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A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Bellevue was called to order by Mayor Rusty Hike at the Bellevue City Hall on September 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Rich Casey, Don Preister, Thomas Burns, Julie Collins, and Jerry McCaw. Absent: Kathy Welch.

Also present were City Administrator Jim Ristow and City Attorney Aimee Bataillon.

Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Sarpy County Times, on the NE Public Notices website, posted and put on city website, the designated method for giving notice and was also given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. Available in the Office of the City Clerk confirmation of the affidavit of publication, the certificate of posting, and the council's acknowledgment of receipt of notice. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Hike led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Don Torbett, Avery Presbyterian, 1910 Avery Road East, provided the invocation.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Hike announced a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the rear wall of the City Council Chambers and copies are located on table outside of the chambers.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by McCaw, seconded by Collins, to amend the agenda by moving item 14a. Request to approve the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) before item 13a. Ordinance No. 4224: An ordinance to adopt the budget statement to be termed the Annual Appropriations Bill.

Roll call vote to approve the amendment was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins, and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Motion was made by McCaw, seconded by Casey, to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call vote to approve the agenda as amended was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins, and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Casey, seconded by Preister, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following item: Acknowledge receipt of the August 11, 2026 Tree Board Minutes; Acknowledge receipt of August 27, 2026 Planning Commission Minutes; Approval of the September 1, 2026 Board of Equalization Meeting; Approval of the September 1, 2026 City Council Minutes; Recommend the appointment of Rich Severson as the City Treasurer, effective immediately; and Recommend the appointment of Diane Bruce to the Inland Port Authority Board of Directors to fill the remaining term of Steve Knutson, ending October 1, 2026.

Roll call vote to approve the consent agenda was as follows: Preister, Casey, Burns, Collins, and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Preister, seconded by McCaw, to approve September 15, 2026 Claims. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins, and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: NONE

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: NONE

APPROVED CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: NONE

Request to approve the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). (Planning Director)

Mayor Hike opened the public hearing to give an opportunity for individuals to speak in favor of or in opposition.

No one in the audience came forth to speak in support of or in opposition.

Mayor Hike declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Preister, seconded by Collins, to approve the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION: (3rd Reading):

Ordinance No. 4224: An ordinance to adopt the budget statement to be termed the Annual Appropriations Bill. (Budget Committee)

Ordinance No. 4224: An ordinance to adopt the budget statement to be termed the Annual Appropriations Bill: to appropriate sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide for an effective date was read for the third and final time.

Motion was made by Casey, seconded by McCaw, to approve Ordinance No. 4224: An ordinance to adopt the budget statement to be termed the Annual Appropriations Bill: to appropriate sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide for an effective date. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins, and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-17: A resolution to set the 2026-2027 property tax levy.

Motion was made by Casey, seconded by Collins, to approve Resolution 2026-17: A resolution to set the 2026-2027 property tax levy. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins, and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING: (2nd Reading):

Ordinance No. 4225: Compensation Ordinance Update (Human Resources)

Ordinance No. 4225: An ordinance of the City of Bellevue, Nebraska, classifying the employees of the city; fixing the ranges of compensation of such employees; providing a pay range schedule; providing for publication in pamphlet form; repealing Ordinance No. 4225; and providing an effective date was read for second time and a public hearing was held.

Mayor Hike opened the public hearing to give an opportunity for individuals to speak in favor of or in opposition.

No one in the audience came forth to speak in support of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Hike declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Hike stated the third and final reading will be heard at the Council meeting on October 6, 2026.

Ordinance No. 4226: An ordinance to amend Chapter 12, of the Bellevue Municipal Code by amending Article IV, Sections 12-60; regarding fireworks. (Councilman Casey)

Ordinance No. 4226: An ordinance to amend Chapter 12 of the Bellevue Municipal Code by amending Article IV, Sections 12-60; regarding fireworks and to provide an effective date was read for the second time and a public hearing was held.

Mayor Hike opened the public hearing to give an opportunity for individuals to speak in favor of or in opposition.

No one in the audience came forth to speak in support of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Hike declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Hike stated the third and final reading will be heard at the Council meeting on October 6, 2026.

Ordinance No. 4229: An ordinance to amend Chapter 16, of the Bellevue Municipal Code by amending Article II, Sections 16-23; regarding Library Advisory Board. (City Clerk)

Ordinance No. 4229: An ordinance to amend Chapter 16, of the Bellevue Municipal Code by amending Article II, Sections 16-23, regarding Library Advisory Board and to provide an effective date was read for the second time and a public hearing was held.

Mayor Hike opened the public hearing to give an opportunity for individuals to speak in favor of or in opposition.

No one in the audience came forth to speak in support of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Hike declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Hike stated the third and final reading will be heard at the Council meeting on October 6, 2026.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (1st reading):

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Ordinance No. 4230: Request to amend Sections 2.19 and 5.28, City of Bellevue Zoning Ordinance, to add a definition of "pipeline transfer facility," and to allow non-public entities to access and transfer commodities through existing infrastructure within the MH Zoning district as a permitted use. Applicant: POET Biocarbon. (Planning Director)

Ordinance No. 4230: An ordinance to amend Sections 2.19 and 5.28, Ordinance No. 4146, Bellevue Zoning Ordinance, relating to definitions and permitted uses in the MH Heavy Manufacturing District; to repeal such sections as heretofore existing; to provide an effective date of the ordinance; and to provide for the publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Hike stated the second reading and public hearing will be heard at the Council meeting on October 6, 2026.

Ordinance No. 4231: Issuance of bonds for the continued construction of the Bellevue City Water Park, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000.00 (Community & Economic Development Director/Finance Director)

Ordinance No. 4231: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of tax supported Municipal Improvement Bonds of the City of Bellevue, Nebraska, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$50,000,000.00 in one or more series for the purpose of paying the costs of certain capital improvements to be owned by the city; prescribing the form of said bonds; pledging funds to be received from a sales and use tax and property tax for the payment of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of said taxes to pay the same; providing for the sale of the bonds; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; providing for the disposition of bond proceeds; authorizing a policy of bond insurance; delegating certain authority to officers of the city; and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet or electronic form was read by title only for the first time.

Motion was made by Casey, seconded by Collins, to waive the rule requiring three readings, hold a public hearing, and vote after the public hearing at tonight's meeting. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Preister, Casey, Burns, Collins, and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Mayor Hike opened the public hearing to give an opportunity for individuals to speak in favor of or in opposition.

Mr. Kevin Pflager, 1615 Bellevue Boulevard North, requested clarification on what the \$50,000,000.00 will be used on and questioned the waiver of the three readings. He requested the public hearing be held in two weeks.

Ms. Sarah Lash, 1709 Childs Road East, mentioned she just became aware of the request for a \$50,000,000.00 bond. She believes a request for the waiver of three readings is unfair to the citizens as it has not been made publicly available. She believes the residents in Bellevue's property tax will be increased and place a burden on the citizens without receiving their input. She would like the Council to reconsider the waiver of the three readings.

Ms. Abigail Mares, 4 Bonner Lane, Offutt AFB, feels there is a conflict of interest within the water park. She feels \$110,000,000.00 and the involvement with Mattel is concerning. She doesn't feel the request to waive the three readings is fair to the citizens when the citizens do not have the knowledge.

Mr. Angelo Frangoulis, 900 Calmar Circle, he mentioned he just found out about the bond today on Facebook. He has not been able to find any other information on the meeting. He has concerns with the bond payment coming out of the property tax. He questioned if there is any other way to pay for the water park without going after the taxpayers.

Ms. Julie Faust, 1907 Main Street, questioned why the request was made to waive the three readings. She requested the Council to reconsider waiver of the three readings.

Mr. John Splitter, 1508 Camp Gifford Road, commented he understands the economic development of the water park. He stated he feels the proper procedure would be to have the three readings as the citizens deserve transparency.

Ms. Abigail Mares, 4 Bonner Lane, Offutt AFB, stated she researched the cost of water parks. The typical average is \$20,000,000 to \$70,000,000. She questioned how the cost of \$110,000,000 was determined for this water park. She has issues with Mattel requesting a state-of-the-art building at the city's cost.

Mayor Hike explained the project is not being paid by property tax. The whole project is designed to kick off the entertainment district. It is designed to reduce property tax by bringing in additional revenue from outside sources. The sales tax will be used, and the state is in the Good Life District, the state gives half of the 5.5 sales tax back because it is in the transformational district. The intention is to lower property taxes, not raise them.

