

CITY OF BELMOND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 3, 2025
Belmond, Iowa 50421

Mayor Frank Beminio called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall with the roll call showing:

Present: Council Members DePuew, Mattison, Schlichting, Swenson and Tulp

Absent: None

Nicholas mentioned that item 9. A. Wastewater Treatment Plant Project need to be removed as Chip Schultz was unable to attend. Nicholas mentioned this would move to the March 17, 2025 meeting. Motion made by Swenson, seconded by Schlichting, to approve the agenda as presented wit changes. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

The mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the council on a matter not appearing on the agenda and when no one indicated they wished to address council, the mayor moved on.

City Manager Nicholas informed everyone that they now have new stickers to go along with the golf cart registration and renewals. The new sticker will help officers determine which golf carts in town have registered or renewed their license with City Hall. Nicholas also mentioned he was working on some odds and ends along with other items later in the agenda.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating they were keeping track of the upcoming storm and will be out right away Wednesday morning and will continue to do what they can depending on what the weather allows.

Police Chief Gamino advised council that he would be making a conditional offer to an individual and will have on a later agenda for approval. The shortened academy begins June 2nd. Gamino also mentioned an accident on 4th Ave NE and 2nd Street NE and the possibility of a stop sign. He also is beginning to plan events, such as National Night Out, for the year.

Council Member Mattison asked about reports of officers patrolling gravel roads outside of City limits. Gamino mentioned they have been advised to run radar in town. Mayor Beminio stated there have even been complaints about being as far south as the road to Lake Cornelia. Gamino stated he would address the issue with the officers. It was also stated that Gamino needed to get bids for oil changes, and pick up recently purchased body cameras.

Mayor Beminio then led the council to the Consent Agenda.

Under Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the February 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

GOD, GLORY, GUTS & GUNPOWDER	JULY 4TH FIREWORKS & SUPPLIES	20,000.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER SERVICES-FEBRUARY 2025	201.43
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	6,938.31
BCD SERVICES	CLEANING SERVICES- FEB, 2025	320
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC.	CITY HALL & STREET SUPPLIES	234
CITY OF BELMOND	INS	1,617.66
CODY BONNSTETTER AUTO BODY	TRUCK #3 - RURAL AND CITY	28.89
CRITICAL HIRE	PROFILE/ZAMORA	150
DARIO GAMINO	SHIPPING RETURN/DARIO REIMBUR.	7.57
DEARBORN NATIONAL	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE-3/1-3/31	73.55
DEARBORN NATIONAL	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE-JANUARY,	73.55
FELD EQUIPMENT CO. INC., ED M.	BLOWHARD FAN-FIRE DEPT	1,000.00
HACH COMPANY	CHEMICALS-WTP & WWTP	733.2
HAWKINS INC.	CHEMICALS-WTP & WWTP	120
IA MUNI FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOC	ANNUAL FEE-GARDNER & NICHOLAS	100

IPERS	PROTECT IPERS	8,884.32
KINSETH PLUMBING & HEATING	FIRESTATION-TOLIET SEAT	49.2
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	TESTING	222
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE ON WATER BILLS	271.53
POSTMASTER	PERMIT FEE	350
RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS, INC.	TRANSDUCER-RURAL/FIRE DEPT.	1,006.48
STROMER OVERHEAD DOOR	PUBLIC WORKS SHED-OVERHEADDOOR	6,591.59
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS	NATURAL GAS SERVICES-FEBRUARY	3,058.05
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 238	UNION DUES	140.48
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	1,455.01
U. S. CELLULAR	SCADA	39.58
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED/FICA TAX	6,465.12
W. E. FLEET	FUEL COSTS	
Payroll Checks		19,190.55

- C. Motion – Approval of the Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service, and catering for MIFRYE SOLUTIONS LLC d/b/a The Smoke Shack 212 River Ave S- Ownership update
- D. Motion – Approval of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service to Top of Iowa Lucky Wife at 303 2nd St S, Swea City, IA for Cinco De Mayo

Motion made by DePuew, second by Tulp, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0, Motion carried.

Under New Business:

Greg Polzin presented Resolution 2025-04 Lease for Surgical Equipment for Belmond Hospital stating this was a lease to update equipment for laparoscopic surgery. It is a 24 month lease with total principal amount of approximately \$319,554.48. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Mattison. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-0, Abstain-1(Schlichting). Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented Resolution 2025-05 Setting a public hearing date for Ordinance 472 – State Setoff Program. Nicholas explained that this should satisfy the due process the state is looking for when we have not been able to collect on a debt directly from an individual. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 as presented by Tulp, seconded by Swenson. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented Resolution 2025-06 Setting a public hearing date of March 17, 2025 for proposed vacation and conveyance of real property. Nicholas mentioned this for the alley within the YohnCo property that was referred to planning and zoning's recommendation. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 as presented by Swenson, seconded by Schlichting. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried

Nicholas then presented Resolution 2025-07 Setting a public hearing date of March 17, 2025 for proposed vacation of alley and street. Nicholas explained this is for the alley between 4th Ave NE and 5th Ave NE and West Main Street, West of 6th Ave NW/SW. This was also referred to planning and zoning for their recommendation at the prior meeting. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-07 as presented by Mattison, seconded by Tulp. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented a proposal form Edmunds GovTech for City Hall Software. Nicholas advised council that there has been issues across the state with current Gworks software cloud-based program that they are forcing every user to. Nicholas stated that we have started to see some of the service issues but does not want to risk having the bigger issues that other cities are having with the software. The 2025 cost of Gworks was \$16,200. Edmunds GovTech will be \$11,000 for the first year and Banyon, another company Nicholas looked into, would be \$4,075. Nicholas mentioned that although Banyon seemed good, he felt it was missing some features that

would be needed for Belmond. Nicholas explained more benefits and drawbacks of all the companies. Motion to approve proposal as presented by Swenson, seconded by DePuew. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other matters, Council member Mattison mentioned that the Community Awards was coming up and wanted to remind everyone to inform BGA if they were going to attend. There was also discussion on truck parking at Tri-Rinse and needing to address the parking on the street there. Chief Gamino was instructed to write tickets to any trucks parked there. Individuals urinating or leaving bags of feces around there was also discussed. When there were no other matters, Mayor Beminiio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Schlichting, second by DePuew to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

Frank Beminiio, Mayor