

CITY OF BELMOND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 19, 2026
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, Kalkwarf, Schultz, and Tulp

Absent: Hardman

Motion made by DePuew, seconded by Schultz, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

The mayor then 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.

Belmond Growth Alliance Director Iran Carlos Martinez introduced herself and gave an annual report of the BGA's activities in 2025. She highlighted events such as "Fiesta on Main", "Parade of Lights", "Breakfast with Santa", and the various vendor shows. She mentioned that council is invited and welcomed at all the events and also informed them of the members of the BGA Board.

Arthur Jones of Teamsters #238 then presented the initial proposed changes to the Teamster (Police) contract.

City Manager Nicholas stated he continues to work on budget as something new is constantly getting added or adjusted and ever changing.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating that with the cold some of the controls went out at the Wastewater Treatment Plant but they were able to fix the issue and are back to working. He stated they have burnt through some blades with the plows and have replacements coming. He stated they will continue to clean up around town as well.

Officer Beaupain reported for the Police Department that they will be having fitness testing on January 31st for potential officers. They are also hosting a Bingo event on January 9th.

Under old Business, Nicholas presented Resolution 2026-03 Resolution Approving Mileage Reimbursement stating that Clarion follows the IRS rate, Eagle Grove had it on their agenda for tonight at the IRS rate, and Wright County approved to stay at the 2025 rate of \$.70 per mile. Nicholas mentioned the dates and amounts paid to City staff for FY26 so far. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 as presented and keeping the 2025 rate of \$.70 per mile by DePuew, second by Schultz. 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 January 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

| AG SOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES | TESTING FEES | 1,303.50 |
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| AIRGAS USA | TELEMETRY RENTAL | 44.47 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | GAS & ELECTRIC | 262.51 |
| BARKEMA TREE SERVICE LLC | CEMETARY & STREETS-TREE REM. | 1,875.00 |
| BELMOND GROWTH ALLIANCE | ANNUAL DUES-FY2026 | 1,700.00 |
| BELMOND INDEPENDENT | SUBSCRIPTION/LEGAL-MINUTES | 276.83 |
| CINTAS CORPORATION #947 | UNIFORM SERVICES | 158.76 |
| COLOFF DIGITAL LLC | WEBSITE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE | 250 |
| COMMUNICATION 1 NETWORK, INC. | TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVVICES- | 616.91 |
| CREATIVE SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED | QRTLY FEE 7 ACCOUNT | 138.39 |
| CSG FORTE PAYMENTS INC | UTILITY BILL ACH FEE/JANUARY | 280.29 |
| FAREWAY STORES | PFAS SAMPLING-WATER DEPT | 4.98 |
| FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516 | METER ACCOUNT | 4,410.00 |

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| GALLS, LLC | 214.69-ZAMORA,33.46-UNIFORMS | 248.15 |
| HANCOCK COUNTY COOP OIL ASSN. | DIESEL-SNOW DEPT | 2,578.01 |
| HOUSER BERKLAND & SIMONSON | RETAINER FOR 2025/1 ST QTR 2026 | 2,000.00 |
| IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES | GOLF CART STICKERS-26' | 60 |
| K.R. CONSTRUCTION, INC. | SNOW REMOVAL-3 DUMP TRUCKS | 1,500.00 |
| K.C. NIELSEN LTD | PARTS-SNOW | 18.15 |
| MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE, INC | MOODY'S RATING -POOL & 3RD ST | 21,000.00 |
| PETTY CASH | POSTAGE | 37.33 |
| PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE | ELECTRICITY | 117.94 |
| PRINTING SERVICES INC. | SHIPPING | 25.22 |
| T & S SANITATION | GARBAGE-JANUARY | 62 |
| TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA | WITHOLDING/WET/SALES/STATE TAX | 15,185.12 |
| U. S. CELLULAR | SCADA | 107.56 |
| UNITED STATES TREASURY | FED/FICA TAX | 6,573.62 |
| USDA-RURAL DEVELOPMENT | LOAN PAYMENT-JANUARY,2026 | 16,038.00 |
| VISA | RV PARKS/TRAINING/ZOOM | 509.95 |
| W. E. FLEET | FUEL COSTS | 1,545.35 |
| WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE | HEALTH INSURANCE-2/1-2/28,2026 | 9,880.45 |
| WRIGHT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS | 3RD QRT-FY2026 | 20,264.33 |
| Payroll Checks | | 19,570.89 |

- C. Motion – Approval of Certification of the 2025 Municipal Wages
- D. Motion – Approval of Class “B” Retail Alcohol License Dollar General #1969 – 404 River Ave N.
- E. Motion – Approval of Premise Information Update – Class C Alcohol License Cattleman’s Dining LLC, 1608 3rd St NE

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

Under New Business Nicholas mentioned that he and Library Director Sonya Trager had been discussing switching the libraries payroll, withholding, IPERS, and other reporting to the system at City Hall. Nicholas mentioned the Library Board approved this earlier today at their meeting. It would make the process more efficient and eliminate potential reporting errors as it was being done by hand. Nicholas stated they will eventually move A/P to the Cities software as well but would wait until the beginning of the fiscal year. He stated the libraries checks all come from the cities account and will continue to be approved by the Library Board so the only change will be how they are entered in the system. Motion to approve the transfer of the Talbot Belmond Public Library payroll and all associated reports to the City Hall software as presented by DePuew, seconded by Kalkwarf. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried

Nicholas then then led a discussion regarding the budget and Wright County Communications increasing their amount 20% for next year. Wright County is making changes to allow cities to budget for the amount owed to Communications. This would increase the cities total levy by more than \$1. Nicholas stated he will continue to work with the numbers and see what options their may be for council to review later.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other matters, and when there were none, Mayor Beminio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by DePuew, seconded by Tulp to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

Frank Beminio, Mayor