

CITY OF BELMOND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 18, 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, Schultz, and Tulp

Absent: None

Motion made by Schultz, seconded by DePuew, to approve the agenda as presented. 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, when no one indicated they wished to address council, the Mayor moved on.

City Manager Nicholas updated council stating that there are a few days in June that the City Hall staff will be in training for the new software and will be closed for a few hours on those days. He also stated there will be a flyer out soon informing individuals there will be a new way to pay their utility bills.

Public Works Director Fournier updated council stating all they had put down about 13 tons of cold patch so far. He also stated that the water plant repairs were now completed but it will take a few weeks for the water to cycle through to all the residences. To help speed up the process they will flush fire hydrants as well as flush sewer mains, this will cut about a week off of the time. 3rd St NE project continues to move forward and almost done with the sewer mains. They will move onto water mains next. Pool project also continues to move forward with concrete being poured for the ramp and deep end. Fournier also mentioned that he has looked at the storm siren at El-Mar Park and believes the charger for the battery has died. It will be replaced as soon as possible.

Police Officer Beaupain reported for the Police Department and thanked EMS for the support during Police week. Officer Tapia is back from the academy and will be doing field training. Council Member Schultz thanked the police for their quick response on dogs recently.

Mayor Beminio then moved on to Public Hearings by opening the public hearing for Resolution 2026-17 Approving the Budget Amendment for FY 2025/2026. When no one stood to address the council, the Mayor asked Nicholas if City Hall had received any comments on the matter. Nicholas said that there were none. The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing. Nicholas then presented Resolution 2026-17 and highlighted various expenses that have occurred requiring the budget amendment. These included wages for Police, training and academy expenses, new side by side and trailer for Fire Department that was reimbursed to the city by the Fire Department Foundation, the pay-off of the Loader, Plow truck, Parker removal, Edmunds software, along with repairs at the water plant and lift stations, and projects on 3rd St NE and the Pool. Motion by Kalkwarf, seconded by DePuew to approve Resolution 2026-17 as presented. Roll call: Depuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Under Old Business Nicholas then presented the second reading of Ordinance 480 Sewer Service Charges Required. Motion by Tulp, seconded by Schultz to approve the second reading of Ordinance 480 as presented. Roll call: Depuew-Yes, Hardman-Yes, Kalkwarf-Yes, Schultz-Yes, Tulp-Yes. Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried. Motion by DePuew, seconded by Schultz to waive the third reading of Ordinance 480 and adopt in final form. 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 May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of the Bills

AG SOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	TESTING FEES	1,295.35
AIRGAS USA	TELEMETRY RENTAL	47.58

ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	634.51
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY LLP	STREETS - PARTS	3.46
BELMOND INDEPENDENT	ADVERTISING /LEGL - MINUTES	214.55
BRUNS MACHINE & WELDING	WATER TREATMENT CLARIFICATION	192.5
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC.	PROD.-CEM/CIT/SHOP/PARKS/WATER	1,015.00
CINTAS CORPORATION #947	UNIFORM SERVICES	146.08
CODY BONNSTETTER AUTO BODY	OIL CHANGE-FORD	77.5
COLOFF DIGITAL LLC	WEBSITE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	250
CRITICAL HIRE	MMPI-FRIAS-GASCA	200
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	GREASE & METER - WATER	276
DOUG'S SMALL ENGINE SALES&SVC	BLADES/OIL-PARKS	530.94
FIRST STATE BANK	PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BOND	386,748.42
GRAINGER	PLOY BAR-WATER	285.36
H & K PLUMBING & HEATING	URINAL LEAK AT CITY PARK	135.5
HANCOCK COUNTY COOP OIL ASSN.	400-899 GALL-STREET/FIRE	3,399.18
HEARTLAND ASPHALT INC.	COLD MIX	1,140.26
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	MMPI - FRIAS - GASCA	150
IOWA SPECIALTY	OUTPATIENT-TAPIA & SUMMERS	156
ISAAC SCHMIT	4TH OF JULY STAGE	509.63
LANDGRAPHICS	LAWN SPRAYING	3,200.00
MES SERVICE COMPANY LLC	BULLARD FONT-DOUGHERTY	86.45
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	26.79
PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE	ELECTRICITY	75.17
SANDE CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY	BELMOND AQUATIC CENTER	187,941.38
SIMMERING-CORY	CAT APP-BELMOND AQUATIC PRO.	2,500.00
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC.	POST SELF SCORE	68
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS	NATURAL GAS SERVICES-MAY	4,309.16
T & S SANITATION	GARBAGE - MAY	325
TAPIA, KEVIN	MEALS-TAPIA	94
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED/FICA TAX	8,392.80
VISA	RV/PARKS/TRAINING/ZOOM	3,008.97
WESSELS OIL	FLUID STORAGE-PUBLIC WORK SHED	2,349.00
Payroll Checks		25,208.78

C. Motion – Approval of Class “C” Retail Alcohol License – Casa Chameleon 439 E Main St

D. Motion – Approval of Alley/Parking Lot Closure at Library – Touch a Tractor Tot-Time - June 30, 2026 9:30AM - Noon

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 Jack Meyers of Hancock Co. Coop Oil presented a plan to place above ground fuel storage tanks just south of 150th St. and asked council for permission to make driveway improvements on the City owned portion at no cost to the City. Motion to approve improvements to city owned portion of 150th St as presented by DePuew, seconded by Tulp. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented the Approval of Engagement Agreement with Ahlers and Cooney for the 2026 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project stating it is a requirement of the SRF loan to have their recommendation. Cost of service is \$1,500. Motion by Tulp, seconded by Schultz to approve the Engagement Agreement as presented. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented an Approval of Audit Engagement Letter with Fort and Schlegel for the City's annual audit. Nicholas stated that for the fiscal year 2026 the cost will be \$12,500. Motion by DePuew, seconded by Hardman to approve the Audit Engagement Letter as presented. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented a request to make the Wright County Independent the Official Newspaper. Motion by DePuew, seconded by Kalkwarf to approve Wright County Independent as the Official Newspaper as presented. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented Resolution 2026-18 Approving Amended FY 25/26 Employee Pay Plan stating per the Teamster Union contract Officer Zamora was due a wage increase to \$29.72 per hour effective April 21, 2026 for completing a year of employment. Officer Tapia was due a wage increase to \$29.10 per hour effective May 14, 2026 for completing and graduating from the Law Enforcement Academy. It was noted that the Resolution had May 14, 2025. Nicholas stated it should be May 14, 2026. Motion by Schultz, seconded by Kalkwarf to approve Resolution 2026-18 as presented with changes. Roll call: Yes-5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Nicholas then presented a Chicken Permit Application from Dario Gamino. Application was filled out completely with all neighbors' signatures and is for up to five hens, no roosters. Motion by DePuew, seconded by Hardman to approve the Chicken Permit as presented. Roll call: Yes -5, No-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

The Mayor then asked if there were any other matters. Council Member DePuew brought up electric scooters and stated that he witnessed children around the age of 10 and 5 riding down the middle of the road with no helmets and how unsafe it was. There was discussion on the State code and the possibility that the City may need to pass its own ordinance. Kalkwarf stated that there are dog feces along the trail. It was noted that there are garbage containers available at every road intersection. When there were no other matters, Mayor Beminiio asked for a motion to adjourn 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 7:47 p.m.

Cody Nicholas, City Manager/Clerk

Frank Beminiio, Mayor