Plymouth City Council Meeting Proceedings
Thursday, October 1, 2026

The Plymouth Council met in regular session on Thursday October 1st, at 7:03pm.

Mayor Berding called the meeting to order with the following members present – Lissa Merfeld, Matt Dirksen, Zach Rye, Neal Brennan and Jay Stump.

Other present: Scott Ryg, Wade Eastman & Jeff Robak

Motion to approve the agenda by Ryg, 2nd by Dirksen. Motion carried.

Berding opened public forum: Robak stated that with all of the rain it is getting tough to get to the brush pile. Was wondering if the city would consider putting down gravel or wood chips to help. Mason City will deliver wood chips; Wade will investigate.

Departmental reports: Fire Department – Fire Department – all new members are signed up for first responder training. Retiree picnic went well. House first last week. Would like to purchase thermal imaging cameras to help in smokey conditions. $1400 per personal device and $3500 for main command, supplier provided training included in those costs. Would like to have Johnson Heating put units at fire barn on a yearly service plan. Public Works – visu-sewer in town. Wade is not getting his paystubs auto emailed like it should. Wade presented council with a memorandum for their review. Water meters – requesting vendor come to December meeting to present all information to the council. Wade received quote for water metering system, water meter upgrades and lift station pump. Clerk notes – area in front of north office door is in need of repair – need quotes to approve. Annual reports from Betterment Committee will be presented in December. Fire Department supplies monthly updates so no annual report to be given. Luckys Dumping: Wade is working on getting sheet to submit, not dumping often due to low attendance. Power washing and paints – should get quotes from Academy Drywall, Marsh and Mayor Berding will ask about Scouts volunteering time. Payment for Rick will filling in during Labor Day is $50/ day.

Comments from Mayor – N/A

Old Business: 400 Pine St. home was demolished but owner needs to get the hole filled in or a fence around it to prevent any accidents.

New Business: Resolution 2026-17 – motion to deny by Dirksen, 2nd by Ryg. Motion carried. Berdings would like permission to have poultry on their property. Motion by Merfeld to approved, 2nd by Brennan. Motion Carried. Shed on dead-end request. Resident stated will no be blocking any access. Motion to approve by Ryg, 2nd my Stump. Motion carried. Trick or Treating scheduled for October 31st 5pm – 7:30pm. Baseball Diamonds – the CS Park and Rec would like to utilize the diamonds during their summer season to hold practices. Would like to see fields maintained and new bases. Motion to allow practice by Brennan, 2nd by Stump. Motion carried. Personnel committee update – presented vacation policy to be added into employee handbook. Montion to pass vacation policy by Brennan, 2nd by Ryg. Motion carried. Main Street- incident with car burn outs. Quote for applying asphalt sealant to repair damages $8,966.

Motion to approve 9/3/26 minutes by Stump, 2nd by Dirksen. Motion carried.

Motion to approve treasurers report by Brennan, 2nd by Stump. Motion carried.

Motion to approve September bills by Stump, 2nd by Brennan. Motion carried.

Comments from Council – Brennan is concerned about the perception that the City gives money to the Betterment Committee for Applefest but more activities each year seem to be supporting the bar and not the City. Ryg would like to see improvements on the walking path around the park as sections continue to wash out each time it rains. Would like quotes on getting it done in asphalt and grants to help. Stump would like to thank the fire department and the town for coming together regarding the house fire. He would also like to see about council members getting assigned emails.

Motion to adjourn at 8:56pm by Ryg, 2nd by Brennan. Motion carried.

Amy Berding, Mayor

Brenda Dunbar, Clerk/Treasurer