

CITY OF BELMOND
 COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 5, 2025
 Belmont, 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, Schlichting via phone, and Swenson

Absent: Mattison, and Tulp

Motion made by Swenson, seconded by DePuew, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Yes-3, No-0, Absent-2. Motion carried.

The mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the council on a matter not appearing on the agenda, Dawn Barkema thanked Justin Fournier, Public Works crew, and the football team for helping to put in the mulch for the zipline/gravity rail. Aimee Goeman gave an update on the pool fundraising committee and mentioned the postponement of the Roast and Toast event. Earl Kalkwarf mentioned he hoped the clean-up days goes well. Dirk van der Linden mentioned that council should be looking ahead at regulations on where garbage containers should be located. Gwen Harvey introduced a new non-profit service called Harv-Ware where older members of the population may contact them to get assistance for minor household repairs. Right now, they are looking for volunteers. When no one else indicated they wished to address council, the mayor moved on.

City Manager Nicholas informed council that the Wright County Charitable Foundation has awarded the pool project \$1,500.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating that street sweeping should be finished this week. They have been working on the zipline as well as removing trees along the trail. Next, they will begin removing some of the bushes in preparation of trees being planted soon. Fournier mentioned that the water softener is working but not at full capacity and could stop at any point. We continue to wait for parts, but the staff will continue to do what they can to keep it working. DePuew asked about the opening of the parks and Fournier mentioned that there were some busted pipes at the pool park and was able to get those fixed today. The ball diamonds also had issues but that they would address them tomorrow.

Police Chief Gamino updated council stating that Officer Zamora continues to train and has passed his firearms training and will continue to work on other training. He mentioned that he was able to obtain a 2024 Dodge Ram 1500 as the new vehicle and that it will be about \$12,000 less than previously expected. It should arrive late June or July. He mentioned that National Night out will be August 5th. He mentioned between April 21st and May 4th they had 125 calls for service, 1 arrest, 45 traffic stops, and 24 citations. Nicholas asked how Officer Kleckner was coming on meeting he residency requirement. Gamino mentioned that there were 3 residences in town that he was looking at but was unsure where he was at in that process.

Mayor Beminio then led the council to the Consent Agenda.

Under Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER SERVICES-APRIL 2025	201.43
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	9,199.85
BARKEMA TREE SERVICE LLC	POOL PARK TRIMMING	2,400.00
BCD SERVICES	CLEANING SERVICES - APRIL 2025	320
BELMOND INDEPENDENT	LEGAL	475.16
CITY OF BELMOND	INS	1,617.66
CODY BONNSTETTER AUTO BODY	DURANGO-POLICE	77.5
DEARBORN NATIONAL	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE 5/1-5/31	78.95

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY - TREASU	TRAINING MATERIAL -P. SCHLICHTING	100
GALLS, LLC	INVENTORY-PD / UNIFORM - ZAMORA	856.31
GLOBAL HYDRAULICS & SUPPLY	ROADS EQUIPMENT	54.96
H & K PLUMBING & HEATING	MATERIAL & LABOR	112.8
HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTER	IMOFA CONFERENCE-NICHOLAS	237.44
HOUSER BERKLAND & SIMONSON	APR-JUNE 2025 RETAINER	1,000.00
IPERS	PROTECT IPERS	8,937.84
ISU-REGISTRATION SERVICES	TRAINING-GARDNER / NICHOLAS	528
LANDGRAPHICS	YARD WORK-BULK GRASS SEED	316
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	STREET SWEEPER	276.09
MENARDS - MASON CITY	RAKE & MULCH/RETRACTABLE 2 PK - PARKS	206.37
NORTH IOWA AREA COMMUNITY	TRAINING-FOURINER/BELLS/SUMMER	225
PACKARD ELECTRIC INC.	RV PARKS / FIRE STATION SIREN	762.04
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	48.8
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE ON WATER BILLS	272.9
PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE	ELECTRICITY	493.47
PRINTING SERVICES INC.	SHIPPING	24.92
T-MOBILE	CELLPHONE SERV-MAY,2025	274.86
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 238	UNION DUES	140.48
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	1,458.6
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED/FICA TAX	6,749.87
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE	HEALTH INSURANCE 5/1-5/31 2025	9,332.95
WRIGHT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS	4TH QRT-FY2025	19,870.25
ZAMORA, ANGEL	TRAVEL & TRANSCRIPT	136.7
Payroll Checks		19,832.09

C. Motion – Approval of Class E Liquor License Automatic Renewals

1. Casey's Marketing Company, d/b/a Casey's General Store 2305, 303 River Ave S
2. Fareway Stores, Inc. #879, 512 River Avenue N

D. Motion – Approval Tobacco Permits

1. Casey's – 303 River Ave S
2. Fareway – 512 River Ave N

E. Motion - Approval of Performance Contract - Standing Hampton -July 4th Grandstand

F. Motion – Approval of 4th of July Permits

1. Parade/Procession Permit – July 4, 2025
2. Fireworks Permit – July 4, 2025

Motion made by Swenson, second by DePuew, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Yes-3, No-0, Absent-2, Motion carried.

Under New Business:

Jason Petersburg of Veenstra and Kimm presented a Professional Services Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project outlining the various aspects of the agreement including next steps and cost. Motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement as presented by DePuew, seconded by Swenson. Roll call: Yes-3, No-0, Absent-2. Motion carried.

Chip Schultz of Northland Securities via phone then led discussion regarding the funding option that was introduced at a prior meeting stating that this is a compelling option for funding of both the swimming pool project and 3rd St NE. With this, the City would proceed with one financing for both projects, therefore reducing bond issuance cost. This also assumes a successful vote of the pool on the November 2025 ballot. This model uses future local option sales tax revenue to

assist in keeping the debt service levy at its current rate. Nicholas noted that Council Member Schlichting was no longer connected via phone and attempted to call back, unsuccessfully. There was some discussion about the time frame and concern of what may happen in 6 years that would require the use of LOST.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other matters, and Earl Kalkwarf asked about pot hole filling. Fournier mentioned that he is aware of the pot holes and that he would be addressing soon, depending on warmer temperatures and weather. When there were no other matters, Mayor Beminio closed the meeting due to a lack of a quorum. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

Frank Beminio, Mayor