

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vice Mayor Otto 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 Friday, February 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Vice Mayor Otto called the meeting to order with Councilmembers James Evans, Brady Hartmann and Rex Stacey present.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Community Development Director Smith Strack, Public Works Superintendent Otto, Police Sergeant Vycital and Police Chief Stier. Renee Eyrich served as video recording operator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

4. BUSINESS.

4.1. Resolution 26-030 Appointing James Evans as Mayor and Declaring Councilmember Vacancy Effective February 20, 2026.

City Administrator Meyer highlighted the Council's proposed appointment and vacancy.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve Resolution 26-030 Appointing James Evans as Mayor and Declaring Councilmember Vacancy Effective February 20, 2026. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

OATH OF OFFICE

James Evans, Mayor

City Administrator Meyer administered the Oath of Office to James Evans.

Following his official appointment and oath of office, Mayor Evans presided over the remainder of the meeting.

4.2. Resolution 26-031 Authorizing James Evans as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories.

City Administrator Meyer highlighted the signatory change.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve Resolution 26-031 Authorizing James Evans as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Otto, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 PM. Councilmembers Otto, Hartmann and Evans VOTED AYE. Councilmember Stacey VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED 3-1.

Belle Plaine City Council
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2026
APPROVED

Page 2 of 2

Respectfully Submitted
Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary