

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 7, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. ROLL CALL.**

A Work Session of the Belle Plaine City Council met on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:24 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Present were Mayor Ryan Ladd and Councilmembers James Evans, Brady Hartmann, Rex Stacey and Luke Otto.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Finance Director Jirik, Community Development Director Smith Strack, Public works Superintendent Otto, City Attorney Vose and City Engineer Duncan.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Evans, to approve the Agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

**3.1. Public Works Department.**

Public Works Superintendent Otto reviewed the Public Works Department and answered questions.

**3.2. Well Being Policy Quarterly Report.**

Finance Director Jirik reviewed the Well Being Policy Quarterly Report.

Council asked clarifying questions.

**3.3. Discussion: Public Works Employee Replacement.**

Council held discussion on the Public Works Employee replacement and potential alternative options.

After discussion it was the directive of the majority of the Council to move forward with advertisement.

**3.4. Work Session Agenda & Packet Posting.**

City Administrator Meyer requested clarification on the posting of Work Session Agenda Electronically.

The council held discussion.

After discussion it was the consensus of the majority of the Council to move forward with posting the agenda and audio only after the meeting.

**3.5. Ways to Save.**

Mayor Ladd explained he requested the Council bring back brainstorming ideas for ways to save. City Administrator Meyer explained staff is researching the recommendation of moving from Granicus to YouTube for streaming of Council meetings.

Items discussed were:

- Civic Rec platform
- Solar options
- Reduction of fuel costs by buying in bulk – having regular gas and diesel at Public Works Facility.
- Rug Cleaning Service, buying new vs cleaning service

- No increases to the 2026 budget, keeping the budget at the 2025 level.
- Funding for an Electronic Vehicle for the City, and insurance coverage costs for an electric vehicle.

**4. ADJOURN.**

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich  
Recording Secretary