

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Ladd led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER. 2.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Ladd called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Luke Otto, James Evans, Brady Hartmann and Rex Stacey present.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Finance Director Jirik Community Development Director Smith Strack, City Attorney Vose, City Engineer Duncan, Public Works Superintendent Otto, and Police Sergeant Vycital. Wanda Savage served as the video recording operator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

4. PINNING CEREMONY.

Officer Jake Schneider – Officer Schneider will be officially sworn in and pinned after successfully completing his probation.

Sergeant Vycital administered the Oath of Office for Officer Jake Schneider. Schneider's family took part in the pinning ceremony.

5. PUBLIC FORUM.

** Anyone wishing to address the Council must sign up before the meeting and then have a seat in the audience. The signup sheet is removed 5 minutes before the start of the meeting. Maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. No official action will be taken.*

Deb Stacey, 201 South Willow Street, spoke on community, council expectations and duties, doing better as a community and council, for the good of the community.

Kathy Farmer, 131 South Chestnut Street on ICE presence within the community, City/Police Department policy on ICE, Councilmembers' posting on social media encouraging hate.

Denny Moriarty, 24 Woodridge Drive, spoke in support of Councilmember Stacey, Council competence and resident's right to speak in a public forum and hear Council's opinions in a public forum where all can hear.

Tracy Hein, 315 South Cedar Street, signed up but left before time to speak.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

6.1. Regular Session Minutes of January 20, 2026.

6.2. Work Session Minutes of January 20, 2026.

6.3. Resolution 26-019 A Resolution Approving a State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force with the City of Belle Plaine on Behalf of its Police Department.

6.4. Resolution 26-020 Appoint Kyle Sammons as Lieutenant with the Belle Plaine Fire Department, effective February 2, 2026.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 6.1. Regular Session Minutes of January 20, 2026; 6.2. Work Session Minutes of January 20, 2026; 6.3. Resolution 26-019 A Resolution Approving a State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force with the City of Belle Plaine on Behalf of its Police Department and 6.4. Resolution 26-020 Appoint Kyle Sammons as Lieutenant with the Belle Plaine Fire Department, effective February 2, 2026. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

7.1. Public Works Department.

Public Works Superintendent Otto highlighted the Public Works Report.

7.2. City Engineer Department.

City Engineer Duncan highlighted the Engineer Report.

7.3. Administration Department.

City Administrator Meyer highlighted the Administration Report.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None Scheduled.

9. BUSINESS.

9.1. Presentation of Claims.

Councilmember Hartmann had clarifying questions on the claims.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve the reviewed claims in the amount of \$527,774.34. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

10. ADMINISTRATION.

10.1. Upcoming Tentative Meetings.

1. EDA, 5:00 PM, Monday, February 9.
2. Planning, 6:00 PM, Monday, February 9.
3. Public Safety, 7:00 AM, Tuesday, February 10.
4. Public Works, 7:00 AM, Wednesday, February 11.
5. City Offices Closed in Observance of the Holiday, Monday, February 16.
6. Parks Commission, 5:00 PM, Tuesday, February 17.
7. City Council, 6:00 PM, Tuesday, February 17.
8. Work Session, 6:15 PM, Tuesday, February 17.

Mayor Ladd reviewed the upcoming meetings as listed.

11. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmembers Stacey, second by Councilmember Otto, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary