

June 08, 2026

Council President Mr. Martin called the June 08, 2026, Belpre City Council meeting to order at 6:34pm. The roll was called with the following members present: Mr. Ambrozy, Mr. Cassady, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Locke and Mr. Seebaugh. Also, present were Mayor Abdella, Safety Service Director Mr. Rhodes, City Law Director Mr. Webster, Treasurer Mrs. Nolan and Clerk of Council Mrs. Meredith. Absent from the June 08, 2026 meeting was City Auditor Mrs. Campbell, Council Persons Mrs. Dennis and Ms. Riffle.

Council President Mr. Martin asked everyone to please rise for the Prayer and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Stump gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Mr. Martin asked all present if you have cellphones or any electronic devices to please turn them off or to vibrate so it won't interfere with the recording.

If you plan to address council this evening, please rise, come to the podium, state your name clearly so the clerk can get your information, and address council.

Council President Mr. Martin asked for a motion for the May 25, 2026 meeting minutes. Mr. Locke made a motion to accept the minutes of May 25, 2026 as presented and by-pass the reading. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Reports of City Officials:

Mayor Abdella presented her report before council. It is as follows:

Mr. President:

Good evening, at the end of tonight's meeting I would like to request an executive session for the following reason: To consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G) (2) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Community Picnic: the picnic is scheduled for June 27th from 11-3pm in Howes Grove Park. Activities include: A free picnic, with hotdogs, burgers, chips, watermelon, ice cream and apple pies. There will be kids' activities by Artsbrige, a mural painting, and the fire department on site to create a little water fun. We are seeking volunteers to help serve the burgers and hot dogs.

Today we met with Burgess and Nipple on the Farson Street Planning. This project is moving along and we should have some designs for the next meeting.

Our Scada project will be completed this week, and the water line project will also be completed this week.

I am excited to announce that we have made a job offer to a local young man for the sewer department so they will be back up to full staff.

The Housing Technical Grant received an extension to complete till August. We will be bringing the entire document to council for review and adoption a per request of ODOD. This will then include separate ordinance changes as we move through this work.

Finally last week Angie, Brian and I attended the EDG planning seminar. It provided a lot of good information and they used our water meter situation as a learning opportunity for other communities and they gave Angie the kudos she deserved for figuring out our infrastructure issues.

Upcoming Events:

- June 27, 2026 Belpre will kick off 4th of July week with a community picnic and our theme is "Proud to be an American". There is a lot of exciting things happening this day a list of the day's events will be posted soon.

Legislation Pending:

- EMS Equipment Lease Renewal
- EMS Contract Renewal
- Supplemental

Project Work:

- Water tank will resume construction in soon – How to proceed determining.
- Lift station assessments at Rockland and Clement – this project to kick off Thursday.
- City Valve Assessment to begin in next few weeks. This is being funded by a grant for \$20,000.

Safety-Service Director Mr. Rhodes presented his report before council. It is as follows:

- Code Enforcement activity since May 12, 2026: 10 code violation warnings issued / 13 zoning permits issued.
- The decommissioned Heavy Rescue has been listed on GovDeals this week.
- In order to comply with the requirements of the Public Employment Risk Reduction Program (PERRP), all employees with the street and water department have been issued Class 2 high visibility safety apparel.

- The tower truck has been repaired and is back in service. The cost of the repairs is \$16,820.67.
- I have been in contact with Vang Her from VFIS Claims Management regarding the ambulance. Mr. Her requested copies of the original invoice. The invoice, along with a copy of the title, were provided which both document the original purchase price. He indicated the vehicle would be totaled, but I have not received any documentation in writing.
- The SCADA install is expected to be completed this week.
- Confined Space Training was conducted by O'Brien Safety Services for all street, water, and wastewater employees. O'Brien Safety Services will be conducting the same training at the fire department tomorrow night for police, fire, and EMS personnel.
- I am currently obtaining quotes for the shingle roof at the city building and Station 1 which need replaced.
- Jacob Ferrier has been given a conditional offer of employment to fill the vacancy at the water reclamation facility pending pre-employment testing.

City Auditor Mrs. Campbell was absent. Per Treasurer Mrs. Nolan there was no report to present.

City Law Director Mr. Webster had no report.

City Treasurer Mrs. Nolan had no report.

