Be it Remembered that the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, met in regular session on February 23, 2026. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana, and was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Councilman Ecker offered prayer, and Mayor Listenberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robert Listenberger presided over Council members Duane Culp, Don Ecker Jr., Kayla Krathwohl, Randy Longanecker, Shiloh Carothers Milner, Dave Morrow, and Linda Starr, who were physically present. City Attorney Jeff Houin and Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Gorski were also present. The public was able to see and hear the meeting through Zoom and streamed live at https://www.youtube.com/@CityofPlymouth.

Council members Starr and Longanecker moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular session of the Common Council on February 9, 2026, as presented. The motion carried.

State of the City Address: Mayor Robert Listenberger, Plymouth Indiana

February 23, 2026

As we gather tonight, I'm reminded of why I love this community — the people who show up, do the work, and keep Plymouth moving forward. There are so many examples of this all across this city. Looking back at 2025, it's clear we made meaningful progress across every department, and we're stepping into 2026 with real momentum.

Planning & Development

2025 marked a turning point for our city's long-term planning efforts. We established Plymouth's first full-time Planning Director, strengthening long-term consistency and updating ordinances to make development clearer and easier for residents and builders. Perhaps most impressive is our Plymouth Forward ***Comprehensive Plan****—only two years old—has already reached a majority of its goals either completed or actively underway. That level of progress is virtually unheard of, and it speaks to the commitment of everyone involved*

Parks & Recreation

Our parks had a great year too. One of the biggest wins was expanding the Greenway Trail. You can now walk from River Park Square all the way to Prices Pond — a full 5.1 miles of connected trail. That's the kind of amenity that improves daily life for families, walkers, runners, and anyone who just wants to enjoy the outdoors.

Building Department

The Building Department has been busy modernizing how we handle permits and enforcement. We rolled out a new permitting program designed to make it easier for both the public and other departments to verify contractors working in the city. Looking ahead, we're exploring a code enforcement module that would help us track complaints more efficiently and address repeat issues more effectively. And with the proposed housing code, we're aiming to better manage challenges with absentee landlords and protect the quality of our neighborhoods.

City Utilities

The teams at Plymouth's Wastewater and Water Departments continue to demonstrate exceptional dedication and professionalism, delivering reliable, high-quality services that keep the community running smoothly every day. Their commitment to efficiency, innovation, and responsible management allows them to provide these essential services at a cost well below that of many similar-sized cities across Indiana.
Plymouth is fortunate to have such skilled teams safeguarding its water resources and serving its citizens with excellence.

Plymouth Municipal Airport

The airport had a milestone year. After seven years of planning and construction, we opened our first paved parallel taxiway — funded by more than $4.5 million in state and federal grants. Our flight schools had strong years, and Alpha Flight is preparing to add a maintenance training program. And 2026 is already shaping up to be a growth year, with serious discussions and planning underway about what the future can look like for our Airport and surrounding areas.

Fire & Police Departments

Both our Fire and Police Departments continue to shoulder a growing workload as emergency needs in our community rise. Since 2020, fire-related calls have increased by nearly 25%, and our Police Department responded to over 16,500 calls in 2025. These figures reflect the operational demands placed on our public safety teams each day. As these needs evolve, we continue working closely with both departments to plan for the future of their operations, including ongoing evaluations related to facilities and the long-term considerations surrounding a potential public safety building

Oak Hill Cemetery

Oak Hill Cemetery continues to serve families with care. This year, the new GIS mapping system will be available to the public, making it easier for families to find information. And the new Cherrywood addition is open, offering grave spaces that include the foundation for monuments — a thoughtful, all-in-one option.

Engineering and Street Department

This last year, the Engineering and Street Departments showed what true teamwork can accomplish. Together they delivered major street repaving, added ARPA-funded sidewalks, modernized our stormwater ordinance, and advanced long-term pedestrian planning—all while supporting significant new development infrastructure. The Street Department stayed constantly in motion, responding to needs across the city, while Engineering provided the planning and oversight that kept every project on track. If it's under your tires, your feet, or beneath the ground, these teams likely improved it this year.

Clerk-Treasurer & Her Team

I want to recognize a group that often works behind the scenes, but whose impact is front and center in everything we do. Our Clerk-Treasurer and her team are the foundation of our financial stability and transparency. They ensure every dollar is accounted for, every report is accurate, and every department has what it needs to operate responsibly. Their work is meticulous, reliable, and essential to our daily operations.

City Council

And to our City Council: thank you for your leadership, your commitment to responsible decision-making, and your dedication to the residents of Plymouth. Your collaboration, your questions, and your care for this city help guide every major decision we make. You keep us balanced. You keep us accountable. And you keep us moving forward.

Upstairs Team

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to my 'upstairs team'—our legal, human resources, and promotion of the city department—who work alongside me every day with unwavering professionalism and dedication. Their constant support keeps our work focused, effective, and firmly rooted in service to our community. I'm truly grateful for everything they do.

Closing

As we step into 2026, I'm reminded of something I've learned again and again this past year: The heart of a community isn't found in its buildings or its projects — it's found in the people who choose to care, to show up, and to lift each other higher. Progress happens when someone decides to do something — because doing something, no matter how small, will always move us farther than doing nothing at all. So please, be that person who chooses to take action, not the one who complains after the work is done. That spirit is what moves Plymouth forward — and it's exactly what will carry us into 2026. I want to end with a heartfelt thank-you — to every person who chooses to invest their time, talent, and energy into Plymouth. Whether you work for the city, volunteer in the community, run a local business, serve on a board, or simply support your neighbors, you make this city stronger. Serving as your mayor is an honor. Working alongside you is a privilege. And stepping into 2026 with this team — all of you — is something I'm truly grateful for. Thank you for your trust and your partnership.

The council addressed the following:

- Longanecker: 300 Pennsylvania Avenue has not been sided for several years. Manuwal replied that unsightly does not mean unsafe.
- Longanecker: Baker Street west of Fairbanks Avenue pavement concerns. Marquardt to ensure that it would be patched well.
- Longanecker: Jefferson Street Water Main Project update. Davidson replied that the contractor was not done; they thought they were done, but we were still holding onto retainage until the project was officially closed out. OCRA grant at risk of being jeopardized at the end of June if the project was not complete, and they are aware of that.
- Starr: Commend Fire Department for both how they handled the fire at the Heartland Artists but also for their actions in the community.

City Attorney Houin introduced Ordinance No. 2026-2256, An Ordinance to Permit the Collection of a Fee for Returned Payment to the City of Plymouth on second reading.

Houin stated that the Clerk-Treasurer pointed this out as the ordinance was outdated. He explained that it allowed for a fee for a returned check but did not specify electronic payments that were dishonored by the bank. He stated that he used the updated language in the state statute and amended the ordinance.

Council members Ecker and Starr moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2026-2256, An Ordinance to Permit the Collection of a Fee for Returned Payment to the City of Plymouth on second reading. The motion carried.

City Attorney Houin introduced Ordinance No. 2026-2256, An Ordinance to Permit the Collection of a Fee for Returned Payment to the City of Plymouth on third reading.

Council members Morrow and Krathwohl moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2026-2256, An Ordinance to Permit the Collection of a Fee for Returned Payment to the City of Plymouth on third reading. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2256

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE COLLECTION OF A FEE FOR RETURNED PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Statement of Intent and Purpose

The City of Plymouth has traditionally accepted payment by check for charges and fees and more recently has accepted electronic funds transfers (ACH) for some payments. While the City imposes a fee for refused or dishonored checks, the city ordinance implementing that fee does not include any fees for returned payment on electronic funds transfers.

The intent and purpose of this ordinance is to update the City's fee policy in line with current Indiana statute to apply the same fee for returned payment on dishonored checks to returned payments on electronic funds transfers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Title 3, entitled Administration; Chapter 30, entitled General City Policies; Section 30.03, entitled Collection of Fee for Non-Sufficient Fund Checks is hereby amended as follows:

§ 30.03 COLLECTION OF FEE FOR NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS ~~CHECKS~~.

(A) Any ~~check issued to the city in payment of charges or fees that is returned to the city and dishonored because of non-sufficient funds in the issuer's bank account, or because of a closed account,~~ **returned payment by a bank or other depository institution of a dishonored check, electronic funds transfer, negotiable order of withdrawal, or share draft issued to the city** shall result in a fee charged to ~~that person~~ **the issuer** and added to the amount already owed to the city by ~~that person~~ **the issuer**. The additional fee shall be called the NSF fee, and shall be the greater of:

(1) Twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents; or
(2) Five percent of the amount of the ~~dishonored check~~ **returned payment**, not to exceed $250.

