

Agenda

The Plains City Council will conduct their Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Harris

Invocation: Councilor Eugene Edge

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Harris

ROLL CALL: City Clerk, Cindy Bagwell

Mayor: Joey Recker

Mayor Pro-Tem: Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Harris

City Council: Councilor Eugene Edge

Councilor Andrea Oates

Councilor Amy Wise

Councilor A B Jackson

Councilor Terry Westbury

Minutes: Approval of Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 16, 2026, meeting.

Briefings from: Matt Berry- Sumter County Farm Bureau

Cuilquense Restaurant Buena Vista

Briefings from Concerned Citizens:

BRIEF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Public Safety:** Councilor Edge, Co-Chair
Councilor Westbury, Co-Chair
(Chief Johnson Report)

- **Subdivision & Streets:** Councilor Edge, Co-Chair
Councilor Wise, Co-Chair

- **Water & Sewerage:** Councilor Westbury, Co-Chair
Councilor Oates, Co-Chair

- **Personnel:** Councilor Wise, Co-Chair
Councilor Harris, Co-Chair
- **Hospitality & Public Relations:** Councilor Oates, Co-Chair
Councilor Wise, Co-Chair
- **Industry, Trade & Tourism:** Councilor Jackson, Co-Chair
Councilor Harris, Co-Chair
- **Finance:** Councilor Jackson, Co-Chair
Councilor Wise, Co-Chair
(Cash Balance Report)

Other Business for approval/discussion:

VOTE ITEM #1: Street closure for Plains, Trains, & Fireworks

VOTE ITEM #2: Camera estimate for Maxine Reese Bathroom approval

VOTE ITEM #3: Keys to the City: Sumter EMC? Carter Family Foundation? John Murphy?

VOTE ITEM #4: Vendor for property taxes beginning 2nd half of 2026

VOTE ITEM #5: Mission Square for Employees 457(B)

Other Business: (Mayor's Notes)

- **Promote Plains, Trains, & Fireworks on Website and Newsletter**
- **Water/Sewer Operator:** How to move forward with the hiring of a contracted Water/Sewer Operator. Resume for Robert Moore in packet
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- **Maxine Reese Park Bathroom Grand Opening:** June 4th at 4:30 in the park
- **HUD Grant:** 302K. Check is ceremonial only. Packet with rules should be received between now and May 22nd. We cannot spend. The money is committed in partnership with Friends of Jimmy Carter.
- **John Murphy Heroism Award:** Ideas- Key to the City; Plaque; Proclamation. Living Award. Institute an Annual John Murphy Heroism Award (ideas for this- plaque at City Hall or in a park; yearly awards or as needed. Named after John. John invited to all future award ceremonies. Get details on the heroic act; identify others who should be recognized. (One other civilian and Officer Howell?) Plan Ceremony at June meeting.
- **GMA Annual Convention:** June 26-30 in Savannah. Mayor will attend
- **Memorial Day:** May 25th. City Hall closed. Flags at Half-Staff from Sunrise until Noon
- **Mayor out of town from May 15th (after office hours) until May 22nd. Available for emergency communication.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilors, please remember to bring packet to Council Meeting!!
Next meeting June 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm.