

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 1, 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, June 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Brady Hartmann, Rex Stacey and Shane Theas present. Councilmember Luke Otto was not present.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MOTION by Councilmember Theas, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve the Revised 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.*

None.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of May 18, 2026.
- 5.2. Work Session Minutes of May 18, 2026.
- 5.3. Accepting a Resignation from Part-Time Public Works Seasonal Employee Kevin Weldon, Effective May 6, 2026.
- 5.4. Resolution 26-065 Appoint Part-Time Public Works Seasonal Employee Logan Hoen for the 2026 Season.
- 5.5. Resolution 26-066 Authorizing the use of a Forfeiture Vehicle from the Police Department for the Community Development Department.
- 5.6. Resolution 26-067 Accepting Public Improvements for Brecken Place No. 2.
- 5.7. Resolution 26-068 Adopting the Special Assessment for Delinquent Fire Bills.
- 5.8. Resolution 26-069 Adoption of the Scott County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 5.9. Approve Large Assembly Permit and Road Closure Request by Belle Plaine Festival and Events for Bar-B-Q Days Celebration on July 17, 18 and 19, 2026.
- 5.10. Approve Temporary On-Sale Strong Beer License for Belle Plaine Festival and Events for Bar-B-Q Days on July 17, 18 and 19, 2026.
- 5.11. Resolution 26-070 Accepting a \$20,000.00 Donation from the Belle Plaine Friends of the Library for the Belle Plaine Library Addition.
- 5.12. Accepting a Resignation from Aquatic Center Seasonal Employee Erik Hoff, Effective May 28, 2026.
- 5.13. Resolution 26-071 Appointing Seasonal Aquatic Staff for the 2026 Belle Plaine Aquatic Center Season.
- 5.14. Resolution 26-072, Resolution Authorizing Release of Developer's Agreement Fogartys Fourth Addition.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of May 18, 2026; 5.2. Work Session Minutes of May 18, 2026; 5.3. Accepting a Resignation from Part-Time Public Works Seasonal Employee Kevin Weldon, Effective May 6, 2026; 5.4. Resolution 26-065 Appoint Part-Time Public Works Seasonal Employee Logan Hoen for the 2026 Season; 5.5. Resolution 26-066 Authorizing the use of a Forfeiture Vehicle from the Police Department for the Community Development Department; 5.6. Resolution 26-067 Accepting Public Improvements for Brecken Place No. 2; 5.7. Resolution 26-068 Adopting the Special Assessment for Delinquent Fire Bills; 5.8. Resolution 26-069 Adoption of the Scott County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan; 5.9. Approve Large Assembly Permit and Road Closure Request by Belle Plaine Festival and Events for Bar-B-Q Days Celebration on July 17, 18 and 19, 2026; 5.10. Approve Temporary On-Sale Strong Beer License for Belle Plaine Festival and Events for Bar-B-Q Days on July 17, 18 and 19, 2026; 5.11. Resolution 26-070 Accepting a \$20,000.00 Donation from the Belle Plaine Friends of the Library for the Belle Plaine Library Addition; 5.12. Accepting a Resignation from Aquatic Center Seasonal Employee Erik Hoff, Effective May 28, 2026; 5.13. Resolution 26-071 Appointing Seasonal Aquatic Staff for the 2026 Belle Plaine Aquatic Center Season and 5.14. Resolution 26-072, Resolution Authorizing Release of Developer's Agreement Fogarty's Fourth Addition. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

## **6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.**

### **6.1. Public Works Department.**

Public Works Superintendent Otto highlighted the Public Works Report.

### **6.2. City Engineer Department.**

City Engineer Duncan highlighted the City Engineer Report.

### **6.3. Administration Department.**

City Administrator Meyer highlighted the Administration report.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None Scheduled.**

## **8. BUSINESS.**

### **8.1. Presentation of Claims.**

8.1.1. Pay Request No. 1, Wm. Mueller & Sons, Inc. for the 2026 Street Improvement Project.

8.1.2. Pay Request No. 1, NcNamara Contracting, Inc. for the WWTF Access Road Improvement Project.

Motion BY Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Theas, to approve the reviewed claims as presented in the amount of \$452,292.03. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

### **8.2. Minnesota State Flag Discussion.**

Mayor Evans explained the Council will hear comments on the Minnesota State Flag, with a speaking limit of 3 minutes per speaker and no action will be taken at this time. Evans explained potential action would not be taken until the full Council was in attendance for consideration.

Councilmember Theas thanked the audience for attending, noting Council should remain non-partisan.

Katheryn Bendzick, 533 Haralson Drive, spoke against the current Minnesota flag and requested the City fly the original Minnesota flag.

Ann Vensland, 973 Ivy Hills Road, spoke noting it is not a good use of City resources to reinstate the old flag.

Tracey Hein, 315 S. Cedar Street, spoke against the process that was used to develop the new Minnesota Flag, requested the previous flag be restored and suggested the item be put on the ballot for residents to vote.

Curt Aslakson, 1176 Farmers Lane, spoke against the new Minnesota flag.

Dr. Dale Loudermilk, 205 W. State Street, provided election vote statistics as representation of the community.

Scott Koepp, 329 E. Church Street, spoke in favor of the old Minnesota flag and suggested it be put to vote on the ballot.

Pat Edberg, 218 E. Main Street, spoke in favor of the old Minnesota flag.

Scott Hallgren, 1017 E. State Street, spoke in favor of flying the official flag or nothing at all.

Brett Kruschke, 844 Daniel Drive, read a comment against the new Minnesota State flag.

Michelle Jorgenson, 204 E. Century Street, spoke in favor of restoring the traditional flag.

Katie Novotny, 120 N. Cedar Street, spoke against the current Minnesota flag, noting it wasn't voted on.

Becky Wessels, 140 South Meridian Street, read a quote and requested the issue be put on the ballot.

Mayor Evans noted he reached out to the Mdewakanton Sioux Community for a statement on the flag and noted they did not have one.

Tracey Hein, spoke again on the flag.

Councilmember Hartmann requested staff address adding a vote on the flag to elections. City Administrator Meyer explained the City Attorney has stated the item cannot be placed on the ballot for a vote.

## **9. ADMINISTRATION.**

### **9.1. Upcoming Tentative Meetings.**

1. EDA, 5:00 PM, Monday, June 8.
2. Planning, 6:00 PM, Monday, June 8.
3. Public Safety, 7:00 AM, Tuesday, June 9.
4. Public Works, 7:00 AM, Wednesday, June 10.
5. Finance Ways and Means, 3:00 PM, Monday June 15.
6. Parks Commission, 5:00 PM, Monday June 15.
7. City Council, 6:00 PM, Monday June 15.
8. Work Session, 6:15 PM, Monday June 15.

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

## **10. ADJOURN.**

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee Eyrich  
Recording Secretary