(B) The NSF fee shall be in addition to any protest fees that may be levied against the city by a financial institution because ~~the city negotiated an NSF check~~ **of the returned payment**.

(C) Upon the return of a ~~dishonored check~~ **payment** to the city, the Clerk-Treasurer's Office shall mail to the issuer of the ~~check~~ **payment** a notice that the ~~check~~ **payment** has ~~not~~ been ~~paid~~ **returned** by a financial institution. This notice shall be deposited in the regular United States mail, with proper postage affixed, and addressed to either:

(1) The address printed on the check; or
(2) The address given by the person in writing to the city at the time the ~~check~~ **payment** was issued or delivered.

(D) The notice shall include a statement that the person has 10 days after the date of mailing the notice to pay the amount of the ~~check~~ **payment**, together with protest fees and the NSF fee.

(E) Pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-13, should the person who issued the NSF ~~check~~ **payment** fail to pay to the city the amounts prescribed by this section, the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer shall, not later than 90 days after the ~~check~~ **payment** is initially received by the city, refer the matter to the Office of the Marshall County Prosecuting Attorney for prosecution.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon passage, due attestation and publication if required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Robert Listenberger, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Plymouth, Indiana on the 23rd day of February, 2026, at 7:45 o'clock p.m.

Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved and signed by me this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Robert Listenberger, Mayor

City Attorney Houin introduced Ordinance No. 2026-2257, An Ordinance to Amend the City of Plymouth Building Code Regarding Application for Permit on second reading.

Council members Culp and Longanecker moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2026-2257, An Ordinance to Amend the City of Plymouth Building Code Regarding Application for Permit on second reading. The motion carried.

City Attorney Houin introduced Ordinance No. 2026-2257, An Ordinance to Amend the City of Plymouth Building Code Regarding Application for Permit on third reading.

Council members Longanecker and Milner moved and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2026-2257, An Ordinance to Amend the City of Plymouth Building Code Regarding Application for Permit on third reading. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2257

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH BUILDING CODE
REGARDING APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Statement of Purpose and Intent

Recent updates to state law adopted by the Indiana General Assembly have created new requirements and restrictions on the building permit process for local units, such as the City of Plymouth. To comply with the state statute, it is now necessary to amend the City of Plymouth Building Code regarding applications for building permits. The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to amend the building permit application requirements for the City of Plymouth in line with current Indiana statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Title XV, entitled Land Usage; Chapter 153, entitled Building Code, § 151.07 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT is amended by the following deletions and additions as follows:

§ 153.07 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.

No building permit shall be issued for the foregoing purpose, unless the application for a permit is accompanied by a plat or sketch of the proposed location showing the work to be done. **The Plat or sketch shall have dimensions to lot line and other structures indicated.**

The application shall include a copy of prior approvals or permits for any of the following which are required prior to applying for a building permit:

- **Zoning;**
- **Drainage;**
- **Sewer or Septic;**
- **Wells;**
- **Driveways; and**
- **Flood Control**

In addition, a copy of a design release issued by the State Building Commissioner and the State Fire Marshal pursuant to I.C. 22-15-3-1 shall be provided to the Building Commissioner before issuance of a permit for construction covered by such design.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective after passage, due attestation, and publication as required by law. Further, this ordinance shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Common Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Robert Listenberger, Presiding Office

ATTEST:

Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Plymouth, Indiana on the 23rd day of February, 2026, at 2:45 o'clock p.m.

Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved and signed by me this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Robert Listenberger, Mayor

City Attorney Houin introduced an amendment to the Plymouth Aquatic Center Sublease. He explained that because the new market tax credits had been unwound, there was no requirement that payments be made at a certain time of year. He stated that everything was set up based on those tax credits and that process, so all the lease payments were made in June and December of each year. He explained that because that was no longer a requirement, there was more flexibility, and in talking to Bob Sturtevant about the operations, they requested that the city shift its payment schedule to March and September. He stated this would allow them to balance their revenue throughout the year because the school would continue to make its payments in June and December. He stated that rather than receiving two large payments twice a year, they could spread it out into four payments for budgeting and cash flow purposes. He stated he did work with Sean Surrisi because the lease was with Marshall County Health and Wellness Inc. who held the master lease and the sublease was for each of the tenants. He stated that Marshall County Health and Wellness Inc. had already approved the amendment, so it was just waiting for your approval.

