

CITY OF BELMOND  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 2, 2026  
Belmond, Iowa 50421

Mayor Pro Tem Kyle Tulp 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 via phone, Schultz, and Tulp

**Absent:** Hardman

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

The mayor pro tem 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 so, he moved on.

City Manager Nicholas stated he was working on the form and fees for building permits as well as the City fee schedule as it hasn't been updated since 2023. Nicholas stated that with the State Legislature looking to limit the city to two percent growth among other restrictions, the City will need to look at other ways to provide revenue so that services and programs do not need to be cut.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating they would be working to repair the snow plow bracket on the 1995 plow as well as replacing failed equipment at the water plant. Council member Schultz asked about why the snow was placed in the pool parking lot. Fournier mentioned that when the ground is too soft at the sewer plant trucks get stuck and causes other issues so, they will put the snow in the pool parking lot instead. It is not ideal though. Schultz also mentioned painting the traffic light poles and mentioned he knew someone that may be able to help and would put him in contact with Fournier.

Police Chief Gamino updated council stating for February they had 203 calls for service, 93 traffic stops, 32 citations, 32 warnings, 6 arrest, 6 accidents, 1 tow. Also informed that the officers had defensive tactics training and de-escalation training recently. He mentioned that new officer Kevin Tapia would be attending the 9-week academy starting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Tulp then moved on to Public Hearings by opening the public hearing for Resolution 2026-07 conveying real property. Nicholas advised that the alleys and streets in question were vacated previously by Ordinance 476 and now were ready to be sold. The council was informed of the areas to be sold and to whom. When no one stood to address council, the Mayor pro tem asked Nicholas if City Hall had received any comments on the matter. Nicholas stated there were none. The Mayor pro tem then closed the public hearing. Nicholas then presented Resolution 2026-07 Conveying Real Property. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Schultz. Roll call: DePuew-Yes, Hardman-Absent, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Tulp then led the council to the Consent Agenda.

Under Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the February 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER MAINTENACE - FEB 2026	215.18
AIRGAS USA	CHEMICALS/TELEMETRY RENTAL	2,190.68
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	11,743.69
BCD SERVICES	CLEANING SERVICES-FEB 2026	320
BELMOND INDEPENDENT	LEAGAL - MINUTES	99.46
BRAUN MECHANICAL LLC	WATER HEATER REPAIR - FIRE	2,452.00
BROADWAY AWARDS	FIRE DEPT PLAQUE CONT.	520
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	WHEEL LOADER/LEASE PAY-FEB	2,546.98
CEDAR VALLEY SALES & SERVICE	RAIL SIDE UTILITY TAILER-ATV -FIRE	4,049.00
CITY OF BELMOND	INS	1,130.86

CODY BONNSTETTER AUTO BODY	TRUCK #4 & #3 - RURAL/CITY	1,890.34
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS INC	UTILITY BILL ACH FEE-JANUARY	284.73
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	SNOW PLOW	1,121.83
DEARBORN NATIONAL	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE-3/1-3/31	86.85
FOREST CITY POLICE RESERVES	VEST/CARRIER - TAPIA	300
GALLS, LLC	UNIFORM-TAPIA	169.28
GRAYMONT (WI) LLC	CHEMICALS -LIME	9,322.42
HAWKINS INC.	CHEMICALS -WTP & WWTP	210
IPERS	PROTECT IPERS	9845.63
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	TESTING	236.5
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	47.69
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE ON WATER BILLS	264.33
PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE	ELECTRICITY	34.37
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS	NATURAL GAS SERVICES-FEB	1,706.03
T & S SANITATION	GARBAGE-FEBRUARY	62
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 238	UNION DUES	148.48
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	WET TAX/SALES TAX/STATE-FEB	8,746.39
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED/FICA TAX	7,245.89
USDA-RURAL DEVELOPMENT	LOAN PAYMENT-FEBRUARY, 2026	16,038.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1/3RD ST PROJ	15,423.00
W. E. FLEET	FUEL COSTS	1,056.58
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE	HEALTH INSURANCE-3/1-3-31,2026	7,777.78
WRIGHT COUNTY ECON DEVELOPMENT	ANNUAL DUES - CY2026	500
ZERO9 HOLSTERS	UNIFORMS-EQUIPMENT	177.8
Payroll Checks		21,358.80

C. Motion – Approval of Re-appointment to Boards: Tree Board – Mike Sinnwell, Board of Adjustments- Julie Ysker

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

Under New Business Nicholas presented Pay Estimate No. 1 for 2026 3<sup>rd</sup> St Ne project to Denver Underground and Grading Inc stating this was for removal of trees in the right-of-way and locator. Motion to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Schultz. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Nicholas then began discussion on the budget by bringing up the levy for Wright County Communications and how it would affect the total levy for the city. He explained various departments that are paid from the general fund, which receives its revenue from property taxes. The departments include Police, Library, City Hall, Fire Department, and Insurance, among various other departments. It was noted that Public Works budget mostly comes from the Road Use Tax fund, not the General Fund. It was also noted that the water and sewer loans and expenses are paid through the utility bills. Council members agreed to move forward with the current proposal at the moment.

Nicholas then began discussion regarding certain low to moderate income lots, six lots, that remain in Dumond Estates. He stated that this area received funds specifically for these lots from the state when the area was put into an Urban Renewal Area in 1996. The City no longer receives any TIF dollars from the area and there are no Urban Renewal projects in the area as well. Nicholas stated that in working with Ahlers and Cooney, they have come up with a Resolution and Ordinance to remove the Urban renewal area. This would allow the City to sell the lots to non LMI individuals. Nicholas stated that there are restrictive covenants in place that require certain size houses to be built and he also stated that once these covenants expire it would be important to

make sure there were at least similar restrictions in place for these lots, so that people couldn't just buy them and not build a house on them. Nicholas also stated that if the lots are sold to non LMI individuals then that money received will need to go into a LMI fund for a future LMI project. Council agreed to move forward and requested Nicholas to make the proper postings to move forward.

The Mayor Pro Tem then asked if there were any other matters, Kalkwarf asked about parking tickets and if the City received those funds. It was noted that parking tickets are \$35 and the City receives all the funds. Nicholas brought up the loader payment that is made each year and mentioned that the last payment is in August of 2027 and will be around \$62,000. Nicholas stated he will be looking into see if the city could potentially pay it off earlier to save on interest. When there were no other matters, a motion to adjourn the meeting was requested. Motion by DePuew, seconded by Schultz to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

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Kyle Tulp, Mayor Pro Tem