

CITY OF BELMOND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 17, 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, Swenson and Tulp

Absent: Schlichting

Motion made by Tulp, seconded by Swenson, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. 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 Earl Kalkwarf addressed council regarding vehicles on grass and nuisances. He challenged council to go to other towns to see how they look and what they are doing or not doing. When no one else indicated they wished to address council, the mayor moved on.

City Manager Nicholas informed everyone that they will be having a Spring Clean-up on May 9th and 10th. He mentioned the hazardous waste trailer was not available then but would be working on a date in the future. Nicholas stated that Dario and him have and will continue to work on addressing the junk vehicles around town as well as nuisance properties to have them be able to take advantage of the clean-up days. He also stated he has started to work on the budget amendment. It was noted that the truth in taxation statement from the county have also been sent out and to reach out if there are any questions.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating the last snow was wet and heavy and with the low visibility it was hard to maintain the curb line. He stated they will go back and re-seed those spots but with the possibility of snow again this week, it would be at least a couple weeks. He mentioned the issues with the clarifier at the water plant and the softener part not working at the moment. They have contacted a company to fix and are trying to get it expedited.

Police Chief Gamino advised council that he had gotten bids for oil changes for the vehicles. He also mentioned he attended a training regarding schools where they went through various current trends that are happening.

Mayor Beminio then moved on to public hearings by opening the public hearing for Ordinance 472 Adding a New Section Authorizing use of The State Income Setoff Program. When no one stood to address the council, the mayor asked Nicholas if City Hall had received any comments on the matter. Nicholas said there were none. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Nicholas then presented the first reading of Ordinance 472. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 472 as presented by Tulp, seconded by DePuew. Roll Call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Mayor Beminio asked for a motion to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 472 and adopt in final form. Motion to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 472 and adopt in final form by Mattison, seconded by Swenson. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Mayor Beminio then opened the public hearing for Ordinance 473 Vacation and Conveyance of Portions of North-South Alley in Cutler's Addition. Attorney Jacquelyn K. Arthur, Laird Law Firm, highlighted that the alley is on the current YohnCo property. She also mentioned that Cutler Street that was platted in the same area was vacated in 1896. When no one else stood to address the council, the mayor asked Nicholas if City Hall had received any comments on the matter. Nicholas said there were none. Nicholas stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and recommended approval of Ordinance 473 as presented. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Nicholas then presented the first reading of Ordinance 473. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 473 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Swenson. Roll Call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Mayor Beminio asked for a motion to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 473 and adopt in final form. Motion to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 473 and adopt in final form by Tulp, seconded by DePuew. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Mayor Beminio then opened the public hearing for Ordinance 474 Vacation of East-West Alley on Block 14 Morse Bros Addition and East-West City Street between Blocks 24 and 25 First Addition. When no one stood to address the council, the mayor asked Nicholas if City Hall had received any comments on the matter. Nicholas said there were none. Nicholas also stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and recommended the vacation of the alley in Block 14 Morse Bros Addition but did not recommend the vacation of the Street between Blocks 24 and 25 First Addition as it would close of a main thoroughfare through town (West Main Street) if there was a development in the future. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Nicholas then presented the first reading of Ordinance 474. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 474 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission by Mattison, seconded by Swenson. Roll Call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Nicholas then stated that he recommended not waiving the second and third reading of Ordinance 474 due to the change. Motion to table the second and third reading of Ordinance 474 by Swenson, seconded by DePuew. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Mayor Beminio then led the council to the Consent Agenda.

Under Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

AG SOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	TESTING FEES	1,264.30
AIRGAS USA	TELEMETRY RENTAL-FEBRUARY	44.47
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	207.73
BELMOND INDEPENDENT	LEGAL/ADVERTISING	414.92
CINTAS CORPORATION #947	UNIFORM SERVICE-MARCH	261.76
COLOFF DIGITAL LLC	WEBSITE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	250
COMMUNICATION 1 NETWORK, INC.	TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICES-	570.87
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS INC	UTILITY BILL ACH FEE/MARCH,25	256.52
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	WATER METERS	220.26
DARIO GAMINO	MILEAGE & MEALS-GAMINO	131
DOUG'S SMALL ENGINE SALES&SVC	PARTS-STREETS	209.25
ELECTRONIC SPECIALTIES INC	ANNUAL UHF REPEATER #1 & #3	370.56
HAWKINS INC.	CHEMICALS-WWTP	3,374.56
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	POOL & SPA REGISTRATION	70
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	GOLF CART STICKERS-25'	60
IOWA SPECIALTY	FLU SHOTS/PRE-EMPLOYMENT TEST PD	168
K.R. CONSTRUCTION, INC.	SNOW-CONTRACT	1,170.00
MENARDS - MASON CITY	MAIL BOXES-SNOW	78.64
PRINTING SERVICES INC.	SHIPPING	25.57
PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES	TRANSFER MMPI-FRIEDOW	50
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC.	POST TEST SCORES	314.31
T & S SANITATION	GARBAGE-MARCH, 2025	62
T-MOBILE	CELLPHONE SERV-MARCH,2025	274.84
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX/WET/STATE TAX	13,279.02
TRUE VALUE FARM & HOME	SUPPLIES	94.09
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED/FICA TAX	6,189.79
USDA-RURAL DEVELOPMENT	LOAN PAYMENT-MARCH 17,2025	16,038.00
VISA	RV PARKS/TRAINING/ZOOM	1,371.19

W. E. FLEET	FUEL COSTS	1,317.92
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE	HEALTH INSURANCE-4/1-4/30,2025	9,332.95
Payroll Checks		18,219.74

Motion made by Swenson, second by Tulp, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1, Motion carried.

Under New Business:

Chip Schultz from Northland Securities presented various financing options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and highlighted the impact each option would have on not only the City debt but also on the citizens and trying to minimize the impact to them. Schultz mentioned that depending on which financing option council chooses, there may be additional steps needed.

Nicholas then presented Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement with Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. for a SRF Planning and Design Loan. Motion to approve the Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement as presented by Swenson, seconded by DePuew. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented Resolution 2025-08 Setting a public hearing date of April 7, 2025 for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-08 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Tulp. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried

Nicholas then presented the approval of award of bid for city facilities weed spraying. Nicholas stated that two bids were received, Landgraphics and TruGreen. He mentioned that although Landgraphics bid was \$207 higher, it is a local business. Motion to approve Landgraphics for city facilities weed spraying by Mattison, seconded by Swenson. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other matters, Council member Swenson asked if there was a date for the removal of Parker School. Nicholas mentioned there is no specific date yet but is planned this spring. Mayor Beminio also mentioned that he saw that some cities are cutting mosquito spraying and some are charging for entrance into dog parks. When there were no other matters, Mayor Beminio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Mattison, second by Swenson to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

Frank Beminio, Mayor