Longanecker asked Gorski if this affected anything.

Gorski replied that June and December were when we received our tax draws, and it would push it up.

Ecker stated that it balanced at year-end, but it was a disruption during the year, and we had not accrued the funding between now and then.

Gorski stated we had the funds in reserves, but by pulling it in March and September, we'll pull them from our reserves until we get our tax draws. She stated there was the potential that we would have to ask department heads to hold off on their purchases of vehicles or whatnot that had been approved that evening because we are pulling from reserves to make this payment instead.

Houin asked for clarification that this was pulled out of the general fund. Gorski agreed. Houin stated that, looking at some of the financial information for the end of the year, we started the year with approximately $10 million in general fund reserves, which was nearly an entire year's worth of funds for the general fund. He stated we were well over the 50% general fund reserves that are recommended by Baker Tilly. He stated that, in discussing this, we felt that $144,000 was not even going to come close to affecting the general fund reserves for what we budgeted.

Mayor Listenberger stated, with respect, that it would not slow anyone's request for purchases. He stated that was not quite right. He asked if there could be a chance that it would slow anyone's request for purchases.

Gorski replied that, with the continued spending of the city, it could. She stated this was the first year in eight years that we had not been able to put money into the Rainy Day Fund, so we need to slow down our spending and be more cautious of what-

Mayor Listenberger interrupted and stated that he was not going to get into that right now, as he believed that wasn't all true; he thought we could put it in Rainy Day, but he did not want to discuss that tonight. He stated that was not the question, and asked if this would slow up anybody else's request from departments because of this payment, as it was the same thing we obligated for anyway.

Gorski replied with the payments coming out three months earlier-

Mayor Listenberger interrupted again and stated the answer was no.

Gorski finished her response by stating probably not.

Mayor Listenberger stated, " No, it isn't; go ahead, whatever."

Culp stated he had something off topic-

Mayor Listenberger interrupted and stated that we're not going off topic, and we are sticking to the subject right now. He stated we have a proposal in front of you right now, so let's answer the question on whether we want to pass this amendment or not. He stated there would be nothing off-

topic until after this was discussed. He stated we are obligated to pay this anyway; it was three months earlier, with everything else in the lease staying the same. He stated this group has worked hard on turning this Aquatic Center around, and they are asking for a little help to spread the payments out four times a year instead of two times. He stated he did not see the difficulty in it at all.

Ecker stated this was not the first time we have made an accommodation to the pool as we accelerated payments to keep the pool going. He stated his expectation was that this would be the last time that we see a request to adjust the semiannual payments, with this being the second time that this had happened. He stated one year he thought they received three payments.

City Attorney Houin interrupted and stated that they never received any extra payments.

Ecker apologized and said they moved the payment up. He stated that when we sign agreements, we sign with the expectation we're going to honor it, and that's both sides. He agreed that we could float this and make it work. He stated that when we went into this, we had good faith that payments were going to be in June and December, and now we're being asked to go March and September. He stated he would support it but understood that it was with some reluctance.

Culp asked if he could talk now. Mayor Listenberger allowed him to use his First Amendment rights. Culp thanked him and stated that he just wanted to recognize the Plymouth Aquatics Center, as he knows the work they all put in by having conversations with Bob Sturtevant and Francis Ellert. He stated the work that you guys have put into this was extraordinary and one of the best turnarounds that he had ever seen in his life. He stated he wanted to say that he wanted to support this also with the understanding that they have it under control out there. He stated, for the Plymouth Aquatic Center Board, nice job.

Council members Milner and Morrow moved and seconded to approve the amendment to the Plymouth Aquatic Center sublease as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote.

