

**Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Plankinton City Council**

June 1st, 2026, Meeting Minutes of the
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The Plankinton City Council met on June 1st, 2026, for a regular meeting.

Members present included Mayor Carl Bode, Council members Jim Nielsen, DeEtte Bohr, Magdalena Popek-Hurst, Terry Schuldt, Amber Green, and Nathan DeGeest via zoom.

Finance Officer Cindy Geiman and Maintenance Superintendent Darin Cranny were among the city employees present.

Among the visitors present were Lezlie Larsen, Rodney Faulhaber and Brad Green.

Also present was JP Studeny, representing the South Dakota Mail.

Mayor Bode called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Bode asked Finance Officer Cindy Geiman to summarize the roll call. Cindy stated, "That all members and the mayor are present with Nathan DeGeest via Zoom, we have a quorum."

AGENDA

Mayor Bode wanted to add the 250th and Plankinton 145th at the end of old business. Council member Nielsen would like to add the Sanborn Street and sewer project completion. Council member Green would also like to add the pool and bikes/scooters. Mayor Bode suggested adding that to the end of New Business, after the Community Calendar. It was also suggested to move Sanborn Street to the end of Old Business. Councilmember Popek-Hurst made a motion to approve the amended agenda, and Schuldt seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

JUNK VEHICLES/PROPERTY HEARING

Councilmember Popek-Hurst and Nielsen reported that 3 vehicles are due for letters. One is at 206 Davenport Street, where a black jeep has been left on the side of the property and has not moved for 90 days. The second is at 202 W State Street, where a silver Honda has expired plates from 2024. The last is at 609 N Main, where a green Ford has not moved for over 90 days.

Councilmember Bohr moved to allow the finance officer to proceed with sending the letters to those three occupants, with Green seconding. All voted aye, the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nielsen made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included bills to pay, a review of past-due bills, approval of minutes, and Building Permits for Troy Iedema and for Michael and Annette McReynolds. Popek-Hurst seconded the motion. All voted Aye, motion passed.

BILLS TO PAY

PAYROLL- 4-8-26-\$7932.52; A&B BUSINESS- COMPUTER SOFTWARE/IT-\$774.54; AFLAC- VOL. INSURANCE-\$283.39; AURORA BRULE WATER- WATER PURCHASE-\$7649.50; AURORA COUNTY AUDITOR- ½ LAW CONTRACT-\$39831.00; AVERA HEALTH PLANS- HEALTH INSURANCE-\$2352.58; BARRY GEIMAN-CDL MILEAGE PLUS FEE; BELL BANK- MINI EXCAVATOR-\$919.42; BORDER STATES- ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES-\$2616.11; BOYD ELECTRIC- 7 HOURS TRENCHER- \$105.00; CENTRAL ELECTRIC- BALL FIELD POLES- \$1755.96; CNH CAPITAL-SKIDELoader- \$959.11; CORE AND MAIN-FLEXNET MICROTRANSRECEIVER-\$482.32; DAN GEIMAN- CDL PLUS MILEAGE-\$75.80; DARIN CRANNY- CDL-\$45.00; DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY-POWER PURCHASE-\$17837.60; DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE- SALES TAX-\$4662.22; FARMERS AND MERCHANTS- PAYROLL FEES-\$7.50; FARMERS AND MERCHANTS- POOL START UP CASH-\$100.00; FARMER AND MERCHANTS- UTILITY FEES- \$14.30; FARMERS AND MERCHANTS-PAYROLL FEES-\$7.50; GOLDEN WEST-PHONE UTILITIES-\$499.43; GUARDIAN- LIFE,STD, LTD-\$291.56; HEARTLAND-POWER PURCHASE-

