

CITY OF BELMOND  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 21, 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 noted that item 9(B) should be removed from the agenda as the Planning and Zoning meeting will need to be rescheduled. Motion made by Tulp, seconded by Swenson, to approve the agenda as presented with 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, when no one indicated they wished to address council, the mayor moved on.

City Manager Nicholas informed council he has given each of them an invite from Twin Rivers Exploration to stop by the Heartland Museum in Clarion to view the hydrogen exploration process and ask questions. Nicholas noted that they will be holding a demonstration on the process Thursday evening but did not have a time for that yet. He also mentioned that things continue to move forward with Edmunds GovTech with data pulls and gathering of information. He also noted that the City has finally been accepted into the State Setoff program to allow us to go after delinquent utility bills. This has been in process for quite some time.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating that the hole on West Main was caused by an old rotten stump in the ground. They have repaired the hole. He has also been working with engineers to mark utility lines and other items on 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE in preparation for construction in the spring. They continue to clean storm drains as well. There has also been a new control panel installed on the pump by River Park.

Police Chief Dario Gamino stated from July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup> there were 96 calls for service, 35 traffic stops, 15 citations, 11 warnings, and 2 vehicle tows. Chief Gamino informed them that the new truck is ready but waiting on outfitting. Officer Zamora is on his last week of academy and the department is looking forward to being full staff. Gamino plans to provide quarterly training to officers on varying categories to help maintain their certifications. Gamino also informed council on a case dealing with trafficking they had been working on that has led to an arrest. He also shared a complaint from a local business about the police staking out the business. It was informed that there is known illegal activity happening. He also stated that being full staff in October will help officers to focus on different things and be more proactive.

Council Member Al Mattison then gave a Wright County Landfill Authority Report stating that everything is back to normal. They are installing fire detection equipment. Trash and recycling are running at normal numbers as well. He also stated that they are able to potentially save some money by rebuilding the teeth on the crusher themselves.

Mayor Beminio then led the council to the Consent Agenda.

Under Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

4 AMIGOS	3ON3 3RD PLACE: KYSEN, SAUL, ALVARO	25
AG SOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	TESTING FEES	1,411.00
AIRGAS USA	TELEMENTARY RENTAL	44.47
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	17,814.97
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY LLP	STREETS	47.88
BALLERS	3ON3 BALLERS-JAICEE, HOLDYN, SHEA,	25
BELL'S FIRE STOP	FROM. LIBRARY CHK.16773	24

BRODY & TEAM	3ON3 1ST PLACE - BRODY, COECOCHAN,	45
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	WHEEL LOADER/LEASE PAYMENT-	2,546.98
CENTRAL TANK COATINGS INC	CLEAN & INSPECT GALLON TANK	2,500.00
CODY BONNSTETTER AUTO BODY	TIRE-FIRE DEPT. RURAL	715
COMMUNICATION 1 NETWORK, INC.	TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICES-	586.27
DARIO GAMINO	MILEAGE & MEALS - GAMINO	273.07
DOOLITTLE OIL CO INC	GAL DRUM/BARREL-SNOW	577.69
DOUG'S SMALL ENGINE SALES&SVC	SUPPLIES-STREET	57.86
FAREWAY STORES	FIREMAN'S OFFICE SUPPLIES	257.54
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	HMAO/HMO/FFI-PALS, SOMA	650
FLYING TURTLES	3ON3 1ST. JAEI, MAX, ZAVOLA, BRIAN	25
GALLS, LLC	CUFFS - POLICE	95.9
GLOBAL BALLERS	3ON3 2ND PLACE-JEROME, JEROME,	30
GRIFFIN TEAM	3ON3 GRIFFIN, BLAZE, CASH, GAELLE	30
HAWKINS INC.	CHEMICALS-WTP & WWTP	200
HEARTLAND ASPHALT INC.	SUMMER BLEND	284
IOWA DNR	ANNUAL FEE PWSID-9905003	267.77
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL NOTIFICATIONS	28.8
K-TOWN	3ON3 FIRST PLACE, CARLOS, CAEDEN,	45
K.R. CONSTRUCTION, INC.	STORM SEWER REPAIR/MOWING LABOR	2,411
MAKS	3ON3 MIKE, KEITH, SHARAT, ARCHIE-	25
MIDAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	ANNUAL DUES-FY2026	2,931.41
NELSON SEPTIC SERVICE LLC	PORTABLE TOILET-CROWN POINT	125
NELSON SEPTIC SERVICE LLC	4TH OF JULY EVENTS	400
PACKARD ELECTRIC INC.	LIFT STATION (RIVER PARK)	6,411.84
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	45.31
PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE	ELECTRICITY	74.02
PRINTING SERVICES INC.	SHIPPING	24.87
RKB INFLATABLE'S	4TH OF JULY INFLATABLES	1,595.00
SIMMERING-CORY	CODE UPDATE PROJECT	1,500.00
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS	NATURAL GAS SERVICES-JULY	1,157.73
TRUE VALUE FARM & HOME	SUPPLIES	306.13
U. S. CELLULAR	SCADA	39.58
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED/FICA TAX	7,460.81
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	2025 WWTF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	45,430.00
VISA	RV PARKS/TRAININH/ZOOM	2,032.93
W. E. FLEET	FUEL COSTS	2,266.35
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE	HEALTH INSURANCE-8/1-8/31,2025	3,420.72
BRANDON WITHERS	CONTRACT LABOR-4TH OF JULY	700
WRIGHT COUNTY EMA	ANNUAL DUES	5,755.90
ZAMORA, ANGEL	MILEAGE & MEALS-ZAMORA	699.93
Payroll Checks		21,073.66

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

Under New Business:

Nicholas presented the Park Board appointees as they had approved the ordinance change at the last meeting. The board members for Park Board are Rick Rockow, Connie Mattison, Ruth Johnson, Rob Arnold, and Mike Sinnwell. Nicholas noted that Sandy Steenblock had resigned from

both the park board and tree board recently. To fulfil her role on the Tree Board, Mike Sinnwell was willing to be appointed as a connection between the two boards. Motion to approve the appointments to the Park Board and Tree Board as presented by Swenson, seconded by Schlichting. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented an approval of Engagement with Ahlers and Cooney for Employment Law Services to help in any employment laws in the future. Nicholas noted a recommendation from the City Attorney to utilize their services must happen first. Motion to approve the Engagement with Ahlers and Cooney for Employment Law Services as presented by Schlichting, seconded by Tulp. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other matters, and when there were no other matters, Mayor Beminio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Schlichting, seconded by DePuew to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

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Frank Beminio, Mayor