In Favor: Culp, Ecker, Krathwohl, Longanecker, Milner, Morrow, Starr

Opposed: N/A

Sturtevant stated that he appreciated the comments, as what we are doing was extraordinary. He stated they were creating a new not-for-profit to make sure that we don't come to this council and ever ask for money. He emphasized that he was serious about that. He stated that we had successfully raised money with the help of this community and the swimming community, who have been extremely supportive in the last six months, but we're just getting started. He stated that what he was most proud of was how we've been able to open the facility up to all the citizens of the county and outside the county. He stated they are seeing 1000 people a week right now, and that's incredible. He stated that the Girl Scouts were here, and he had extended free swimming lessons to

them, and that's part of the fundraising that we've done. He stated we are reaching out to the Boys and Girls Club and other like-minded clubs in the community. He introduced Chad Van Herk who was the new Aquatic Director, and he had made a tremendous impact already. He stated there are many things inside the building, equipment, and otherwise that we've fixed. He stated they have not only put their blood, sweat, and tears into it, but we've funded many improvements to the building.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorki stated that the city had received 12 donations: 10 in the amount of $1,000.00/each from American Structurepoint; Pregis Innovative Packaging; Property Management & Maintenance; Discover Plymouth; Gibson Insurance; 1st Source Bank; Swan Lake Resort; Everwise Credit Union; Bowen Printing; and Republic Services. One in the amount of $3,500.00 from US Granules and one in the amount of $500.00 from Marshall County REMC to be used for the Mayor's Summer of Music. She asked if they wished to accept the donations with the restricted terms, conditions, and purpose attached to the donation. She stated the donations would be receipted into the Monetary Gift Fund.

Council members Ecker and Longanecker moved and seconded to approve the donations as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski stated that the next item she had was the 2023 checks to write-off after two years. She stated that, according to IC 5-11-10.5, by March 1 of each year, the Clerk-Treasurer shall prepare a list of checks outstanding and unpaid for 2 or more years as of December 31, which shall be declared cancelled; one copy of the list would be filed with the City Council, the other would be kept in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. She stated the funds from the cancelled checks are receipted back into the operating balance of the fund from which they were drawn. She stated this required no action by council. She explained the total checks for 2023 that would be written off are $836.15, with $811.53 being utility deposits and $24.62 being medical loss ratio rebates that employees did not cash. She stated all the checks for the medical loss ratio were originally written in 2020, were reissued in 2023, and then still not cashed.

Clerk-Treasurer Gorski also wished to report that the Annual Financial Report (AFR) was almost complete and in its final review and would be submitted by the end of the month with everything balanced.

City Attorney Houin introduced Resolution No. 2026-1191, A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Plymouth to Approve the Application of Chuck Houin and LGH Enterprises LLC for a Commercial Revitalization Rebate Program Grant. Chuck Houin was in attendance to speak on behalf of this request.

Houin stated this was for 821 Car Wash, and you could see the improvements he proposed.

Council members Ecker and Starr moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-1191, A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Plymouth to Approve the Application of Chuck Houin and LGH Enterprises LLC for a Commercial Revitalization Rebate Program Grant as presented. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1191

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CHUCK HOUIN AND LGH ENTERPRISES LLC FOR A COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION REBATE PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the City has established the Commercial Revitalization Rebate Program to encourage property owners to renovate existing buildings and to make other real property improvements. The encouragement is in the form of a rebate to the property owner of an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the actual project costs directly related to the eligible improvements, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00); and

WHEREAS, Chuck Houin and LGH Enterprises LLC has made application to the Plymouth Common Council for a Commercial Revitalization Rebate Program grant to assist in the renovation of commercial property at 821 Lincolnway East to replace deteriorating siding, trim, exterior doors, and gutters and to install an awning over the entry door. The Council met in a public meeting on February 23, 2026, and heard evidence on the application demonstrating eligible expenses for the renovation with a bid totaling $51,845.00. The purpose and intent of this resolution is to approve the application as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Plymouth as follows:

Section 1. Chuck Houin and LGH Enterprises LLC's application for a Commercial Revitalization Rebate Program grant for 821 Lincolnway East, Plymouth, Indiana is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to disburse from the appropriate fund, and in accordance with established procedure, a rebate to the applicant consisting of Fifty Percent (50%) of the actual cost incurred by the applicant for eligible expenses for the renovation completed on 821 Lincolnway East, Plymouth, Indiana. In no event shall the rebate to the applicant exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00).

