's library budget. Councilmember Reeve requested that if the budget committee meets and goes over line-item by line-item she would like to see the recommendation from the City's professional staff and in comparison, the recommendation of the budget committee to see those differences. Reeve stated she "...values the information from the professional staff, who are trained, educated, and experienced, making this their life of working in the field."

Motion by Reeve, second by Hammer Bartley to approve Resolution 2026-20, setting the 2027 preliminary tax levy at \$3,306,892 and setting the Truth in Taxation hearing date for December 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Plainview City Hall, 241 W Broadway. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **ADJOURN-** Motion by Bauman, second by Reeve to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Keith Holm, Mayor



Carol Kujath, City Clerk