

CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 14, 2026

MINUTES OF THE PLUM GROVE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR OPEN MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH OF APRIL, AT THE PLUM GROVE CITY HALL, 9485 PLUM GROVE ROAD, CLEVELAND, TEXAS 77327, IN THE CITY OF PLUM GROVE, COUNTY OF LIBERTY, STATE OF TEXAS AT 7:00 PM.

The Council met in a REGULAR session with the following council members present.

Mary Arrendell-Mayor

Robert Sanchez

Froy Ortiz

Sarah Woodbury

Nicole Rose

Mildred Sowell

*** CM denotes Council Member***

AM denotes Audience Member

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call

Present-

Mary Arrendell-Mayor

Froy Ortiz-CP2/Mayor Pro Tem

Sarah Woodbury-CP3

Nicole Rose-CP4

Mildred Sowell-CP5

Melissa Pouncey-Secretary

Jillian Frazier-Court Clerk

Frank Longoria-Chief of Police

Absent-

Robert Sanchez-CP1

3. Pledge of Allegiance lead by **Mayor Arrendell**
4. Invocation lead by **Jeremy Wright**
5. **Public Comments-**

Maria Acevedo- I Don't know but a lot of people do not realize I own property here in the city right here off of 1010. Now that colony ridge lawsuit/settlement is coming to help us. I can focus some more on getting my property up and running. I have noticed the area has been going down drastically. I don't know if I just wasn't paying attention or boom, I woke up and it's just there. It's about the quality of life you have clean water and clean air and clean soil. It can affect you physically, emotionally and mentally. It looks horrible I was just trying to see if you guys was area and I see some things on the agenda. The EPA is coming to help us we are trying to work on the blow out. We are having people from Washington coming to help us we are using it as a main evacuation route. I am here to help to get that done. I just want to know who I put D.C in contact with when they come to help. We do need help and it's a negotiating thing where it will cost the constituents of

Plum Grove, probably nothing. That is what we are shooting for I was just trying to let y'all know how very shocked I am at how the area looks.

Lee Walker- Umm Hi guys My question is about number 14 why are we replacing door locks at the Plum Grove Police department why do we need to do that? Then about number 17 are we going to remove any speed humps or are we replacing speed humps members of Plum Grove took down and pushed off the road. Yet nobody was held accountable for that. I am all for them, I like them.

6. The City Council will hold executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

Executive Session: *Adjourned @7:02 P.M.*

Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of certain public officers and employees of the Plum Grove Police Department pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Open Session: *Reconvened @ 7:19 P.M.*

The City Council will adjourn Executive Session, reconvene into Open Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and take action, if any, on item(s) discussed during Closed Executive Session.

There was no action taken by council.

7. Motion to approve March 10, 2026, minutes made by CM Woodbury, 2nd by CM Sowell, passed unopposed.
8. Motion to approve the financial report for March 2026 made by CM Ortiz, 2nd by CM Woodbury, passed unopposed.
9. No action on proposed gas station located at 7700 FM 1010.

Discussion- The Council's intent is to ensure that the prospective property owners are fully aware of the site's flooding history and the engineering considerations that would be required for any future development. The property has experienced significant flooding in past events, including Hurricane Harvey, during which the adjacent fire station sustained approximately four feet of water. Because of this history, the Council emphasized that qualified engineers would need to evaluate the appropriate size and design of any required retention or detention pond, as well as determine the necessary elevation for the proposed structure to ensure compliance with floodplain standards and to mitigate future flood risk.

***COUNCIL MEMBER NICOLE ROSE EXCUSED HERSELF AND SAT IN THE AUDIENCE.**

10. Motion to Table a small tow-yard storage facility located at
A. **21 Private Road 34901 made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Ortiz, passed unopposed.**
Discussion- During multiple council meetings over the past two years, the City has repeatedly requested required documentation from JTT Towing. Despite these repeated requests, the company has not submitted the information. Following the most recent

council meeting, Jay Hall stated that the company's insurance documents would be emailed to the City the following day. As of this report, no such documentation has been received. Owner Jeff Johnson asserted that JTT Towing was not obligated to submit any information because, according to him, it had not been "formally requested." Mayor Arrendell clarified that the requests have been made publicly and repeatedly in open council meetings for more than two years. She further explained that once council minutes are approved, they become legal documents, and presenting those minutes constitutes formal notice. At that point, Jeff Johnson approached the council's dais and provided a printed copy of an email thread involving both EPA and TCEQ, addressed to the City Secretary, dated 2024. He also provided a copy of the company's insurance. Jay Hall insisted that he had previously sent multiple emails containing the information the council requested. Mayor Arrendell responded that the City has not received any such documentation. She also noted that JTT Towing's attorney has been in contact with the City Attorney, and no records have been provided through that channel either. The City Attorney would have notified the City if any documents had been received.