Section 3. The Clerk-Treasurer is further authorized to transfer money from the City Development Fund to the Community Improvement Fund in an amount necessary to cover the costs of the eligible expenses approved by this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Robert Listenberger, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Lynn M. Gorski, Clerk-Treasurer

City Attorney Houin updated the council on ONE Marshall County. He said that their website has been updated and has more information on it, including all the previous meeting minutes. He stated if you had questions about what was happening at those meetings, they are now available online.

Plan Director Ty Adley updated the council on the Comprehensive Plan. He listed the following information on projects in the city:

- Northeast Neighborhood Study –Public input session scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM here at the **Council Chambers**.

Airport Manager Bill Sheley stated that back in January we had a timber sale at the Airport, and a month ago he spoke about splitting the proceeds for our property line with ITAMCO. He stated that today he gave a check to the Clerk-Treasurer for $134,487, which added to the $10,000 deposit for our full income from the timber sale. He explained that they started today so the Lilac Road residents would see them at work. He stated the development work that's being done around, and at the airport, we've hired enFocus and they are holding monthly meetings. He stated that to ensure that we do not interfere with our airspace, and to show that everything we do can be funded by the FAA at the airport, we have hired our aviation consulting engineering firm, Woolpert, to work with us at these monthly meetings. He stated that for this planning purpose, Woolpert's fees are not

something we can tie to a federal grant for reimbursement, where we normally pay 5% from any of the projects that we are doing. He stated this was the case where we're going to have to fund what Woolpert was going to cost us, and engineers are not cheap. He stated that the timber sale money went into the Aviation Fund, so he was requesting tonight an additional appropriation for $69,355. He stated this would cover Woolpert's consulting fee, which was a contract not to exceed, and it also covered the $3,700 we need to pay for the split of value to ITAMCO. He stated that from the $144,000 for the timber sale, we are still going to have $75,132 remaining in the Aviation Fund.

Houin stated that he did not believe we needed action on this tonight, as the Clerk-Treasurer was already working on the additional appropriation that'll come to you at a future meeting.

Sheley stated that the contract with Woolpert started out at $32,000, but once they figured out what they were going to have to do with enFocus from one of our first meetings, it then went up to $95,000. He stated that he sat down with them and negotiated it down to $65,000, as this was how much time they would be putting in, and once we get to that, we'll talk again, but we did limit some of their travel time by making some of their meetings virtual. He stated they also limited the scope of work, which included some very detailed drawings for buildings, and he asked them not to do that anymore, as that was something we could tie to a federal grant in the future when we were working on that building.

Mayor Listenberger stated it was important to note that this type of work and this type of planning would eventually tie into these FAA grants, and without this type of work up front, we do not receive these grants, and these were very generous grants.

Sheley stated that some grants covered 95% while he had seen others cover 100%. He stated that by keeping Woolpert with us, it ensured that the planning we do would be able to make the grant process easy. He stated that some of the projects we were working on would take local, private, and public money that we would be spending. He stated we had a lot of big projects that would be great growth for the city, but they were projects that would take 5-7 years to do with funding from the FAA. He stated that general aviation airports don't grow to be bigger airports without some local money. He stated we were just trying to plan it so that local money could be refunded down the road to give people peace of mind that we'll be able to get their money back through federal grants. He stated that with this timber sale, we would be gaining several acres of commercial property we would be able to develop. He stated he would be able to budget for it next year because it'll cost close to $20,000 to clear that property without having to ask for an additional appropriation. He explained they would have some big asks in the future, but we would do it so it could be refunded in the future.

Council members Ecker and Starr moved and seconded to accept the following communications:

- Minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of February 9, 2026
- February 23, 2026 Check Register
- January 2026 Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports
- Notice from Basin Development Commission for Yellow River Site Assessment
- January 13, 2026 Board of Aviation Commission Minutes
- January 20, 2026 Redevelopment Commission Minutes
- January 21, 2026 Urban Forest and Flower Committee Minutes
- February 10, 2026 Technical Review Committee Minutes

The motion passed by roll call vote with all in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council members Longanecker and Milner moved and seconded to adjourn. Mayor Listenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

/s/ Lynn M. Gorski
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

/s/ Robert Listenberger
Mayor

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