

CITY OF BELMOND  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 6, 2026  
Belmond, Iowa 50421

Mayor Frank Beminio called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:20 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall with the roll call showing:

**Present:** Council Members, DePuew, Hardman, Kalkwarf, Schultz, and Tulp

**Absent:** None

Nicholas mentioned the years listed in the packet for Ordinance 479 should say 2026. Motion made by DePuew, seconded by Hardman, to approve the agenda as presented with changes. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. 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 Chuck Piel addressed council asking if there was a storm siren in Pool Park and also asked about the 28E agreement and gravel roads with Wright County. It was noted that there used to be a siren at Pool Park but no longer is. They are located at El-Mar Park and the Fire Station. It was also mentioned that the 28E agreement is for shared roads with the county. Fournier mentioned that they will be addressing them when weather permits. When no one else indicated they wished to address council, the Mayor moved on.

City Manager Nicholas updated council stating the Edmunds software transition continues to move along well.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating that the water plant repairs are taking place and should be back to operational next week. He stated the pool demo is mostly done and they will start marking out the footprint soon. Public works will be getting parks ready to open as well as applying cold patch, sweeping, and brooming in the coming weeks as weather allows. Fournier also mentioned they will be doing spring sewer and hydrant flushing as well.

Police Chief Gamino then reported that Officer Tapia is now in week four of nine of the academy and is enjoying it. He has posted to hire a 5<sup>th</sup> officer and will be attending a career fair at Waldorf University this week.

Mayor Beminio then moved on to Public Hearings by opening the public hearing for the Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Project and the Adoption of Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost. When no one stood to address council, the Mayor asked Nicholas if City Hall had received any comments on the matter. Nicholas stated there were none. The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing. Jason Petersburg of Veenstra and Kimm then presented to council Resolution 2026-08 Adoption of Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost of Certain Public Improvements – 2026 Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Project. He highlighted that this project was to address violations from the DNR and would switch the plant from Anaerobic to Aerobic and would be about an 18-month project. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Hardman. Roll call: DePuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Petersburg then presented the Bid Tabulation for the Waste Water Treatment Project stating that Peterson Construction of Webster City, IA was the lowest responsible bidder at \$6,233,300. It was noted that the highest bid was over \$9 million. Petersburg recommended approval of award to Peterson Construction subject to SRF concurrence and securing financing. Chip Schultz with PFM Financial Advisors then presented information to the Council regarding the user rate adjustments that would be needed from July 2028 going forward as rates are already adopted for prior to that date. He highlighted that there is some Principal forgiveness that is provided by SRF but is not until the project is complete and the amount is not known until that time as well. Rates would be reviewed at the time of receiving the forgiveness. Resolution 2026-09 Making Award of Construction Contract for 2026 Waste Water Treatment Facility Improvement Project was presented with awarding the contract to Peterson Construction with bid amount of \$6,233,300.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 as presented by Tulp, seconded by Schultz. Roll call: DePuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Beminio then opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 479 Repealing Ordinance 327, Termination of the Residential Urban Renewal Plan Area. When no one stood to address council, the Mayor asked Nicholas if City Hall had received any comments on the matter. Nicholas stated there were none. The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing. Nicholas then presented the first reading of Ordinance 479 which would terminate the Urban Renewal Plan Area for Dumond Estates area as there are no planned improvements and no payments are being made on the area. It would allow the City to sell certain lots to anyone and not just low to moderate income individuals. Nicholas stated that there are restrictive covenants that are still in place and should be followed. Once those covenants expire in 2027, then council can determine any restrictions on the lots. Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 479 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Kalkwarf. Roll call: DePuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried. Motion to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 479 and adopt in final form by Kalkwarf, seconded by DePuew. Roll call: DePuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented Resolution 2026-10 Terminating the Residential Urban Renewal Plan for the Residential Urban Renewal Plan Area and Ending the Residential Urban Renewal Plan Area. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-10 as presented by Tulp, seconded by Schultz. Roll call: DePuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Beminio then led the council to the Consent Agenda.

Under Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the March 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER MAINENACE - MARCH 2026	218.55
AHERN CO	SPRINKLER INSPECTION	193.2
AHLERS COONEY ATTORNEYS	LEGAL SERVICES	123.5
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	15,883.96
AMAZON COM	STORYWALK BOOKS	271.53
AMY BATES	MILEAGE TO SRP CONFERENCE	26.6
BALDWIN OK TIRE	TIRE REPAIR-WATER TRUCK	43.5
BCD SERVICES	CLEANING SERVICES-MARCH 2026	400
BELMOND INDEPENDENT	LEGALS/CEMETERY MAINT NOTICE	273.573
BELMOND LAUNDRY & CAR WASH	FEBRUARY MAT RENTAL	28
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	AUDIOBOOKS	32.64
BRAUN MECHANICAL LLC	MAINTENANCE	2,814.24
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	279.88
BROWN'S LANDSCAPING	SEASONAL TRIMMING	395
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	WHEEL LOADER/LEASE PAYMENT,	93,954.66
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	306.22
CINTAS CORPORATION #947	UNIFORM SERVICES	221.16
CITY OF BELMOND	INS	1,374.34
CODY BONNSTETTER AUTO BODY	TOW-RAM/TIRE REPAIR-FORD	130
COLOFF DIGITAL LLC	WEBSITE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	250
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	WINTER SYSTEM	1,573.03
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT - POLICE	73.72
DEMCO	DUE DATE SLIPS	68.86
ELECTRIC PUMP	BELMOND DG LIFT STATION	115,085.00