\$22757.31; HEATLAND- METER LOAN #1-\$1241.68; HEARTLAND- METER LOAN #2-\$1241.68; HELENA- CUSTOM ROUNDUP-\$700.00; HOMETOWN HEALTH-PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING-\$220.00; IRBY- DAKOTA GROWERS SUPPLIES-\$2120.00; IRS- PAYROLL TAXES-\$2627.87; J&D CONTRACTING- 3* MOWING-\$4500.00; JIM NIELSEN- ICC REIMBURSTMENT-\$141.40; L&L SANTIATION- CLEAN UP DAY-\$1389.52; L&L SANITAION-REGULAR SERVICE-\$110.00; MC&R POOLS- PAINT FOR POOL-\$1421.88; MENARDS- POOL SUPPLIES-\$436.90; PAYROLL- 5-22-26-PAYROLL-\$8426.99; PLANKINTON DEVELOPMENT-\$15000.00; PLANKINTON AMBULANCE-\$5000.00; PLANKINTON LUMBER- SUPPLIES-\$226.96; RESCO- DAKOTA GROWERS ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT-\$511.89; RESCO- CONNECTION PLUG ELEC. SUPPLIES-\$403.92; ROADSIDE- FUEL- \$532.13; RON'S MARKET-WATER PURCHASE-\$53.81; SAVANNA PALLETS-WOODCHIPS-\$3080.00; SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB- BOOKS-\$178.77; SD ASSN RURAL WATER-LEAK DETECTION RV PARK-\$125.00; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-WATER TESTING-\$40.00 SD DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION- FUEL-\$1256.11; SD RETIREMENT- RETIREMENT-\$2650.98; SOUTH DAKOTA 811; MESSAGE FEES-\$10.50; SOUTH DAKTOA MAIL- PUBLISHING-\$2664.84; SOUTH EAST TOURISM ASSN- MEMBERSHIP DUES-\$275.00; STICKNEY REPAIRE-LAWN MOWER PARTS-\$470.80; SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT-\$498.52; TOSHIBA-HS/SURFACE-\$131.80; VISA- SUPPLIES-\$3129.31; VISION- INSURANCE-\$114.23; WEALTH MANAGEMENT- WATER METER LOANS-\$6634.92; WEALTH MANAGEMENT-SEWER LOANS-\$24443.76.

BUILDING PERMITS

Troy Idema is building an addition at 108 S. Vine Street- South ½ lot 3 and all lots 4 and 5, block 5, Walling's addition. Michael and Annette McReynolds are installing a hot tub in an enclosed gazebo at 108 E 2nd, Lot 3 through 6, block 2, Central Addition.

LIQUOR LICENSES HEARING

Roadside C-Store and Gloria Gates with Paisley Park RV. While going over the applications, it was noted that Gloria Gates did not have a sales tax license. Mayor Bode inquired of Lara Cunningham in the Department of Revenue's Liquor Division that it is not considered a valid application without a sales tax license. Mayor Bode can't justify considering the application from Gloria Gates based on not having a sales tax license. Roadside C-Store: Are there any comments or concerns about Roadside's Application? Nielsen made a motion to accept the Roadsides off- sale license application. Schult seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nielsen asked Superintendent Darin Cranny whether they use sick and vacation time as comp time. Cranny stated no, that's just the vacation time and sick leave. Comp time is a use-it-or-lose-it time. Councilmember Bohr just doesn't want to see that, in the last two weeks of December, everyone decides to use their comp time, leaving no one here. Another point was made about capping comp time and determining how long they must use it before they lose it altogether. A discussion was held on how it would work. It was discussed that the council would table this until budgeting time, beginning at the end of the year. Finance Officer Cindy was instructed to review how GWorks handles comp time and have that information ready for budgeting time.

SANBORN STREET

Rodney Faulhaber addressed the use of Sanborn Street as a truck route by removing the stop signs and turning them into yield signs. Rodney was under the impression that the council voted to change the signs around so it would be a straight shot for him on Sanborn Street. Rodney Faulhaber asked the council why the signs were not changed. Nielsen told Rodney that they dropped the ball. And Rodney said that our Sanborn truck route isn't properly built to handle 80,000-pound trucks because we need at least 6 inches of asphalt, which we do not have. Rodney said he respects what the city does, but he wants to respect the roads. Nielsen says it would cost around \$ 650,000 just to get Sanborn Street into compliance to support that level of use. Councilmember Popek-Hurst

suggested reaching out to road experts and getting a third opinion. Rodney said the DOT recommends 6-8 inches for trucks to travel on. Mayor Bode suggested that the street department, Schuldt and Popek-Hurst, do their research and get back to the council.

250TH ANNIVERSARY, 145TH ANNIVERSARY AND SPIRITFEST

Councilmember Popek-Hurst wanted to clarify the dates for the alumni event (June 27th), Spirit Fest (August 8th), the 250th USA Anniversary, and Plankinton's 145th Anniversary. On Friday of last week, Pam Vissia asked if they could hold an alumni parade on June 27th, and then that same night, Josh Cullen called Mayor Bode to ask if they could hold a parade on July 4th. Alumni will have their parade on June 27th. Lezlie Larsen mentioned that we are not doing anything on July 4th because most of the community leaves town.

Lezlie Larsen wanted to give an update on Spirit Fest, which is on August 8th. The goal is for the Spirit Fest to be an annual event, much like Pheasant Fest was. The senior class is planning on doing a pancake feed from 8 to 10. Lezlie is organizing a craft and vendor fair. Blessing Repeated is planning on doing a Farmers Market. Working on doing a car show with 3 awards. A pickleball tournament. 145th City Celebration that morning. The afternoon is the pool party. Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks for the kids. After the pool event, they are hoping to bring people downtown to the community supper, maybe fireworks (weather permitting). Lezlie has talked to Clint, and Clint will have to have a conversation with the council to obtain event insurance.