Communication and Petitions:

Council President Mr. Martin assigned the following to council committee chairperson:

Parks and Recreation: Mr. Seebaugh Chairman was assigned the land transfer with the Civitan Club.

Reports of Standing Committee:

Mr. Ferguson Finance/Audit Committee reported that on June 1, 2026 at 6:00pm his committee held a meeting to discuss supplementals. Since he was absent from that meeting, he could not give a report.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to add to tonight's agenda for first reading **A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING YEAR 2026 APPROPRIATIONS**. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to add to tonight's agenda for first reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BELPRE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF BELPRE EMS, INC FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BELPRE.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to add to tonight's agenda for first reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BELPRE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BELPRE EMS, INC FOR THE USE OF BELPRE CITY REAL ESTATE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Locke, Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewer announced that he attended the Finance Committee meeting May 25, 2026 at 6:00pm concerning temporary appropriations.

Streets, Sidewalks, & Storm sewer

Discussion surrounding paving projects proposed.

Attending Council Members agreed to the list presented.

Discussion surrounding the construction of the new school on Stone Road and the possible damage to the new pavement was discussed. Currently a "Traffic Study" is being done to give us more information on what future traffic patterns will be.

Mr. Ambrozy Utilities Committee presented his report:

- June 2, 2026, attended the EDG planning seminar. Title of seminar was "Strategic Planning for Municipal Governments".
- June 4, 2026, attended the EDG monthly project review meeting.
- June 4, 2026, met with Clint Sayre. Clint showed me our current Hydrovac. The Hydrovac is a critical piece of equipment for the Water Department. Current Hydrovac has some safety and reliability issues. We have a quote for a new Hydrovac. However, we need to better understand current issues. More to come on this item.
- June 8 – attended a meeting with 2 Reps from another Engineering Firm. It was a good meeting. I believe this company can help us.

Mr. Seebaugh Parks and Recreation Committee had no report. Mr. Seebaugh made a motion to excuse Mrs. Dennis from this evening's meeting. Mrs. Dennis is out of town. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Seebaugh made a motion to excuse Ms. Riffle from this evening's meeting. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Seebaugh made a motion to add to tonight's agenda for first reading **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LAND TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE BELPRE CIVITAN CLUB TO TRANSFER TITLE FOR THE CIVITAN CLUB PROPERTY WHERE THE BASEBALL FIELDS, CONCESSION STAND, STORAGE BUILDING AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ARE LOCATED, TO THE CITY OF BELPRE.** A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Mr. Seebaugh made a motion to excuse Mr. Ferguson from the May 25, 2026 council meeting. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Ms. Riffle Rules Committee was absent. Per Mr. Cassady there was no report for her committee.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – AGENDA items only – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS:

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PERSON APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Marty Moore, Walnut Street Belpre addressed council regarding a neighbor' tree that is hanging over on his property. Mr. Moore stated that he addressed this with council back in March and the tree still has not been trimmed. Mr. Rhodes to address the situation.

Mr. Seebaugh made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose to consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G) (2) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

President of Council Mr. Martin announced that once council resumes from executive session there would be no further business conducted at this evening's meeting.

Mayor Abdella thanked Austin for coming to council and fixing Facebook live.

A vote was taken for the adjournment into executive session with all members of council present voting aye. Meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:03pm.

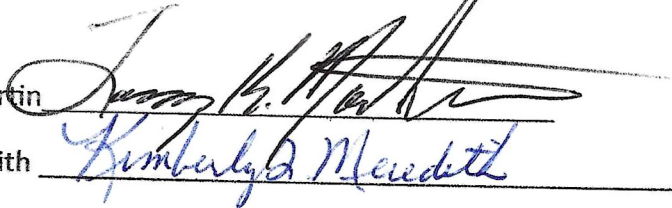
Mr. Ferguson made a motion to resume from executive session at 7:20pm. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

Adjourn:

Mr. Seebaugh made a motion to adjourn from the regular council meeting at 7:30pm. A vote was taken with all members of council present voting aye.

President of Belpre City Council Mr. Martin

Clerk of Belpre City Council Mrs. Meredith

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, for the President of Belpre City Council Mr. Martin, is written over a horizontal line and is quite stylized. The second signature, for the Clerk of Belpre City Council Mrs. Meredith, is also written over a horizontal line and is more legible, appearing to read 'Kimberly D. Meredith'.