



BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

Friday, February 20, 2026 – 3:00 PM

City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota

Please use the north entrance door

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
2. **CALL TO ORDER.**
Roll Call.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**
4. **BUSINESS.**
 - 4.1. Resolution 26-030 Appointing James Evans as Mayor and Declaring Councilmember Vacancy Effective February 20, 2026.
 - 4.2. OATH OF OFFICE
James Evans, Mayor
 - 4.3. Resolution 26-031 Authorizing James Evans as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories.
5. **ADJOURN.**

Subject to change.

Live stream/video recording of council meeting at www.belleplainemn.gov



MEMORANDUM

DATE:	February 20, 2026
FROM:	Dawn Meyer, City Administrator
AGENDA ITEM:	Resolution 26-030 Appoint James Evans as Mayor of the Belle Plaine City Council and Declaring Councilmember Vacancy Effective February 20, 2026.
BACKGROUND/ JUSTIFICATION:	On February 17, 2026 Council formally accepted the resignation of Ryan Ladd thus creating a vacancy of Mayor on City Council for the remainder of his term. Council held a Work Session on February 17, 2026 to discuss appointment options for the open seat. It was the consensus of the City Council to appoint James Evans as Mayor to fulfill the remainder of Ladd's seat from February 20, 2026 – December 31, 2026. With Resolution 26-030, Council appoints Evans and declares the vacancy for Evans term ending on December 31, 2026. During Work Session discussion, Council directed staff to begin accepting Letters of Interest from residents of the City of Belle Plaine from February 20 to February 27. Council intends to hold interviews the first week in March for appointment at the March 16 City Council Meeting.
FISCAL IMPACT:	The City Council per diems are a budgeted expense.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Approval of Resolution 26-030 Appoint James Evans as Mayor of the Belle Plaine City Council and Declaring Councilmember Vacancy Effective February 20, 2026.

**CITY OF BELLE PLAINE
RESOLUTION 26-030**

**APPOINT JAMES EVANS AS MAYOR OF THE BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL AND DECLARING
COUNCILMEMBER VACANCY EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists as Mayor on the Belle Plaine City Council resulting from the resignation of Ryan Ladd effective February 11, 2026 and formally accepted by Resolution on February 17, 2026;

WHEREAS, Council held discussion at a Work Session on February 17, 2026;

WHEREAS, after thorough discussion it was the consensus of the Council to appoint James Evans as Mayor and declare a vacancy effective February 20, 2026;

WHEREAS, Council recommends James Evans to fulfill the remainder of the vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE THAT: It hereby appoints James Evans as Mayor of the Belle Plaine City Council effective immediately to fill the vacated Council seat for a term to expire December 31, 2026 and declare vacancy effective February 20, 2026.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilmember _____ and seconded by Councilmember _____, and after full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following Councilmembers voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. Dated this 1th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

James Evans
Mayor

Dawn Meyer
City Administrator



MEMORANDUM

DATE:	February 20, 2026
FROM:	Amy Jirik, Finance Director
AGENDA ITEM:	Resolution 26-031 Authorizing James Evans as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories.
BACKGROUND/ JUSTIFICATION:	Mayor Ryan Ladd resigned and was removed as an authorized signatory on February 17, 2026 by Resolution 26-028. James Evans, was appointed Mayor effective February 20, 2026 and should be added as an authorized signatory at the City's designated depositories.
FISCAL IMPACT:	N/A
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Approve Resolution 26-031 Authorizing James Evans as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories.

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 26-031**

MODIFYING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FOR CITY OFFICAL DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS, Mayor Ryan Ladd resigned and was removed as authorized signatory effective February 17, 2026;

WHEREAS, James Evans was appointed Mayor effective February 20, 2026;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to add Mayor James Evans, as authorized signatory at City Official Depositories.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE, SCOTT COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THAT: Mayor James Evans shall be added as a signatory for executing financial transactions with the City Official Depositories effective immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilmember _____ and seconded by Councilmember _____, and after full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following Councilmembers voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. Dated this 20th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

James Evans
Mayor

Dawn Meyer
City Administrator