

CITY OF BELMOND  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 16, 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, Hardman, Kalkwarf via phone, and Tulp

**Absent:** Schultz

Motion made by Tulp, seconded by Hardman, 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 so, the Mayor moved on.

Jensen Sandgren of Fort & Schlegel C.P.A., P.C. presented via phone the fiscal year 2025 Annual Audit highlighting various aspects of the report.

City Manager Nicholas updated council stating he continues to review the budget.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating that have rebuilt the one plow that was damaged and had some issues with the heavy wet snow most recently. He also noted that the Dollar General lift station is now repaired and operating as it should.

Police Chief Gamino then gave the Police Departments reported that there have been seven snow bans this year with thirty-six tickets given out, twenty-four of them have paid. He also noted that it was the first day of the Academy for Officer Tapia.

Mayor Beminio then led the council to the Consent Agenda.

Under Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the March 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

GOD, GLORY, GUTS & GUNPOWDER	JULY 4TH FIREWORKS-2026	23,000.00
AG SOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	TESTING FEES	1,106.35
AIRGAS USA	TELEMNTRY RENTAL	92.05
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	157.88
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY LLP	STREETS	252.09
AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FILING FEE FY2025	425
BELMOND INDEPENDENT	STREET OPERATOR AD	83.7
BELMOND-KLEMMME COMMUNITY	N WELCOME SIGN	50
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	WHEEL LOADER/LEASE PAYMENT,	2,546.98
CINTAS CORPORATION #947	UNIFORM	294.88
CODY BONNSTETTER AUTO BODY	SNOW-TIRES/FORD/DODGE/RAM/DURANGO OIL	3,127.41
COLOFF DIGITAL LLC	WEBSITE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	250
COMMUNICATION 1 NETWORK, INC.	TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICES-	620.16
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS INC	UTILITY BILL ACH FEE/FEBRUARY	275.88
DENVER UNDERGROUND&GRADING INC	PAY ESTIMATE NO.1/3RD ST PROJ	15,423.00
DOUG'S SMALL ENGINE SALES&SVC	CHAINSAW	79.99
ELECTRONIC SPECIALTIES INC	ANNUAL UHF REPEATER #1 & #3	370.56
FAMILY VETERINARY PRACTICE	IMPOUND FEE	52.5
FAREWAY STORES	BK CAREER DAY	4.98
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	WATER METERS/NEPTUNE 360 ANNUAL	3,459.96
FORT & SCHLEGEL C.P.A.	ACCOUNTING & AUDIT	11,350.00
GALLS, LLC	UNIFORMS-GAMINO/TAPIA	1,378.53
H & K PLUMBING & HEATING	SEWER MAIN-MONTCLARE LN	190
HACH COMPANY	CHEMICALS-WATER TREATMENT	160.94
HANCOCK COUNTY COOP OIL ASSN.	FUEL-STORM & SEWER	3,596.35
HAWKINS INC.	CHEMICALS - WTP & WWTP	5,288.23

HOUSER BERKLAND & SIMONSON	RETAINER	1,000.00
K.R. CONSTRUCTION, INC.	SNOW REMOVALS-3 DUMP TRUCKS	2,700.00
SIOUX VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL	CHLORINE PROBE-WATER	1,425.00
T & S SANITATION	GARBAGE-MARCH	62
T-MOBILE	CELLPHONE SERVICES-MARCH	278.2
TQ TECHNOLOGIES	TECH HELP WITH EPSON	48.8
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX/WET PAYMENT MARCH 2026	6,895.96
TRUE VALUE FARM & HOME	SUPPLIES	139.41
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED/FICA TAX	7,568.31
USDA-RURAL DEVELOPMENT	LOAN PAYMENT-MARCH,2026	16,038.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	2025 WWTF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	20,650.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	2026 AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT	4,815.20
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	2026 3RD ST NE	1,185.00
VISA	RV PARKS/TRAINING/ZOOM	898.52
W. E. FLEET	FUEL COSTS	1,308.08
WRIGHT COUNTY AREA LANDFILL	4TH QTR-FY2026	14,850.00
Payroll Checks		22,547.49

C. Motion – Approval of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service to Top of Iowa Lucky Wife at 303 2<sup>nd</sup> St S, Swea City, IA for Fiesta on Main

D. Motion – Approval of Resignation/Part-time status of Officer Graham Patrick

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

Under New Business Nicholas presented information regarding the 930M Loader Lease and either making additional payments each month or paying off the lease. Nicholas stated that by making additional principal payments equal to the existing monthly payment it would save \$1,900 in interest. If they payoff the lease, \$96,500, then it would save about \$7,000 in interest. Currently, this lease is paid for by local option sales tax. Nicholas reviewed the balance of this fund with the future anticipated expenses from this fund. Motion to approve to payoff the lease as presented by Kalkwarf, seconded by Tulp. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented the approval to hire Robert Summers as Street Operator pending physical. He stated Robert would be paid \$20.00 per hour with full benefits and would have a six-month probation period. Motion to approve the hiring as presented by Tulp, seconded by Hardman. Roll call: Yes-3, No-0, Absent-1, Abstain-1(DePuew). Motion carried.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other matters, Nicholas stated that tax forms from the County Auditor should be in citizens mailboxes soon and sometimes they are confusing, so if anyone has questions they can call City Hall and we will try to help them to understand. When there were no other matters, 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.

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Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

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Frank Beminio, Mayor