Mr. Harrison Johnson, Economic and Development Director, addressed the increases in cost. He explained this is primarily driven by construction inflation. He stated the original construction estimates were received post pandemic. There has been roughly a 28% increase in construction materials alone. The revenue projections, on the amount of money the water park revenue will bring in and is expected to have strong financial performance. Mr. Johnson advised the Good Life District, and the entire project is designed to

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increase Bellevue's economic sustainability by increasing commerce and revenue. The economic base and revenue will assist in lowering property tax. It is estimated the water park will bring in 600,000 visitors a year, this is just for the water park, not the Entertainment District. This area has never been developed before. There are costs associated with water lines and gas lines and the relocation of a gas transmission line.

Mr. Johnson explained the city is the owner of the water park and there is a management contract with American Resort Management (ARM). Mattel does not have any ownership of the water park. Mattel has an agreement with the city and ARM to provide attractions at the water park. He explained there will be revenue from half of the state sales tax and revenue from not just the water park, but property and occupation tax. There are huge benefits the city will receive. Discussion followed on revenue the city will receive when they sell ground.

Mr. Rich Severson, Finance Director, explained as far as property taxes go, the budget for next year nor this year's actuals required any property tax pay to pay for any of the water park. The idea is once the water park is up and running it will generate funds that could go to reduce the property taxes. An increase in property taxes isn't contemplated at all in the business case or forecast in next year's budget. He explained as far as the timing, he usually waits to go out for bonds, he does not like to pay interest on money that is sitting idle. He tries to forecast, as close as he can, to the time the money will be put to use. Since this was placed on the agenda last Wednesday, there has been a change in interest rates.

Mr. Cody Wickham, D.A. Davidson, 450 Regency Parkway #400, was present as the Bond Underwriter for the city. He explained when they make a request to waive the three-reading rule, it's due to refinancing bonds to capture lower interest rates. This bond is a little different as it is a new money issuance. In the past three weeks, interest rates have gone up by 37 basis points. With the interest rates, you could see over \$794,000 in interest expense, with another increase in December. The city has one of the highest bond ratings a municipality can have.

Mr. Severson mentioned the ordinance gives the authority to go out for \$50,000,000.00. The next bond issue is \$40,000,000.00. He does not want to go for the whole amount, if only \$40,000,000.00 is needed. He advised towards the end of the project, if the rest is needed, it is there and authorized.

Councilman Preister requested clarification on the previous amount approved. Mr. Severson replied \$60,000,000.00.

Councilman Preister mentioned that was authorizing and this is allowing this to take place. He requested clarification on the process. Mr. Severson explained the original request for \$60,000,000.00 was believed to be adequate. There were serious inflation costs in the materials, as Mr. Johnson previously explained. Discussion followed.

Mayor Hike questioned the city attorney if it is out of the ordinary for other cities to request the waiver of the three readings.

City Attorney Aimee Bataillon replied no, stating it is a common misperception that the waiver of the three-rule requirement is a devilish scheme. Nebraska State Statute Section 16-404 allows the City Council, three-fourths of its members to suspend the rule and waive the three readings, hold the public hearing, and vote in the same meeting. It is common practice among City Councils in different cities and other first-class cities.

Mr. Johnson stated with infrastructure costs and material costs, it is important to remember with making land developable, private dollars follow public dollars. It is important for municipalities to provide areas for commercial growth to happen. This is revenue generator for the city. Discussion followed.

Councilman Burns commented he understands the project cost will be \$110,000,000.00. He stated the agenda comes out on Wednesday, and the meetings are on Tuesdays. He feels the request for the waiver of three readings is fast. He feels it would be helpful to provide information on what the first \$60,000,000.00 was used for, along with providing a breakdown of the items.

Mr. Johnson explained the major driver is concrete, being 20% of the cost. There are also fiber glass slides. There is also structural steel and mass grading, along with the relocation of a gas transmission line, and road construction. Councilman Burns requested a document made indicating the breakdown of the items.

Councilman Burns questioned how close the project is to completion. Mr. Johnson explained what details are involved in the construction management contract. He stated a mid-to-late grand opening date is anticipated for next year. The construction management contract ends of December of next year.

Councilman Burns inquired what agreement the city has with Mattel. Mr. Johnson explained it is basically a franchise agreement. The city paid \$250,000.00 for the contract. The city has the opportunity to use a global brand for the water park.

Discussion followed on the projected revenue and the economic development.

Councilwoman Collins questioned if there is any anticipated change orders in the construction project. Mr. Johnson stated he does not think so. Discussion followed on the construction management contract.

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Councilwoman Collins mentioned even though the city's taxes haven't gone up, other entities taxes have. With the bond, is there any projection the property tax will go up. Mr. Severson responded no. He explained the project is separate and funded by the bonds. Once the development opens, the revenue is expected to pay for all the bonds.