HR SCHOOL/FINANCE OFFICER

Finance Officer Cindy Geiman presented to the council that Deputy Finance Officer Kyanna Huff is unable to work on the 11th and 12th. So, Cindy wanted to know what the council would like to do. She can come back and work the 11th or 12th, or close the city office on those two days. Cindy mentioned that all the phones would be transferred to her, and that she would have her laptop available in case anyone needs help. Green made a motion to allow Finance Officer Cindy to continue attending classes and to close the office. Nielsen seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion passed.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Lezlie Larsen wanted to ask if we could publish the event on our webpage, Facebook, and maybe send out mass communication. Finance Officer Cindy jumped to the community calendar of events. Many people have inquired about putting a community calendar on the City Website. Either having links to the events themselves or having a PDF link. So, the brochure of the event is available as a PDF. Cindy spoke with Rochelle with Regarding Cards and asked how much it would cost. Rochelle responded that there will be no extra charge to publish that. Just need to get that information to her so she can get it on the website. Finance officer Cindy was instructed to find out about our Southeast Tourism membership and see if we could advertise in it as well.

DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER BANK SIGNATURE CARD

Mayor Bode is seeking the council's approval to add Kyanna to the Bank's City Accounts signature card. Nielsen moved to approve Kyanna's access to sign for the city at the Bank. Popek-Hurst seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT III

Finance Officer Cindy Geiman stated that we received a letter for the renewal of the Planning & Development District III. They need a statement of extension to fill out if we plan to be a member. This program helps us with our grants. In December of 2026, they will send us an invoice for \$ 1,409.00 for the year 2027, payable by February 15, 2027. Popek-Hurst made a motion to approve the mayor to sign the Statement of Extension. Green seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT

Finance Officer Cindy Geiman summarized a letter we received concerning the forestry grant we applied for. It was to inform the council that we received the grant funding of \$ 1,186 grant with no match. There are a few paper hoops we must jump through first before planting begins. This is also designated for the Cemetery. Popek-Hurst instructed Finance Officer Cindy to see if it will be for spring or fall planting.

RAILROAD

Councilmember Nielsen got a hold of Adam, the Project Forman with the railroad company. Adam suggested that the council write a letter to the railroad so it's on their minutes that we urgently need our crossing in the town of Plankinton fixed. The railroad commission decided that one of our tracks was not used enough, and the two were not as much in disrepair as the ones they chose. So our tracks were not selected for repair this year.

SEWER PROJECT

Nielsen asked Superintendent Darin Cranny if we are done with H&W and SPN regarding the sewer line. Camden from SPN texted Darin and said that seeders are planning to be here this week if they can find some dry dirt to plant the grass in. Violets are going to be planted in the next couple of weeks. Then the asphalt work will involve grinding out the notches and patching them back in. Superintendent Darin said not to hold that to him; they were supposed to be back in April, and it's a couple months past.

POOL

The boys' bathroom needs a shower head, and Nathan moved the bike rack and put a picnic table in its place. There were no incident forms out there for injury or discipline reports. So, Councilmember Green put together an incident form for the council to look at. The lifeguards also requested a new hose nozzle and a new thermometer for the pool. And lifeguards need whistles. Sunscreen and bug spray are out of date. There are products we didn't have in our first-aid kit that are being donated by Hometown Family Health. Such as nasal sprays for kids with seizure issues or diabetic supplies for kids who are diabetic. Representatives from Hometown Family Health said to contact them if they need anything from the first-aid kit, as they may be able to get it at a lower cost. The council wanted Hometown and the Ambulance to know how much they appreciated all they had done for the pool.

BIKES/SCOOTERS

Councilmember Green has received many complaints from concerned citizens about the bikes and electric scooters around town. Especially on the sidewalks of Main Street. She is also concerned about these children not wearing helmets and suggests having a helmet ordinance. Councilmember Bohr suggested going in with the sheriff's office and posting the rules on the Facebook pages. Many council members agreed to post our Bicycle ordinance on our Facebook page and asked the Sheriff's office to do the same.

REPORTS

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

I cleaned up the area where we had clean-up days and added 4 buckets of gravel.

We had a problem with the skid loader, but Case came and repaired it this month. I had some cemetery work.

We spread out the wood chips we got. We have a little more work to do there, but it's mainly done.

I got called out at 10 pm a week ago or so for a lift station problem. I got it going that night and Chance and I fixed it the next day.