FAREWAY STORES	JANITOR, OFFICE & PROGRAM	79.27
GALLS, LLC	UNIFORM	112.64
GLOBAL HYDRAULICS & SUPPLY	SNOW-SUPPLIES	55.22
GRAINGER	STREET LIGHTING	464.94
H & K PLUMBING & HEATING	WATER PLANT ELECTRICAL/MEETING ROOM HEATER	285
HAWKINS INC.	CHEMICALS-WTP&WWTP	180
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	MMPI-RETLEFF	20
IA MUNI FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOC	CERTIFICATION-GARDNER	150
IPERS	PROTECT IPERS	16201.06
JCL SOLUTIONS	GLASS CLEANER, PAPER TOWEL	192.95
K.R. CONSTRUCTION, INC.	SNOW-REMOVAL	700
LANDGRAPHICS	LAWN SPRAYING	366.68
LEXIPOL, LLC	ANNUAL FEE-5/26-4/27	5,110.41
LINDA ALLEN	BOOKS	328.34
LOU VOSS	POOL CASH RAFFLE 2026	9,623.80
MEGA SAVER	RETAIL TOBACCO REFUND	14.06
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	TESTING	236.5
PIONEER CRITICAL POWER	LIFE STATION #3/#1/#2/WWTP/WTP	5,150.30
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE ON WATERBILLS	274.62
PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE	ELECTRICITY	75.57
PRINTING SERVICES INC.	SHIPPING	26.3
SIOUX VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL	WATER-FLEXFLO	1,725.00
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS	BATURAL GAS SERVICES-MARCH	4,954.64
T-MOBILE	CELLPHONE SERVICE-APRIL	279.9
TAPIA, KEVIN	MEALS-TAPIA	143.56
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 238	UNION DUES	225.72
THE TRASH MAN	FEBRUARY RECYCLING	6.25
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	2,871.01
U. S. CELLULAR	SCADA	107.56
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED/FICA TAX	17,078.48
VEIT, LLC	COPIER MAINTENANCE	122.21
VISA	COPYRIGHT OSP	6
WALDORF UNIVERSITY CARRER CEN.	WALDORF CAREER DAY	50
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE	HEALTH INSURANCE-4/1-4/30,2026	9,218.64
WRIGHT COUNTY 911 BOARD	4TH QRT-FY2026	20,264.33
Payroll Checks	2 PAYROLLS	50,980.02

C. Motion – Approval of Tobacco Permit – Fareway – 512 River Ave N

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

Under New Business Petersburg presented the Pay Estimate #1 for 2026 Aquatic Center Project to Sande Construction and Supply and updated council on progress. Motion to approve to Pay Application #1 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Hardman. Roll call: DePuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented Resolution 2026-11 Setting Date for Public Hearing on the FY26/27 Budget as April 20, 2026. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-11 as presented by DePuew, seconded by Schultz. Roll call: DePuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented bids for the Annual Audit services explaining that seven request for proposals were sent out and we received two back, one from T.P. Anderson & Company, P.C. out of Humboldt, IA and one from Fort & Schlegel C.P.A., P.C. Nicholas explained that Fort & Schlegel have done the cities audit for many years and again was the lowest bid at \$12,500 for FY 26, \$13,125 for FY 27, and \$13,785 for FY 29. Nicholas recommended to continue with Fort & Schlegel. Motion to approve Fort & Schlegel for Annual Audit Services as presented by DePuew, seconded by Hardman. Roll call: Yes-4, No-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Nicholas then informed council that no bids were received for contracted mowing at the cemetery. Therefore, they will now post for the positions to hire. Motion to approve hiring for mowing at the Belmont Cemetery by Tulp, seconded by Kalkwarf. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented comparable rates and the approved rates by the Park Board for the RV Park rental rates along with the approved rate for Park Shelter House rentals. Nicholas informed the council that the Park Board is advisory to the council. Motion to approve RV rental to increase to \$20 per night for all camping spots and to increase Park shelter rental rates to \$35 by Hardman, seconded by DePuew. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented Resolution 2026-12 Authorizing Application with IEDA for CAT Program Funding for Belmont Aquatic Center stating that this was done once before but as an up to amount. This resolution will be more accurate for the CAT application as it states the actual bonding amount. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-12 as presented by Kalkwarf, seconded by Tulp. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other matters, Nicholas stated that the residential clean up days will be May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and that will begin looking at nuisance properties to make sure they get notified of the event. When there were no other matters, Mayor Beminiio asked for a motion to adjoin the meeting. Motion by DePuew, seconded by Schultz to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

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Frank Beminiio, Mayor