Councilwoman Collins questioned when the last time the city's sales tax was increased. Mr. Severson advised it has been years, the city doesn't have the additional sales tax, just 1.5%.

Councilwoman Collins questioned by laying it over to October 20th, this would cost more in interest alone. Mr. Cody Wickham explained that in the last three weeks there has been a 37% movement. Conversation ensued.

Councilman Preister commented the anchor is the water park in the development. There will be two hotels paying property tax, room charges, occupation tax, and sales tax. This will be revenue to pay the bonds, there is no raise in sales tax, nor is the property tax identified to pay for the bonds. Discussion followed.

Mr. Johnson stated the change in the Nebraska law for the Good Life District is the key to this project. This is money the city was never able to receive and now will receive half of it. Conversation followed.

Councilman Preister made statement to the public regarding the development and explained the benefits of the development and the revenue that will be generated.

Mr. Johnson mentioned he is available for appointments and discussions.

Mayor Hike mentioned the tax base will increase offsetting residential tax base. Numerous jobs will be generated from this development. Mr. Johnson stated the water park itself will employ roughly 200 employees.

Ms. Sarah Lash, 1709 Childs Road East, commented the property tax and sales tax are mentioned as a basis in the title of the ordinance, and that is concerning. This development is not in the Bellevue School District and does not benefit the schools. If this does not fall on the taxpayers, what is the real harm in waiting and not to waive the three readings.

Ms. Abigail Mares, 4 Bonner Lane, Offutt AFB, thanked Council Members Burn, Collins, and Preister for their questions and input. She believes the public should have more time, and this ordinance should not be rushed if it is such a huge investment.

Mr. Zakary Kerr, 601 N. 4th Street, commented he isn't sure what impact this development will have on Bellevue as a small city. He feels the request to waive the three readings does not allow enough time to gather information to ask questions. He requested the waiver not occur to allow citizens more time to review the request.

No one else in the audience came forth to speak in support of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Hike declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Casey, seconded by McCaw, to approve Ordinance No. 4231: Ordinance No. 4231: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of tax supported Municipal Improvement Bonds of the City of Bellevue, Nebraska, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$50,000,000 in one or more series for the purpose of paying the costs of certain capital improvements to be owned by the city; prescribing the form of said bonds; pledging funds to be received from a sales and use tax and property tax for the payment of said bonds; providing for the levy and collection of said taxes to pay the same; providing for the sale of the bonds; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; providing for the disposition of bond proceeds; authorizing a policy of bond insurance; delegating certain authority to officers of the city; and ordering the ordinance published in pamphlet or electronic form. Roll call to approve the motion was as follows: Preister, Casey, Burns, and McCaw voted yes; voting no: Collins; abstain; none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 4232: Ordinance No. 4232: An ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, of the Bellevue Municipal Code by amending Article III, Sections 21-39 to 21-41 regarding the Museum Board.
(Administration)

Ordinance No. 4232 An ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, of the Bellevue Municipal Code by amending Article III, Sections 21-39 to 21-41 regarding the Museum Board and to provide for an effective date was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Hike stated the second reading and public hearing will be heard at the Council meeting on October 6, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OTHER THAN ORDINANCES:

Approval of a Special Fireworks Display Permit for Midwest Fireworks for a fireworks display at Bellevue East Homecoming, 1401 High School Drive, on Thursday, September 17, 2026 beginning at

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approximately 9:30 p.m. (Rain date - Friday - September 18, 2026 - (9:30 p.m.) (City Clerk)

Mayor Hike opened the public hearing to give an opportunity for individuals to speak in favor of or in opposition.

No one in the audience came forth to speak in support of or in opposition.

Mayor Hike declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by McCaw, seconded by Casey, to approve a Special Fireworks Display Permit for Midwest Fireworks for a fireworks display at Bellevue East Homecoming, 1401 High School Drive, on Thursday, September 17, 2026, beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m. (Rain date - Friday - September 18, 2026 - (9:30 p.m.) Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Welch, Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Approve Event Application for the Wing Morale Run at Bellevue South Trail, on Friday, September 25, 2026 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (City Clerk) (Applicant requested the item be removed)

Approve Event License Application for Scouting America at American Heroes Park to be held Saturday, September 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (City Clerk)

Mayor Hike opened the public hearing to give an opportunity for individuals to speak in favor of or in opposition.

Mr. Blake James, 1806 Hancock Street, Scouting America, was present for any questions.

