



CITY OF BLUE EARTH HONORARY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION

The Honorary City Council Member Program is intended to promote youth engagement in local government and provide elected officials unique direct perspective during the decision-making process.

The City Council invites any interested current and upcoming Blue Earth Area **junior or senior** to fill out an application to serve as an Honorary City Council member. One student will be selected to serve as a *non-voting* member of the City Council.

There are multiple three-month sessions to choose from, up to six council meetings:

Fall – September through November
Winter – December through February
Spring – March through May

The City Council meets on the first and third Monday of every month at 5:00 pm, with a possible work session held at 4:30 pm on the same day. The meetings take place at City Hall, Council Chamber, 201 E 7th St.

Opportunities:

An Honorary City Council member will be exposed to the following opportunities:

- Participate in City Council meetings and discussions, and share ideas and concerns
- Learn about government processes
- Represent youth of the Blue Earth area

An Honorary City Council member may be further exposed to the following:

- Meetings with City staff, as possible
- Attend committee meetings, if possible, and provide input
- Foster relationships for future resume/references

Expectations:

An Honorary City Council member will be expected to attend all the City Council meetings for three months but may be excused from a meeting due to scheduling conflicts in advance by the Mayor. An Honorary City Council member will be expected to uphold an Honorary Oath of Office and conduct themselves in a manner which

honors him or herself, the City of Blue Earth, Blue Earth Area School District, and the community as a whole.

Oath of Office:

At the first meeting in attendance, honorary member will be sworn in with the following oath:

“I do solemnly swear or affirm to support the Constitution of the United States and or the State of Minnesota and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Blue Earth, and to faithfully discharge the duties devolving upon me as Honorary City Councilmember of the City of Blue Earth to the best of my judgment and ability.”

Application Requirements:

A complete application must be submitted to be considered for the spring session by Friday noon, February 13, 2026. Applicants will be contacted the following week.

Applications should be sent by email to: Dawn Collins, City Administrator at dcollins@becity.org AND Mayor Rick Scholtes at rscholtes@bevcomm.com