

# PLANO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES March 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Plano City Council was called to order on Monday, March 9, 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 Nadeau, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 23, 2026. A unanimous “Aye” voice vote was heard. The motion passed.

## **AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Alderman Swoboda, seconded by Alderman DeBolt, to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of March 9, 2026. A unanimous “Aye” voice vote was heard. The motion passed.

## **WARRANTS:**

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman Johns, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per warrant list dated March 3, 2026 in the amount of \$6,051.67.

Roll Call:

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

Voting “Nay”:

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman Johns, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per warrant list dated March 4, 2026 in the amount of \$142,694.57.

Roll Call:

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

Voting “Nay”:

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman Johns, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per warrant list dated March 9, 2026 in the amount of \$176,692.65.

Roll Call:

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

Voting “Nay”:

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman Johns, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per warrant list dated March 10, 2026 in the amount of \$120,732.83.

Roll Call:

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

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

**WAGE REPORT: none**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

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

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Michael Welz from Plano Community Garden asked for support from the City for the 2026 season with water, trash, and tilling. He thanked the City for its support in the past with those services. Last year, the Community Garden grew 11,566 pounds of produce that was donated to the Food Pantry.

Mayor Rennels said this item will be on the next Council meeting agenda.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Alderman Swoboda, seconded by Alderman Nadeau, to waive St. Mary School's Special Event Liquor License fee for their event on March 21, 2026. Alderman Swoboda said this is a fundraiser for the school. It is a bingo night and is family friendly. Alderman Johns said he is abstaining because his daughter is part of this event.

Roll Call:

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

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Abstain: Johns

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Nadeau, seconded by Alderman Mulliner, to confirm hiring by The Police Commission of Sofian Riahi as a full time Police Officer, at a salary of \$72,910.64, effective March 10, 2026, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Hire.

Roll Call:

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

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

Attorney Thomas swore in the new Officer Riahi.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Martin Shanahan Jr.**

Michael Krempski talked about the Founding documents on display in the Council Room. He thanked Todd Wilkinson for sponsoring this, Barb Petry for donating time and money, Alderman Nadeau, City Administrator Shanahan, and Clerk Martin for their time with this. These documents highlight the National motto, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution. He was glad to present these historical documents, and hopes people can reflect on the past principles this country was founded on and the freedoms enjoyed.

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

**Resolution #2026-10 Approve Local Public Agency General Maintenance**

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman DeBolt, to approve a resolution for Local Public Agency General Maintenance. Attorney Thomas said this will be for May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027. In the cover memo, Discussion items 5 and 6 need to have the dollar amounts switched. It should be “5. Preliminary Engineering \$20,000.00” and “6. Engineering Inspection \$30,000.00.”

Roll Call:

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

Voting “Nay”:

Absent: Wickens

Motion passed.

**CITY CLERK’S REPORT: Carin Martin**

Spring clean-up is the week of April 20-23, 2026, on residents regular garbage pick-up day.

**CITY TREASURER’S REPORT: Zoila Gomez-nothing**

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

Chief Allison thanked the Council for approving tonight’s hiring of Officer Riahi. Chief Allison said Officer Riahi came in one hour early to his interview, and is super friendly. There are two upcoming events the Police Department will be a part of. The first one is this Friday, March 13, 2026, where they are taking McDonald’s lunch to a couple of students at Centennial Elementary School. The second event is March 18, 2026. Chief Allison and Officer Christenson will be at Emily G. Johns School for their multicultural night.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Nick Rossaert, Josh Beyer Sr.-absent, Karl Tisberger**

Karl said the Depot staging work should start this week or next, and they are compiling lists of sidewalks and roads that need repairs.

Nick said pump 1 of 2 is back for the digester.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE/HEALTH & SAFETY: Alderman Mulliner**

Alderman Mulliner called a meeting for next Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Budget.

**BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND ZONING: Alderman Veen**

Alderman Veen said this committee has a meeting on March 12, 2026 at 5:30 pm. to discuss the Budget.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Alderman Fawver**

Alderman Fawver said this committee has a meeting on March 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Budget.

**FINANCE: Alderman Wickens-absent**

Alderman Fawver called a meeting for March 23, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

**PARKS: Alderman Johns**

Alderman Johns said this committee met on February 26, 2026 to discuss the Budget. He said a resident asked about starting a park district.

**PERSONNEL & INSURANCE: Alderman Swoboda-nothing**

**SPECIAL EVENTS: Alderman Nadeau**

Alderman Nadeau said this committee has a meeting on March 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. They will discuss the Budget and America 250 events to be added to the Budget. She thanked Todd and Mike for gifting the historical documents.

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

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS: none**

**CLOSED SESSION: 5 ILCS 120/2-none**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Alderman Swoboda, seconded by Alderman Veen, to adjourn. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Carin Martin  
City Clerk