

# PLANO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 26, 2026

The regular meeting of the Plano City Council was called to order on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., by Mayor Michael Rennels in the Council Room at City Hall. Mayor Rennels led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Stephen DeBolt	Present	John Fawver	Present
Kathy Wickens	Absent	Neal Veen	Present
Tommy Johns	Present	Barb Nadeau	Present
Scott Mulliner	Present	Mark Swoboda	Present

There was a quorum.

## **MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Alderman DeBolt, seconded by Alderman Veen, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 12, 2026. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard. The motion passed.

## **AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Alderman DeBolt, seconded by Alderman Swoboda, to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of January 26, 2026. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard. The motion passed.

## **WARRANTS:**

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman DeBolt, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per warrant list dated January 26, 2026 in the amount of \$165,663.14.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Fawver, DeBolt, Johns, Mulliner, Nadeau, Swoboda, Veen

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman DeBolt, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per warrant list dated January 27, 2026 in the amount of \$35,357.25.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Fawver, DeBolt, Johns, Mulliner, Nadeau, Swoboda, Veen

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

## **WAGE REPORT:**

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman DeBolt, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per wage report dated December 2025 in the amount of \$580,186.10.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Fawver, DeBolt, Johns, Mulliner, Nadeau, Swoboda, Veen

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Guests and members of the press were welcomed by Mayor Rennels.

**CITIZENS’ COMMENTS: none**

**MAYOR’S REPORT: nothing**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Martin Shanahan Jr.-absent**

Mayor Rennels read that there will be a Committee of the Whole presentation on February 9, 2026 regarding cost and capabilities of Neptune My360, a resident portal to provide customers the ability to create water usage alerts, set a water budget, and view their own water consumption 24/7.

**PLANO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:**

Tiffany Forristall thanked all those who attended the sold-out Business Knockdown Bowling event. The Chamber’s annual dinner is March 6, 2026 at Cedardell Golf Course. The theme is Back to Business, the 80s edition. She said more events are listed on the Chamber’s website and Facebook page.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT: William Thomas**

**Ordinance #2026-01 Approve decreasing the number of Class G-1 liquor licenses from 6 to 5 (Shorte’s Inc. d/b/a Lucky Lady Café closed)**

A motion was made by Alderman Mulliner, seconded by Alderman Veen, to approve an ordinance amending Title 3 Chapter 2 Section 3-2-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano decreasing the number of Class G-1 liquor licenses from 6 to 5 (Shorte’s Inc. d/b/a Lucky Lady Café closed). Attorney Thomas said there is a new owner and they are required to go through the liquor license application process. This decrease in Class G-1 liquor licenses is for the previous owner of this business. Alderman Johns asked where this business is located. Alderman Fawver said next to the business called The Ranch.

Roll Call:

Voting “Aye”: Mulliner, Veen, DeBolt, Fawver, Johns, Nadeau, Swoboda

Voting “Nay”:

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

**Ordinance #2026-02 Approve increasing the number of Class G-1 liquor licenses from 5 to 6 (Shorte’s Inc. d/b/a Luck Lady Café new owner)**

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman Nadeau, to approve an ordinance amending Title 3 Chapter 2 Section 3-2-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano increasing the number of Class G-1 liquor licenses from 5 to 6 (Shorte’s Inc. d/b/a Lucky Lady Café new owner). Alderman Nadeau asked if the new owner lived close by and if he was at tonight’s meeting. Mayor Rennels said he does not live in town and was not able to attend tonight’s meeting. Alderman DeBolt asked if the new owner was changing the business name. Mayor Rennels said the new owner bought the corporation.

Roll Call:

Voting “Aye”: Fawver, Nadeau, DeBolt, Johns, Mulliner, Swoboda, Veen

Voting “Nay”:

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

**Resolution #2026-02 Approve buying a 2004 International Dump Truck**

A motion was made by Alderman Nadeau, seconded by Alderman Fawver, to approve a resolution authorizing purchase of a 2004 International Dump Truck from Somonauk Township for \$62,000.00. Attorney Thomas said the Water Department is using 1988 and 1989 dump trucks. A new dump truck would cost \$240,000.00. Alderman Nadeau thanked Karl Tisberger and all involved in this purchase for getting the best deals and price on this truck. Alderman Veen asked when it would be delivered. Karl said they are waiting on Somonauk to get their new one, and then we would get this 2004 dump truck.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Nadeau, Fawver, DeBolt, Johns, Mulliner, Swoboda, Veen

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

**Resolution #2026-03 Approve the repair of the digester 2 pump**

A motion was made by Alderman DeBolt, seconded by Alderman Veen, to approve a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Apex Industrial Automation for the repair of the digester 2 pump in the amount of \$23,889.50. Attorney Thomas said the 21-year-old digester 2 is inoperable, and is necessary to keep the plant running. The repair cost is lower than buying a new one. Nick Rossaert said a new one costs \$92,000.00.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": DeBolt, Veen, Fawver, Johns, Mulliner, Nadeau, Swoboda

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT: Carin Martin**

Sales and related taxes for November 2025 are in the amount of \$239,732.30.

The current MFT unobligated balance for November 2025 is in the amount of \$1,878,776.48.

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Zoila Gomez**

The October 2025 Treasurer's report is in the amount of \$14,407,639.09.

The October 2025 Total Disbursements are in the amount of \$1,019,487.26.

The October 2025 Revenue and Expenditure report was attached.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Norm Allison**

Chief Allison said the grant money for the tasers has been received. On Saturday, there was a computer issue due to the cold weather coming into the building. He gave a shout-out to Karl Tisberger for coming in so quickly to work on it.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Nick Rossaert-nothing, Josh Beyer Sr.-absent, Karl Tisberger**

Karl agreed with Chief Allison that the weather has been rough this winter. He said there was an awful main break today.

**DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING, AND ZONING'S REPORT: Jeff Sobotka-nothing**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE/HEALTH & SAFETY: Alderman Mulliner-nothing**

**BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND ZONING: Alderman Veen-nothing**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Alderman Fawver-nothing**

**FINANCE: Alderman Wickens-absent**

Alderman Fawver called a meeting for February 9, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

**PARKS: Alderman Johns-nothing**

**PERSONNEL & INSURANCE: Alderman Swoboda**

Alderman Swoboda said there would be insurance information coming soon tonight.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: Alderman Nadeau**

Alderman Nadeau said she has seen accolades on Facebook regarding the fine work our City Crews have been doing. She wanted to compliment them for their fine work.

**STREETS & UTILITIES: Alderman DeBolt-nothing**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS: none**

**CLOSED SESSION: 5 ILCS 120/2**

A motion was made by Alderman DeBolt, seconded by Alderman Swoboda, to go into closed session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2c)(11) litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": DeBolt, Swoboda, Fawver, Johns, Mulliner, Nadeau, Veen

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

Nick Rossaert left the meeting during the Closed Session.

A motion was made by Alderman Nadeau, seconded by Alderman Veen, to return to Open Session.

Attorney Thomas said no action was taken during Closed Session. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard.

The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Alderman Nadeau, seconded by Alderman DeBolt, to adjourn. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Carin Martin  
City Clerk