B. 7820 FM 2090 made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Ortiz, passed unopposed.

Discussion- Smith Towing has been highly cooperative and responsive following the issuance of the stop-work order. Representatives were in the office within a few hours of receiving the notice, and the company has already provided email documentation showing they have initiated contact with both TCEQ and the EPA. They also supplied the City Secretary with a copy of their current company insurance. Throughout the process, Smith Towing has demonstrated transparency and a willingness to work collaboratively with the City. The Council only wants to ensure that the appropriate agencies were notified regarding potential fluid leaks from vehicles during the flooding, in order to demonstrate due diligence and uphold all necessary safety protocols for the constituents.

***COUNCIL MEMBER NICOLE ROSE RETURNED TO HER SEAT AFTER MOTIONS WERE MADE.**

11. Motion to Table Ordinance No 0413-2026 amending the city of Plum Grove, Texas Ordinance No 0929-2025A, which approved and adopted the 2025-2026 fiscal budget of the City of Plum Grove, by approving "Budget amendment 2"; providing for supplemental appropriation and transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Rose, passed unopposed.
12. Motion to approve replacing a culvert located on County Road 3434 made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Woodbury, passed unopposed.
13. Motion to table IT agreement for city website made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Ortiz, passed unopposed.
14. Motion to approve replacing cameras and front door lock at Plum Grove Police department made by CM Sowell, 2nd by CM Rose, passed unopposed.

15. No action on additional out of pocket cost for the GLO grant at this time there is no allowance in the budget. **Maria Acevedo:** There is a quick fix for that. Orange Branch was inventoried into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Galveston District) in 2017. They cannot deny you entrance. Reach out to the Army Corps of Engineers — trust me, they can help. Tell them we have this issue. I will forward the paperwork to you. Orange Branch is a natural bed of water and it's in their inventory. Nobody can stop you from accessing it. The Army Corps will guide you through this. **Mayor Arrendell:** They can't come on your property without your permission. **Secretary Pouncey:** stated she will send the information to the grant writer.
16. No action on adding 2 speed bumps located on 347 North instructed staff to find pricing.
17. No action just updating council on canceling the May 2026 election.
18. Receive reports, discuss, and provide input on reports from:
 - A. the Plum Grove Police Department Report, 44 Citations, 9 warnings, 2 crashes, 1 family violence, 1 theft, and new officer started FTO 4-1-2026.
 - B. the Plum Grove Fire Department Report attached,
 - C. the Plum Grove Municipal Court attached,
 - D. Discussion of Local, County, and State Updates
 - E. GLO Grant
 - F. FEMA
 - a. Hurricane Harvey
 - b. May 3, 2024, flooding
19. Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:28 P.M. made by CM Woodbury, 2nd by CM Sowell, passed unopposed.

INCIDENT TOTAL SHEET

Department: DISTRICT 87

Month: MARCH Year:2026

CALL TYPE	IN CITY LIMITS	IN FIRE DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT Mutual Aid
Fire Suppression Calls	0	25	2
Vehicle Accident	0	12	0
Landing Zone/Traffic Control	0	0	0
Search and Rescue	0	0	0
Medical	0	90	0
Alarm	0	1	0
Hazmat	0	0	0
Cancel/Disregard	0	0	0
No Response	0	0	0
OTHER	0	6	0

NOTES:

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO LCFMO@CO.LIBERTY.TX.US



City of Plum Grove Municipal Court

PO Box 1358, Splendora, TX 77372

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April 2026 Report

Emails to Judge Goodwin reviewing the March 2026, City Council meeting along with weekly reports to Mayor Mary Arrendell and all City Council members are reviewed below.

No big projects are going on at the moment. Normal day-to-day operations, listed below.

Working on day-to-day operations such as on Mondays pulling down credit card payments and applying them to cases. On Fridays doing a citation audit to make sure all citations issued by Plum Grove Police Department have been turned in. If there are any questions about citations this is when I communicate with the issuing officer for clarification so I can answer any questions for the prosecutor before the court date. During the week, I also return and answer phone calls, emails, and any walk-ins. Monthly reports for GHS, Comptroller, and Omni Base have been completed on time and mailed out.

Jillian Frazier
Certified Court Clerk