

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 2025**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Ladd led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ladd read the following statement: On behalf of Council, I would like to say we are sorry for the loss of Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark. We send our thoughts and support to her children, her family, her friends, and all the people in Minnesota touched by this loss. We also send thoughts and prayers to Senator John Hoffman, his wife, and his family as they begin the difficult road to recovery.

On behalf of all of Belle Plaine I want to thank our law enforcement community and first responders who continue to serve and protect us.

This was really close to home. We know this impacted many of you in many different ways. We are here to support you.

Council Members Evans, Hartman, Otto, Stacey and I are together in saying this is not how we solve things. There is absolutely no place in Belle Plaine, in Minnesota, or in our society for political violence or targeting of public servants. Not everyone has to see eye to eye on every issue but we do have to work together to address tough issues in a peaceful and productive way. We are committed to doing that.

2. CALL TO ORDER. 2.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 16, 2025 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 and Rex Stacey present. Councilmember Hartmann was not present.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Community Development Director, Public Works Superintendent Otto, City Attorney Vose, City Engineer Duncan, Fire Chief Otto, and Police Chief Stier.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Stacey, 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.*

None.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of June 2, 2025.
- 5.2. Work Session Minutes of June 2, 2025.
- 5.3. Resolution 25-072 Approving Staff Changes for the 2025 Aquatic Center Season.
- 5.4. Resolution 25-073 Resolution Approving Terms of a ROSE Program Loan to Oaken House LLC 201 Meridian St S.
- 5.5. Resolution 25-071 A Resolution Approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Belle Plaine on Behalf of its Police Department Regarding the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

- 5.6. Resolution 25-074 Accepting a \$20,000.00 Donation from the Belle Plaine Friends of the Library for the Belle Plaine Library
- 5.7. Approve Large Assembly Permit and Road Closure Request by Belle Plaine Festival and Events for Bar-B-Q Days Celebration on July 18, 19 and 20, 2025.
- 5.8. Temporary On-Sale Strong Beer License for Belle Plaine Festival and Events for Bar-B-Q Days on July 18, 19 and 20, 2025.
- 5.9. Resolution Amending Resolution 25-025 Approving Premise Permit for the Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce at Steel Horse Tavern.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of June 2, 2025; 5.2. Work Session Minutes of June 2, 2025; 5.3. Resolution 25-072 Approving Staff Changes for the 2025 Aquatic Center Season; 5.4. Resolution 25-073 Resolution Approving Terms of a ROSE Program Loan to Oaken House LLC 201 Meridian St S.; Resolution 25-071 A Resolution Approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Belle Plaine on Behalf of its Police Department Regarding the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC); Resolution 25-074 Accepting a \$20,000.00 Donation from the Belle Plaine Friends of the Library for the Belle Plaine Library; Approve Large Assembly Permit and Road Closure Request by Belle Plaine Festival and Events for Bar-B-Q Days Celebration on July 18, 19 and 20, 2025; Temporary On-Sale Strong Beer License for Belle Plaine Festival and Events for Bar-B-Q Days on July 18, 19 and 20, 2025 and Resolution Amending Resolution 25-025 Approving Premise Permit for the Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce at Steel Horse Tavern. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

6.1. Community Services Department. (Report Only)

The Council acknowledged receipt of the Community Services Department Report.

6.2. Ambulance Department. (Report Only)

The Council acknowledged receipt of the Ambulance Department Report.

6.3. Police Department.

Police Chief Stier reviewed the Police Department Report.

6.4. Fire Department.

Fire Chief Otto reviewed the Fire Department Report.

6.5. Community Development Department.

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the Community Development Report.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims.

8.1.1. Pay Request No. 10, Project One Construction, Inc. for the Belle Plaine Fire Station Project.

8.1.2. Pay Request No. 1, Rochon Corporation for the Belle Plaine Library Expansion Project.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve the reviewed claims as presented in the amount of \$570,365.72. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. Resolution 25-075 Authorizing Preliminary Report for the Proposed 2026 Improvement Project.

City Administrator Meyer and City Engineer Duncan reviewed the proposed 2026 Improvement Project. Staff noted the Preliminary Engineering Report will cover a much larger area to determine staging of the project over one or more project years.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve Resolution 25-075. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Tentative Meetings.

1. City Offices Closed in Observance of the Holiday, Thursday, June 19.
2. Music and Food Trucks at the Downtown Plaza, Wednesday, June 25, 4:30 – 8:00 PM.
3. City Offices Closed in Observance of the Holiday, Friday, July 4.
4. Public Safety Committee, Tuesday, July 8, 7:00 AM.
5. Public Works Committee, Wednesday, July 9, 7:00 AM.
6. Music and Food Trucks at the Downtown Plaza, Wednesday, July 9, 4:30 – 8:00 PM.
7. EDA, Monday, July 14, 5:00 PM
8. Planning, Monday, July 14, 6:00 PM.
9. City Council, Monday, July 21, 6:00 PM
10. Work Session, Monday, July 21, 6:15 PM

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

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Stacey, to adjourn the Regular Session at 6:16 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary