

**PLAINVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday April 14, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Holm called the Regular Plainview City Council meeting to order on Tuesday April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members in attendance: Keith Holm, Holly Reeve, Brandon Bauman, Lindsay Hammer Bartley, 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, Police Chief Jason Timm, and Public Works Director Shane Loftus.

Department Heads absent: Library Director Alice Henderson and Fire Chief Mike Lyons.

Guests in attendance: Mike Bubany with David Drown Associates, Brian Malm with Bolton & Menk, Steve Sawyer, and Richard Johnson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

-Steve Sawyer – 740 2nd St. NW – Sawyer thanked Council for adding the flag policy to the agenda. Stated he believes there is a lot of history with the old flag and would like to see council pass the policy to display the old version of the Minnesota state flag as the City of Zumbrota and other rural communities did.

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

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

A. City Council Minutes – March 10, 2026, and March 23, 2026

B. Bills

C. Permits/Licenses/Donations

- a. Gambling Permit – St. Joachim’s Fall Festival – September 19-20, 2026.
- b. Loudspeaker Permit – St. Joachim’s Fall Festival – September 19-20, 2026.
- c. Liquor Temporary On-Sale Permit – St. Joachim’s Fall Festival – September 19-20, 2026.
- d. Chicken Permit – Katie Roberts located at 810 4th Ave SW.

D. Department Head Reports and Board Minutes

E. Road Closure Request – PEM Senior Parade – May 22, 2026, from 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

F. Plainview Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

6. OLD BUSINESS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Budget Amendments– Resolution 2026-08 –

In order to be compliant on the annual audit, the city is required to review actual revenues and expenses compared to the budgeted numbers each year to determine if we anticipate any function or program to be less than originally budgeted for revenues or higher than originally budgeted for expenses. The State of MN only requires that cities note the reasons for amending the city budget and adopt the amendments for the general governmental funds in a resolution.

The City's budget amendments show an increase in total revenues in the amount of \$375,757 and a decrease in total expenditures in the amount of \$252,628. Revenue increases include FEMA GO grant for the Fire Department SCBA purchase, an increase in Police & Fire State Aid, Fire Relief Association gambling funds donations, and continued higher interest rates for bank accounts and investments. Expenditure decreases include the 2023 Street Project timing and how much of the project was completed in 2025, moving a Public Works truck purchase to 2026, as well as some decreases in property/liability insurance premiums, fewer fire calls and related expenses and less snow removal and related expenses. It was noted that no cash reserves will be used and no increase in tax levies to be paid in the current fiscal year due to the proposed budget amendments.

Motion by Hammer Bartley, second by Reeve to approve Resolution 2026-08, approving 2025 Budget Amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Series 2026A General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds – Resolution 2026-09

Plainview City Council awarded two contracts for the elevated water storage projects at the October 14, 2025, Council meeting. The projects are rehabilitating the existing 500,000-gallon storage tank in the amount of \$663,650 to Tankez Coatings Inc. of Fort Worth, TX and construction of a new 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank in the amount of \$2,890,000 to Maguire Iron, Inc. of Sioux Falls, SD. The City has chosen to finance a portion of this project using GO Water Utility Revenue Bonds, with the remaining portion of the project being paid with cash from the Water Fund. The Council approved Resolution 2026-07 which provided for the competitive negotiated sale of \$3,650,000 General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A. The City of Plainview has a good credit rating. They were able to resize the bond to \$3,495,000, instead of the \$3,650,000, as estimated. Mike Bubany from David Drown was present to answer any questions from Council. Mayor Holm voiced that he will not be voting in favor of this resolution because at a meeting last fall the Council was told the cost would be \$2,890,000 and how that would affect the City going forward twenty years and the City would have plenty of money in the reserves to cover this, and now we are bonding for 3,600,000 and it shows the City of Plainview's reserves going down.

Motion by Holm, second by Bauman to approve Resolution 2026-09 authorizing the

issuance and awarding the sale of *\$3,650,000 General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A.

Aye: Reeve, Hammer Bartley, and Bauman

Nay: Holm and Kuschel

Motion carried 3-2

(*with the resizing of the bond the actual amount for Resolution 2026-09 is \$3,495,000.)

C. 2026 Dodge Durango Purchase

Plainview Police Chief Jason Timm came before Council requesting approval for the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Durango at a state bid price of \$38,432.00 from Dodge of Burnsville. Funds were allocated for this purchase in the CIP in the amount of \$54,000. The cost to outfit the new squad car has been estimated at approximately \$23,000 which includes equipment and labor. These costs will be covered by the remaining \$15,568 from the CIP budget, with the balance of \$7,500 funded through Public Safety Aid.

Motion by Kuschel, second by Hammer Bartley to approve the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Durango AWD V6 on state bid from Dodge of Burnsville, MN, in the amount of \$38,432 and \$23,000 from the Public Safety Aid for outfitting costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Bolton & Menk Pay Estimate No. 1 – Maguire Iron, Inc. –

Brian Malm with Bolton & Menk brought forward Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$184,266.21 to Maguire Iron, Inc. for the 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank project. This pay estimate is for some preliminary work, bonds and insurance, some initial site work, mobilization, and stored materials. The pay estimate request was reviewed by staff. Staff recommended approval of the pay estimate request.

