

## **CITY OF BEULAH**

**April 15, 2019, 7:00 pm**

### **Beulah City Hall Council Chambers**

The regular meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Travis Frey with Council Members Kelsey Timmer, Clyde Schulz, Gary Miller, Loren Daede, Eric Hoffer, David Ripplinger, David Czywczynski and Kathy Kelsch present.

Also Present: City Attorney Jennifer Gooss, City Engineer Charlie Hankins, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Public Works Superintendent Kenny Yeager, Police Chief Frank Senn, Police Officer Adam Baker, Economic Development Director Granville Brinkman, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Mark Kaffar, John Phillips, Kate Johnson, and Beulah residents.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **MINUTES**

Kelsch moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on April 1 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Mark Kaffar of the Water Resource Board: Floodplain LOMAR Study

The study could identify 16-22 structures that could be removed from the flood plain high-risk category. Corp of Engineers has approached the Water Resource Board to see if there is interest to be involved in the LOMAR Study. The cost to Beulah would be \$6,000 to \$9,000. There is the possibility of a waiver available. The Corp would like a commitment from Mercer County and Beulah to move forward. The County has approved a 40% cost share, Beulah's share would be 60%. Some homes would have the flood plain designation removed and be placed in a low risk category with lower premiums. The Section 22 study should be complete by August. It was discussed that the money could come from the Emergency fund for the LOMAR Study.

John Phillips: Hospitality and Lodging funding requests. The Advisory Committee recommends:

1. The Nite Owl Bar coverage of two officers for the street dance: \$550
2. The Beulah Chamber of Commerce for the Big Buck Contest: \$900
3. Heritage Park for inflatables on Children's Night in June: \$1,000

Czywczynski moved to approve the recommendations by the Hospitality & Lodging Advisory Committee. Hoffer seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. The CVB will provide their quarterly financials to Council soon.

### **COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS**

Council Member Ripplinger – Citywide spring cleanup will be May 13. The Community Forestry Grant is due April 30 and they will try to make the deadline.

Council Member Schulz – The Pool Board has been meeting every week. Lifeguards are still needed. The West River Transit quarterly meeting is this Thursday. Adam Baker, the new Beulah Police

Officer, was introduced by Chief Senn. Schulz moved to allow Travis Frey of 4H Riverside Valley to allow pigs at the pig barn by the north lagoon. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor.

Council Member Hoffer – Transfer Station is back to full time hours. There are a couple possible leads on a new storage building.

Council Member Kelsch – Kelsch moved to approve the payment of the \$64,990 invoice to Western Steel Builders. Schulz seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. Water/Wastewater positions were interviewed for and the Employee Relations Committee met. They recommend offering two operator positions and one temporary position. Kenny Yeager is filling in as a Superintendent. Kelsch moved to offer Timothy Morton and Mitch Mattheis the operator positions and offer a temporary operator position to Marlin Block; if either of the permanent positions were turned down, Marlin Block would be offered a permanent position. Hoffer seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. Kelsch moved to increase Kenny Yeager's wage by \$4.00 per hour on an interim basis to fill in as Superintendent. Hoffer seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. Kelsch moved to accept Tyler Rosborough's resignation as of April 26. Hoffer seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. Moore Engineering will be able to help with training.

Mayor Frey – Board of Equalization meeting will be April 23 at 6:00 pm.

#### **CITY PERSONNEL**

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Police Chief – A pursuit took place in Beulah and Beulah assisted surrounding counties in another pursuit of a semi driver.

City Auditor – Schulz moved to approve the March Financial Reports. Daede seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. Hoffer moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Main Bar for the street dance beer garden on June 8, 2019 pending the Police Chief's approval. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. Discussion followed on more information being needed, including a map of the area. Schulz moved to table the permit for the Main Bar until May 6. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor.

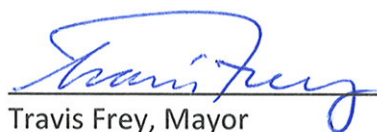
Economic Development Director – He is visiting businesses in town and letting them know what's available, as well as discussing business owner concerns in the city. Seven businesses have been contacted regarding interest in the Shopko building.

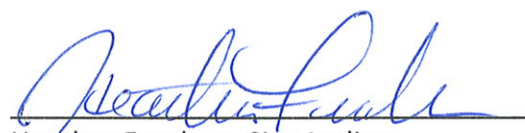
City Engineer – 2019 Citywide Street Repair Bids. Asphalt patching came in very high and it's recommended to solicit further. Czywczynski moved to approve the bid for Concrete from M Construction for \$22,910. Schulz seconded. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. Czywczynski moved to approve the bid for crack sealing from Roadway Services, Inc. for \$19,500. Daede seconded. Roll call vote found

Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski, Ripplinger, Daede, Kelsch, Hoffer and Miller in favor. An easement is being drafted and plans will be sent out for the storm sewer projects. A special meeting will be set for Tuesday, April 23 at 6:20 pm to approve the resolutions for both storm sewer projects. Discussion followed on the boundaries of the assessment district for the Gateway Addition project. A culvert in the county right of way will be looked into.

City Coordinator – Lift Station #2 pumps are being reviewed before the purchase to make sure the correct size is ordered. The South Lagoon may need to be discharged so tests will be done on cell three. Another street light will be added on Fair Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. River erosion is taking place along the Knife River. There are still some properties in town with frozen water lines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

  
Travis Frey, Mayor

  
Heather Ferebee, City Auditor