No one else in the audience came forth to speak in support of or in opposition.

Mayor Hike declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Preister, to approve Event License Application for Scouting America at American Heroes Park to be held Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2026-18: A resolution to preserve the City's flexibility in financing capital improvements. (Finance Director)

Motion was made by Casey, seconded by McCaw, to approve Resolution No. 2026-18: A resolution to preserve the City's flexibility in financing capital improvements. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-19: Request approval to operate a satellite keno location at the business operated by The Donkey Barn dba "The Donkey Barn" at 2902 Samson Way, Bellevue, NE and authorize the Mayor to sign. (City Clerk)

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McCaw, to approve Resolution 2026-19: Request approval to operate a satellite keno location at the business operated by The Donkey Barn dba "The Donkey Barn" at 2902 Samson Way, Bellevue, NE and authorize the Mayor to sign. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-20: Request approval to operate a satellite keno location at the business operated by Hey Babe's Inc. dba "Babe's" at 512 Galvin Road S., Bellevue, NE and authorize the Mayor to sign. (City Clerk)

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Preister, to approve Resolution 2026-20: Request approval to operate a satellite keno location at the business operated by Hey Babe's Inc. dba "Babe's" at 512 Galvin Road S., Bellevue, NE and authorize the Mayor to sign. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement and execute the Notice of Award with Valley Corporation on the Whitted Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$3,894,289.77. (Public Works Director)

Motion was made by Casey, seconded by Preister, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement and execute the Notice of Award with Valley Corporation on the Whitted Creek Stream

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Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$3,894,289.77. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #2 with HDR for the Landings Lift Station Project, in an amount not to exceed \$83,900.00 (Total for completion of design \$325,520.00). (Public Works Director)

Motion was made by Preister, seconded by Collins, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #2 with HDR for the Landings Lift Station Project, in an amount not to exceed \$83,900.00 (Total for completion of design \$325,520.00). Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #1 to the Engineering Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group for design services on the Whitted Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$179,580.00. (Public Works Director)

Motion was made by McCaw, seconded by Collins, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #1 to the Engineering Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group for design services on the Whitted Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$179,580.00. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #5 with Vrana Civil to install a storm ditch and construct RIPRAP for the Bellevue Entertainment District, in an amount not to exceed \$12,645.00. (Public Work Director)

Motion was made by Casey, seconded by Preister, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #5 with Vrana Civil to install a storm ditch and construct RIPRAP for the Bellevue Entertainment District, in an amount not to exceed \$12,645.00. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Second Amendment to the Cost Reimbursement Research Subaward Agreement for the extension of the grant period to September 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00. (CDBG Program Specialist/Public Works Director)

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Preister, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Second Amendment to the Cost Reimbursement Research Subaward Agreement for the extension of the grant period to September 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Accept the Proposal with Gallagher to renew the City's Property Casualty Insurance for the 2026 Renewal Premium, in an amount not to exceed \$950,475.00. (Risk Manager)

Motion was made by Preister, seconded McCaw, by to accept the Proposal with Gallagher to renew the City's Property Casualty Insurance for the 2026 Renewal Premium, in an amount not to exceed \$950,475.00.

Mr. Scott Houghtaling, Risk Manager, explained recently the City Council approved Gallagher as the Broker of Record for the city's casualty insurance.

Mr. Joe Halstrom, 1310 Red Oak Ct, Fort Collins, CO, representative for Gallagher, provided an explanation on the renewal and cost saved by the city.

Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Civilian Employees Association of Bellevue (CEAB) for a two-year term, October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028. (Administration)

Motion was made by Collins, seconded McCaw, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Civilian Employees Association of Bellevue (CEAB) for a two-year term, October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters Local 4906 (IAFF) for the term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028. (Administration/HR Director)

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Motion was made by Casey, seconded by Collins, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters Local 4906 (IAFF) for the term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Approve the revised Bellevue Public Library Policy Manual. (Library Director)

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McCaw, to approve the revised Bellevue Public Library Policy Manual. Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins and McCaw voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Comments must be limited to items on the current Reports **(August report is attached)**

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business coming before the Council at this time, on motion by Collins, seconded by McCaw, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Roll call vote to approve the motion was as follows: Casey, Preister, Burns, Collins, and McCaw, voted yes; voting no: none; abstain: none; absent: Welch. Motion carried.

Susan Kluthe, City Clerk

Rusty Hike, Mayor

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Bellevue, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the City Council on September 15, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agendas for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Susan Kluthe, City Clerk