Motion by Reeve, second by Holm to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 from Bolton & Menk to Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$184,266.21 for the 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank project.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. 2026 Summer Hires – Public Works –

Each year Public Works hires seasonal employees to assist with mowing, trimming, watering flowers, cleaning parks, and other needed tasks each summer. The seasonal employees help take care of parks and flowers on the weekends, to alleviate overtime for full-time employees.

The wages are as follows:

Nathan Elias - \$16.07 per hour

Rex Jones - \$15.45 per hour

Kayden Kasten - \$15.00 per hour

Motion by Holm, second by Bauman to approve the hire of Nathan Elias, Rex Jones, and Kayden Kasten for summer help for Plainview Public Works Department, pending background check and drug screening.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Greenwood Cemetery 3-Year Mowing Contract –

Public Works Director Shane Loftus sent out request for bids for the mowing of the Greenwood Cemetery and received two bids back. The request was for a three (3) year contract.

<u>Company:</u>		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Brenhoffer Lawn and Snow	Mowing:	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 650
	Trimming:	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 650
Henderson Lawn and Snow	Mowing:	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
	Trimming:	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350

Motion by Reeve, second by Kuschel to approve Aaron Brenhoffer Lawn and Snow for a 3-year contract to mow and trim the Greenwood Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. 2027 Snowplow Truck Purchase –

Public Works Director Shane Loftus came before Council requesting approval for the purchase of a chassis and to lock in the price for the 2027 Snowplow Truck. Loftus explained that it now takes about a year and a half to get a plow truck built. A plow truck purchase is scheduled and budgeted for in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2027. It was noted that the warranty on the truck does not start until the truck goes into service. Once the 2027 truck is in service, the plan is to put the old plow truck on auction to recoup some of the cost of the new plow truck. The chassis for the 2027 truck is \$129,641.61 and the equipment is \$164,120.07 for a total of \$293,761.68 which is over the budgeted \$240,000 in the CIP. Holm asked if there needed to be any monies put down to lock in the price. Loftus was unsure and was going to check on that.

Motion by Bauman, second by Reeve to approve the purchase of the chassis for \$129,641.61 and lock in the price for the equipment for \$164,120.07 for the 2027 plow truck.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. 2025 Brush Chipping –

Each year the City's brush pile needs to be chipped. This is a budgeted expense. Valdes Lawn Snow Landscape was the low bid.

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Mobilization:</u>	<u>Chipping Cost:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Valdes	\$2,050.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$10,550.00
YTS	\$3,600.00	\$13,200.00	\$16,800.00

There are local farmers that will use the chips as bedding for their animals, so the city will not need to pay to have Valdes haul away the chipping, which will save thousands of dollars. Residents are also welcome to the chipping to use for mulch if desired.

Motion by Kuschel, second by Hammer Bartley to approve Valdes Lawn Snow Landscape to chip the bush pile for \$10,550.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

I. Minnesota State Flag Policy–

Plainview resident Steve Sawyer came before Council at the March 10, 2026, meeting encouraging Council to consider flying the old Minnesota State Flag, and to take down

the new Minnesota State flag. It was noted that other jurisdictions have chosen to fly an older version of the state flag. The State of Minnesota has adopted a new state flag design based on a report from the State Emblems Redesign Commission, established in 2023, as the new official state flag of Minnesota. Minnesota State Statute 1.141 effectively sets guidelines for flying the state flag on all state properties, including the State of Minnesota Capital grounds. However, State Statute does not mandate adoption of the new state flag by counties or municipalities, thus allowing local governments to set their own policies regarding the display of the Minnesota State flag. A lengthy discussion took place. Hammer Bartley applauded Plainview resident Steve Sawyer for being passionate about this, however, did not share the same beliefs as Sawyer, and does not believe the new flag should be taken down. Reeve believed that it is the Council's duty to be accurate and even though there is sentimental value to the old flag, she does not want to do disservice to the community by showing that the council is opposed to progress. Reeve mentioned the idea of giving out the old flags to the legion to hand out to residents that would like to continue to fly the old version. Mayor Holm did not agree with flying the new state flag and was in favor of flying the old version of the state flag. Bauman believed this was a nonissue.

Motion by Bauman, second by Holm to formally adopt a flag policy for the city of Plainview, to open the discussion.

Motion by Reeve, second by Hammer Bartley to formally adopt a flag policy for the City of Plainview to continue to display the new Minnesota Stat flag adopted in 2024.

Aye: Reeve, Hammer Bartley

Nay: Holm, Bauman, and Kuschel

Motion failed.

Motion by Brandon, second by Kuschel to formally adopt a flag policy for the City of Plainview to display the older version of the Minnesota State Flag.

Aye: Holm, Bauman, and Kuschel

Nay: Reeve and Hammer Bartley

Motion carried 3-2.

8. INFORMATION ONLY DOCUMENTS –

- A. **Spring Clean-Up** – City of Plainview's Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday May 30, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Public Works Director Shane Loftus is looking for a couple of Council Members to volunteer to help with the Spring Clean-Up.

9. COUNCIL COMMENT – None

10. ADJOURN –

Motion by Kuschel, second by Hammer Bartley to adjourn the Plainview City Council meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Keith Holm, Mayor



Carol Kujath, City Clerk