

City of Plains Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2025

I. Call to Order

Mayor Joey Recker called the regular meeting of the Plains City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on August 21, 2025, at Plains City Hall Council Chamber.

- **Invocation:** Councilor Eugene Edge
 - **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Joey Recker
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II. Roll Call

City Clerk Cindy Bagwell conducted the roll call. The following members were present:

- Mayor Joey Recker
- Mayor Pro Tem Jackson
- Councilor Eugene Edge
- Councilor Ellen Harris
- Councilor Amy Wise
- Councilor Terry Westbury

Absent: Councilor Andrea Oates

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilor Westbury made a motion to approve the July 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Councilor Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5–0). Motion carried.

Councilor Edge made a motion to approve the July 29, 2025 called meeting minutes. Councilor Westbury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). Motion carried.

IV. Briefings

None

V. Committee Reports

Public Safety (Councilor Westbury & Councilor Edge)

Chief Johnson's Report:

- 1 Suspicious Person Call
- 1 Aggravated Battery
- 6 Traffic Citations
- 8 Traffic Warnings
- 3 Miscellaneous Investigations
- 2 Welfare Checks
- 11 Assist Agency Calls
- 2 Juvenile Problem Calls

Subdivision & Streets (Councilor Edge & Councilor Wise)

- Councilor Wise reported on signs that need to be replaced. This item will be voted on later in the meeting.
- Mayor Recker announced that Christopher George will begin work on Monday, August 25, 2025.
- Mayor Recker reported that the rock asphalt previously purchased has been used successfully and is working well. This will reduce expenses since the work can be completed in-house.

Water & Sewerage (Councilor Westbury & Councilor Oates)

- Councilor Oates is taking classes on sewage line replacement and will be leading the project..

Personnel (Councilor Wise & Councilor Harris)

- One incomplete application was received (missing a driver's license).
- Councilor Edge mentioned speaking with additional potential applicants and will follow up.

Hospitality & Public Relations (Councilor Oates & Councilor Wise)

- Councilor Wise reminded that Councilor Oates should be contacted with any news items for the Newsletter.

Industry, Trade & Tourism (Councilor Jackson & Councilor Harris)

- Councilor Jackson reported on Community Center rental rates: \$650 up front, with a \$200 refund if cleaned. If reserving a date far in advance, a \$200 deposit is required.
- Plains Inn & Antiques room rates:
 - Weekdays – Regular Rooms: \$120.61 | Presidential Suite: \$138.15
 - Weekends – Regular Rooms: \$132.27 | Presidential Suite: \$162.84

- The Boys and Girls Club will reopen on September 2, 2025. A community event is planned for September 20, 2025. They are also partnering with Preston to involve more children, and a local driver will operate the van.
- The next meeting will be held September 4, 2025.
- Councilor Harris discussed placement of porta potties for the Peanut Festival. The City Clerk will coordinate with Kim on location, preferably near vendors in the park.
- For the Peanut Festival, the City will rent two female units, two male units, one handicap unit, and one handwashing station.

Finance (Councilor Jackson & Councilor Wise)

- Councilor Jackson requested that a report of each check written monthly be placed in her folder. The City Clerk will provide this.

VI. Business Items for Approval/Discussion

1. **Ratify 2027 SPLOST Agreement**
Motion: Councilor Harris | Second: Councilor Jackson | Vote: Approved 5–0.
2. **Ratify 10% Addition to Garbage Bills for Dumpsters**
Due to Jones Sanitation's price increase, the City will increase charges by Jones' rate plus 10%.
Motion: Councilor Westbury | Second: Councilor Wise | Vote: Approved 5–0.
3. **Pine Straw in Downtown Park Area**
City workers will maintain the park with purchased pine straw instead of contracting Solomon's Landscaping.
Motion: Councilor Harris | Second: Councilor Westbury | Vote: Approved 5–0.
4. **Purchase Street Signs**
Order to be placed with EconSigns.
Motion: Councilor Wise | Second: Councilor Jackson | Vote: Approved 5–0.
5. **Moratorium Resolution**
A moratorium on zoning in the R-1 district will be effective immediately through December 15, 2025.
Motion: Councilor Harris | Second: Councilor Wise | Vote: Approved 5–0.
6. **Purchase of a New Police Car**
Purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer approved.
Motion: Councilor Harris | Second: Councilor Westbury | Vote: Approved 5–0.
7. **Purchase 10 Ceremonial Keys to the City**
Motion: Councilor Jackson | Second: Councilor Westbury | Vote: Approved 5–0. Mayor will handle ordering.
8. **Replace Roof on City Hall**
Two estimates received: Underwood Roofing (\$11,542) and S&S Roofing (\$8,320). Contract awarded to S&S Roofing.
Motion: Councilor Harris | Second: Councilor Wise | Vote: Approved 5–0.

9. **Repeal Ordinance Establishing a Citizens Advisory Board**

Motion to waive second reading: Councilor Wise | Vote: Approved 5–0.

Motion to repeal ordinance: Councilor Jackson | Second: Councilor Westbury | Vote: Approved 5–0.

10. **Porta Potties for Peanut Festival**

City to rent 2 male units, 2 female units, 1 handicap unit, and 1 handwashing station.

Motion: Councilor Harris | Second: Councilor Wise | Vote: Approved 5–0.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.: Councilor Jackson | Second: Councilor Westbury | Vote: Approved 5–0.

Motion to return to regular session at 8:30 p.m.: Councilor Jackson | Second: Councilor Edge | Vote: Approved 5–0.

Upon reconvening, Councilor Jackson moved to increase compensation so that Council Members would bring home \$300 and the Mayor \$500. Councilor Harris moved to amend the motion to include compensation for the Mayor Pro Tem at \$350. Councilor Edge seconded the amendment. The vote was 4–1 in favor. Motion carried. Councilor Wise requested to be recorded as voting against the motion.

VII. Other Business Matters

- **Appointment to Zoning/Planning Committee**

Motion to appoint Mary Ann (Medlock) Reiselbara: Councilor Wise | Second: Councilor Westbury | Vote: Approved 5–0.

- **Appointment to Plains Historic Preservation Committee**

Motion to appoint Steven Lowell: Councilor Wise | Second: Councilor Jackson | Vote: Approved 5–0.

- **Qualifying ends on Friday at Noon.**

VIII. Adjournment

Mayor Recker adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Bagwell
City Clerk