

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2026**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Evans 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, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the council chambers at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Brady Hartmann, Rex Stacey and Luke Otto present. Also present was incoming Councilmember Shane Theas.

Also present were Finance Director Jirik, Community Development Director Smith Strack, 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 Otto, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to approve the Agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. 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.*

Katie Widi, 721 West Court Street, spoke on street assessment process regarding the 2026 Street Project.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of March 2, 2026.
- 5.2. Work Session Minutes of March 2, 2026.
- 5.3. Special Session Minutes of March 3, 2026.
- 5.4. Accept Fire Department Annual Service Credit Report.
- 5.5. Resolution 26-034 Appoint Shane Theas as City Councilmember to Fill Vacancy on the Belle Plaine City Council.
- 5.6. Resolution 26-035 Adopting Committee Appointments.
- 5.7. Resolution 26-036 Authorizing Brady Hartmann as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories.
- 5.8. Resolution 26-037 Accept Donation of \$6,155.22 from the Belle Plaine Fire Relief Association for the Belle Plaine Fire Department Equipment.
- 5.9. Acknowledgment of the 2025 Lawful Gambling Report.
- 5.10. Resolution 26-038 Amending the Belle Plaine City Council Public Forum Policy effective March 16, 2026.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of March 2, 2026; 5.2. Work Session Minutes of March 2, 2026; 5.3. Special Session Minutes of March 3, 2026; 5.4. Accept Fire Department Annual Service Credit Report; 5.5. Resolution 26-034 Appoint Shane Theas as City Councilmember to Fill Vacancy on the Belle Plaine City Council; 5.6. Resolution 26-035 Adopting Committee Appointments; 5.7. Resolution 26-036 Authorizing Brady Hartmann as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories; 5.8. Resolution 26-037 Accept Donation of \$6,155.22 from the Belle Plaine Fire Relief Association for the Belle Plaine Fire Department Equipment; 5.9. Acknowledgment of the 2025 Lawful

Gambling Report and 5.10. Resolution 26-038 Amending the Belle Plaine City Council Public Forum Policy effective March 16, 2026.

**6. OATH OF OFFICE.**

Shane Theas, Council Member  
March 16, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Mayor Evans administered the Oath of office for Shane Theas. Councilmember Theas assumed duties for remainder of meeting.

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.**

**7.1. Community Services Department. (Report Only)**

The Council acknowledged receipt of the Community Services Department report.

**7.2. Ambulance Department. (Report Only)**

The Council acknowledged the Ambulance Report.  
Manager Burton gave additional report on a recent occurrence.

**7.3. Police Department.**

Police Sergeant Vycital highlighted the Police Report.

**7.4. Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Otto highlighted the Fire Department Report and provided updated information to council.

**7.5. Community Development Department.**

Community Development Director Smith Strack highlighted the Community Development Report.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

**8.1. Liquor License –** Deepinder Baveja and Taranjeet Kaur (Praire Liquors Inc), dba Praire Liquors. The City Council will consider public comment on a request by Deepinder Baveja and Taranjeet Kaur (Praire Liquors Inc), dba Praire Liquors for an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License at 904 E. Main Street.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 6:18 PM.

No one stepped forward.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Otto, to close the public hearing at 6:19 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**8.1.1. Resolution 26-039 Liquor License for** Deepinder Baveja and Taranjeet Kaur (Praire Liquors Inc), dba Praire Liquors at 904 E. Main Street.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve Resolution 26-039 Off Sale Liquor License for Praire Liquors at 904 E. Main Street. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTIOIN CARRIED.

**8.2. Conduit Bond – Belle Plaine Lutheran Home.**

Finance Director Jirik provided background on a requested consent to conduit bond issuance requested by The Lutheran Home Association.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 6:23 PM.

No one stepped forward.

MOTION by Councilmember Otto, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to close the public hearing at 6:23 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**8.2.1. Resolution 26-040 Resolution Approving the Issuance of a 501(C)(3) Health Care Facilities Revenue Refunding Note (The Lutheran Home: Belle Plaine, Llc), Series 2026b-1, and Related Documents and Actions Therefor; Providing Host Approval to the Issuance of Revenue Refunding Notes by the Cities of Henderson and Green Isle; and Consenting to the Refunding by Henderson.**

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to approve Resolution 26-040 Resolution Approving the Issuance of a 501(C)(3) Health Care Facilities Revenue Refunding Note (The Lutheran Home: Belle Plaine, Llc), Series 2026b-1, and Related Documents and Actions Therefor; Providing Host Approval to the Issuance of Revenue Refunding Notes by the Cities of Henderson and Green Isle; and Consenting to the Refunding by Henderson. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**9. BUSINESS.**

**9.1. Presentation of Claims.**

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve the reviewed claims as presented in the amount of \$142,117.91. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**9.2. Resolution 26-041 Resolution of Application for the Public Facilities Authority Clean Water Revolving Fund.**

City Engineer Duncan provided background on the request to apply to the PFA's Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund pertaining to wastewater treatment facility major maintenance and expansion project.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve Resolution 26-041 Resolution of Application for the Public Facilities Authority Clean Water Revolving Fund. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**10. ADMINISTRATION.**

**10.1. Upcoming Tentative Meetings.**

1. Finance Ways and Means, Monday, April 6, 3:00 PM.
2. Design, Monday, April 6, 5:00 PM.
3. City Council, Monday, April 6, 6:15 PM.
4. Work Session, Monday, April 6, 6:30 PM.

The Council was reminded of the upcoming tentative meetings as listed.

**11. ADJOURN.**

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Vinkemeier  
Acting Recording Secretary