

**Special Meeting Minutes of the
Plankinton City Council**
August 24th, 2026, Meeting Minutes of the
Plankinton City Council

The Plankinton City Council met on August 24th, 2026, for a special meeting. Members present included Mayor Carl Bode, Council members Jim Nielsen, DeEtte Bohr, and Amber Green, with Terry Schuldt arriving at 6:51 PM. Member absent was Nathan DeGeest. Finance Officer Cindy Geiman, Deputy Finance Officer Kyanna Huff, and Maintenance Superintendent Darin Cranny were among city employees present.

Gayle Van Genderen, representing the South Dakota Mail, was also present.

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 Amber Green, DeEtte Bohr, Jim Nielsen and Nathan DeGeest has an excused absence. We have a quorum. “

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bode asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as printed. Nielsen moved to approve the agenda as written, with Green seconding. All voted aye; the agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

CD's RATES AND MONEY TRANSFERS

Vice President and Cashier Kelsey Hill from Farmers and Merchant State Bank put together a nice package for the city savings account and the current CDs we have there. Following is the package that Farmers and Merchants put together for the city.

As of 08/24/2026, we can offer you the following terms on your accounts:

MMDA Savings account – we will tie the rate on your MMDA to our 3-month CD board rate; the current rate is 3% (3.03% APY). This is variable and could change at any time.

CDs – our highest rate is our 15-month special. There is a \$25,000 minimum balance and the rate is 4.1% (4.15% APY). At the end of the term, this rolls into a 12-month CD, unless you choose to do something else with it.

If you must close a CD early due to an unexpected project or budget change, we will waive the early withdrawal penalty.

DeEtte moved to authorize Cindy Geiman, the finance officer, to transfer funds at her discretion between the city's checking account and money market deposit account MMDA or CDs as necessary to maximize interest earnings while maintaining sufficient funds in the checking account to meet the city's operating and cash flow needs. Seconded by Nielsen, All Voted Aye; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION OF DOT

COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM

Resolution is as follows: Roll call was taken; Green- Aye, Bohr- Aye, and Nielsen- Aye. All voted aye; resolution passed.

Resolution of Local Commitment

RESOLUTION 26-8-24

Whereas, the City of Plankinton has identified the need to improve the intersection of Main Street and Commerce Street; and

Whereas, the City of Plankinton is eligible for Department of Transportation Community Access Program funds; and

Whereas, the City of Plankinton does not have adequate funding available to complete the project without assistance;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Plankinton will seek assistance through the South Dakota Department of Transportation Community Access Program in accordance with all program requirements;

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Plankinton will be responsible for all engineering and other non-construction expenses associated with the project, and a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of all construction costs;

And Be It Further Resolved that the City of Plankinton will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs to the route after the construction of the project;

And Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor of Plankinton be authorized to execute the Community Access Program application and to sign all required pay requests, correspondence, and other documents for the proposed project on behalf of Plankinton.

Dated this 24th day of August 2026.

Signed:_____

Carl Bode, Mayor of Plankinton

ATTEST:_____

Cindy Geiman, City Finance Officer

PERMISSION FROM COUNCIL TO GRIND UP SOME CONCRETE

Superintendent Darin Cranny addressed the council on a quote he received to grind up our concrete pile. The quote was from Zacharias Construction out of Hartford. For \$6 a ton, they can provide crushed concrete. When Darin buys gravel, it is \$17 a ton delivered. That is about 1/3 of the price, and it's better than gravel. We have about \$23,000 in the general contingency fund that we basically allow for work around the railroad tracks. With the \$23,000, he can get around 3800 tons of concrete ground up. The construction company is getting other people in the area to grind the concrete up so we can split the mobilization, which is around \$6,000.00. If we spread that out, we will get more concrete crushed for our money. He told the council he would like to do more and get the whole pile down for around \$60,000 and have it on hand for a very long time. But that is the council's decision to make. A discussion was held between the council and Bohr, who made a motion to use \$23,000 from the general contingency fund

and \$47,000 from our general savings account. Superintendent Cranny monitored to ensure Zacharias stopped without exceeding 70,000. Green seconded, and all voted aye; the motion carried.

COLA (COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT)

Mayor Carl Bode informed the council that, after reviewing the codified laws and speaking with the City Attorney, Mr. Taylor, COLA doesn't qualify for an executive session.

If they were discussing one person's raise, it would qualify for an executive session. Mayor Bode had Finance Officer Cindy Geiman send a spreadsheet showing the effects of each employee's COLA rate on our budget. He hopes everyone had a chance to review the spreadsheet before the meeting. The council agreed to review the budget first with the 4% COLA to see the COLA's effects on the budget. The council tabled the COLA until after the first reading of the budget.

BUDGET FIRST READING

Finance Officer Cindy Geiman read through the revenue and expenditures of the 2027 Budget. After extensive review of the budget, we made only a few additions to the budget that weren't budgeted last year. For example, for the summer rec committee, we budgeted two truckloads of field aggregate; we also budgeted some money this year to fix some of the cemetery stones that needed work. We also increased the amount of publishing and elections because, sure enough, we are going to have an election next year. Since it's being held in November with the general election, Cindy must buy all new supplies, unlike last year, when Cindy borrowed quite a bit from the county. We are also applying for a full Community Forestry Grant, just like we did this year. Now that the council has gone through the budget, we are back on COLA. Bohr started the discussion, saying she feels employees' wages should be a little more competitive. That is why she is leaning towards the 4% increase. Green agrees. Councilmember Bohr made a motion to keep the Cost-of-Living Adjustment for the City Employees at 4%, with Green seconding the motion. All voted aye; motion carried.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT ELECTIONS

Due to the Popek-Hurst resignation at the last meeting, we have an opening for Council President. Mayor Bode opened the floor for nominations. Green nominated Bohr as Council President, and Nielsen closed nominations. Mayor Bode then called for a vote. All voted Aye, and Bohr is now Council President. We now have a vacancy for Council Vice President. Nielsen nominated Green, and Bohr closed nominations. Mayor Bode called for a vote, and all voted Aye, so Green is now Vice President.

Before we adjourn, we need a motion to approve the first reading of the 2027 budget.

Bohr moved to approve the first reading of the budget, with Green seconding. All voted aye; the motion passed.

Nielsen moved to adjourn the meeting; Bohr seconded with all voting aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

CITY OF PLANKINTON

Mayor, Carl Bode

ATTEST:

Cindy Geiman