I did a little at the ballfields. Chance and Barry have taken care of most things there. The rest of my month has been at the pool. I built a new treated ramp instead of using composite lumber. I was worried about composite being too slippery when wet, so I did treated and carpet. A major amount of cleaning is going on. After the windstorm we had, the whole bottom was dirt. Of course, our vacuum quit the next day. It took too long to get parts; now it's a rush to get clean. I've basically been constantly working up there all month, besides a few things here and there mentioned above.

ELECTRICAL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

No outages this month. We did have one phase of a service go bad after hours. I fixed it the best I could at the time. We ended up trenching a new line in to move the service to the house. Waiting on the Homeowner to get their part done as they want to replace their panel on the inside.

Barry and I worked quite a bit at the ballfields. We moved the west field lights in closer to the fence, we moved the scoreboard in as well, and we helped dig and set the new flagpole. We took down the old poles and lights on the West and the East fields. Dug the new hole for the teener field flagpole, which I think they will pour this weekend, and we will help set the new flagpole next week. I came in one night to adjust the lights on the west field after we moved them. The side poles and lights should be replaced next year. They are rotted out at the top, and the crossarms the lights are on are also in tough shape.

I have been working on getting pricing to replace them and contacted the school and summer rec to see if they would be able to chip in to help cover the costs, since the school uses this field for high school softball.

Barry did some spraying at the ballfields and dump sites. I did quite a bit at the cemetery and parks. I did some round up on Wednesday at the ballfields, senior citizens, city hall, and around the shop.

Dan, Barry, and I went out to the cemetery and filled holes in the week before Memorial Day. There is a huge pile of memorial flowers that have been accumulating in the shed at the cemetery. Are we able to get a dumpster and get rid of them or what does the council want to do with them? I will get pictures of it.

Barry and I painted the pool couple of weeks ago.

We worked on some of our trenches that have settled on some of the projects we worked on this year and last year.

Pulled our 3-phase wire in from our switch by the AC museum to the junction box North. Will start working on terminations soon. We had to order some special tools to do our 600-amp terminations as we haven't had to do any yet since I've been here.

Most of my time has been spent at ballfields getting everything ready out there along with Barry. Will help Darin do street work soon, then we will start getting more underground buried. Not sure when we will start at the elevator as nothing has started there yet, but once they are ready, we will move over to do that as a priority.

FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT

1st week: After our weekly meeting, I did payroll, and then we had a council meeting that night. I did minutes, sent them to Carl and then to the Mail office, and posted them on Friday. We didn't have any shut-offs to do after a few phone calls; they came up with the money. Did a few reports here and there. Paid bills on Friday, ready for Monday. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I did a deposit.

During the 2nd week, we had our weekly staff meeting. I had to file sales tax this week. I completed the monthly reports for Chance and Darin. I paid the city utility bills. I spent a lot of time on the phone with IT, either for GWorks or A&B Business, getting Kyanna's computer ready so she could start learning right away. I was gone Tuesday morning but back by 12:30. I had a lot of cemetery questions and customers this week. I get the mail every day and make a deposit every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. I worked on the pool stuff to finish my end. I went to the bank and got cash for the pool cash box, so that is ready.

3rd week: Kyanna started on the 18th. I trained her for two full days on processing check and cash payments so she would feel comfortable before my appointment with Barry in Sioux Falls on the 20th. Past-due notices went out on the 21st, and I also completed payroll on Monday, the 18th.

During the 4th Week, we had Monday off for Memorial Day. We made a deposit on Thursday because we billed the same day. I let Kyanna follow along for training. On Friday the 29th, Barry had another Cardiovascular appointment in Sioux Falls, so Kyanna was by herself. I took my computer along in case she had questions. I still have the program on my computer that lets me access hers as long as I have Wi-Fi. This will come in handy in June for HR/Finance Officer School.

MAYORS REPORT

Helped with the City-Wide Cleanup on May 2. We had a very good turn-out and the dumpsters filled up quickly in only a couple hours. Due to various issues, we will likely move the cleanup drop-off by the West RU site for next year.

Worked with Mr. Taylor and the SD Mail for the ad wording in the paper for the third Off-Sale Liquor License notice and the steps to take for reviewing and approving the applications.

We welcomed Kyanna as our new Deputy Finance Officer on May 18.

I plan to attend the Aurora County Highway Department public meeting on Thur, June 4, at 1:00 for the first draft of the 5-year highway and bridge improvement plan.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Green made a motion to adjourn, Bohr seconded the motion. All vote aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

CITY OF PLANKINTON

Mayor, Carl Bode

ATTEST:

Cindy Geiman