

CITY OF BEULAH

August 10, 2022, 6:00 pm

Beulah City Hall Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Gooss with Council Members Gary Miller, Ben Lenzen, Auston Biles, Jason Isaak and David Czywczynski present. Eric Hoffer, Sean Cheatley and Amanda Mohl absent.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, Assistant Attorney Jennifer Gooss, City Engineer Charlie Hankins, Economic Development Beaver Brinkman, Police Chief Frank Senn, Water Superintendent Gary Bovkoon, Public Works Superintendent Kenny Yeager, City Assessor Heidi Hamelton, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Jerry Isaak, Mary Lou Horning, Nathan Richter, Kayla Torgerson, Jessie Mann, Losson Leonard, Ryan Tolosky, Rene Perzinski, Editors Alyssa Meier and Bill Schmalfeldt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lenzen moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting July 27 and the special meeting on August 4 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Biles seconded. Roll call vote found Lenzen, Biles, Miller, Czywczynski and Isaak in favor.

HEARINGS

Murphy Garage Variance – The variance was tabled by P&Z on Monday requesting more on the site plan. Miller moved to table. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Czywczynski, Isaak, Biles and Lenzen in favor.

Johnson Conditional Use application for outdoor storage on Keller Drive in Sun Valley Builders 2nd Addition was presented. It was approved and recommended by P&Z. Miller moved to approve the conditional use permit as presented. Biles seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Biles, Czywczynski, Isaak and Lenzen in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

Library Report – Jessie Mann presented statistics of the Beulah Public Library: there are now 1,410 library cards, 5,243 visits this year so far, 1,326 uses of computers, 18,000 hits on wifi, and 10,703 checkouts this year so far, which has increased from last year. There have been 2,729 participants in library programs this year. They have had 8 scavenger hunts in downtown Beulah with 706 participants. 725 STEM kits have been given out this summer and 264 people came to the Fishy Fun Day. 194 people attended the summer outdoor movie. 38 people did the winter reading program. The Knife River Care Center lending library is continuing. To continue to offer all of that, funding is needed. It was requested that 4 mills and a budget allocation of \$20,000 be added to the 2023 budget. Also requested is that the \$20,000 allocation for 2022 be transferred to the Library fund.

The proposal of the library moving to the old nursing home is beginning. They will have some estimates from architects this fall. Libraries are tax funded, and the mills are very important. Grants have been applied for. Discussion followed on the revenue and expenses. A contractor has looked at the building and the estimate is \$4.2 million for a library and daycare. JDA has committed \$10,000 for preliminary architect costs. Ownership of the building will need to be determined, whether it will be the city or the Library Foundation. Maintenance costs of the building will be estimated for seven years. Mann was thanked for the presentation and job at the library.

JDA Report

Beaver Brinkman presented programs offered by JDA. Interest buydowns are the main program that they offer. JDA is requesting to keep receiving the 4 mills currently being received. JDA remodeled the USDA building. The Greystone Building is an incubator to help new businesses start up by providing them with low rent move-in ready space for the first year. JDA is paying the city for the Administrative Assistant work provided to JDA. There are lines of credit available to assist businesses and those were discussed. Nathan Richter explained interest buydowns and rental assistance. When JDA makes a long-term commitment, it needs to be continued for its entirety. The revenue received from the loan payoff on the bakery could have been used to pay down the loan for the USDA building, but the loan rates are low right now. JDA decided to hold the cash to do something more with it and keep paying on the loan.

Isaak moved to approve the transfer of the \$20,000 allocation to the Library fund. Biles seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Biles, Miller, Czywczynski and Lenzen in favor.

Rene Perzinski: Peddler's Permit for Rene's Books – Southwestern Advantage to go door to door selling educational books. It was questioned what the hours are. He starts around 8:00 or 9:00 am and works for 12-13 hours per day. The dates would be August 15-20 and August 22-26 for a total permit fee of \$275. Miller moved to approve the permit as presented with payment. Czywczynski seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Biles, Czywczynski and Isaak in favor. Lenzen not present. Motion passed.

Tolosky land purchase request. It was requested it be tabled again. Isaak moved to table. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Biles, Czywczynski, Isaak and Lenzen in favor.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Council Member Miller

P&Z recommends appointment of Ryan Tolosky to P&Z Commission to fill Jerry Reichenberg's unexpired term until December 31, 2023. Gooss appointed Ryan Tolosky to the P&Z Commission. Miller moved to approve the appointment. Lenzen seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Lenzen, Biles, Czywczynski and Isaak in favor.

Council Member Biles

Concrete was completed at the Civic Center. The bike path project that was started previously is being reviewed.

Council Member Czywczynski

Letters will be sent out from City Hall describing three of the street improvement options for residents in Murray Addition.

Mayor Gooss

The pool slide company will be here Sept 1-9 for repairs to the slide.

CITY PERSONNEL

Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Pipe Detectives have been in town cleaning lines. The 12-inch main line on the south side of town was three quarters full.

City Auditor

Isaak moved to approve the Special Event permit for Molco, LLC to serve alcohol at the Beulah Civic Center for a wedding dance on September 2, 2022. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Miller, Biles, Czywczynski and Lenzen in favor.

Reminder of Special Council meeting tomorrow at 6:00 for 2nd Reading of Ord. No. 448 and Conditional Use permit on the storage facility.

Economic Development Director

Signage proposals were presented for Sun Valley, the two entrances to Beulah, and a digital sign to be located at the Pfennig Museum.

City Engineer

On August 2, a letter was sent out regarding the floodway on Hwy. 49 N. The city is required to maintain the floodway by state statute, but there may be an issue as the property owner living in this area may be resistant to it. It is Interstate Engineering's recommendation that the city clean up this area. Hankins requested input of the City Attorney on what the city is allowed to do. Public Works would coordinate with Interstate Engineering. Biles moved to approve Solem Law to research the legalities of the cleanup. Lenzen seconded. It was stated that the FEMA maps are not accurate on that waterway at that location. Roll call vote found Miller, Biles, Czywczynski, Isaak and Lenzen in favor.

Asphalt crews were here and will return in September. Road closure signs were not set up on 7th Street when a repair was being done.

Police Chief

Two applicants were interviewed for the police officer position.

City Attorney

The Attorney General Opinion Response was received, and the city's ordinance is correct.


APPROVAL OF BILLS

Isaak moved to pay the bills as presented and reviewed. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Miller, Biles, Czywczynski and Lenzen in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.



Jeff Gooss, Mayor



Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in July:

Check Range: 41929 to 42054, -99729 to -99727

Payroll Check Range: -74912 to -74725, 41928, 41935, 42009

Employees	162567.66	NDDEQ	368.02
FIT	16894.82	Aramark	53.68
NDPERS 457	297.50	Aramark	594.84
HEALTH INS	33082.75	American Express	1957.18
METLIFE	826.19	MDU	13338.70
NDPERS 457	297.50	US Bank	2386.35
FIT	15440.51	Information Technology Dept	263.20
SIT	3781.70	NDAAO	140.00
Unemployment	277.12	Mercer County Historical Soc	25.00
NDPERS 457	297.50	Cengage Learning	288.19
FIT	17709.59	Baker & Taylor	505.49
NDPERS Main	8250.24	MicroMarketing LLC	35.67
NDPERS Main 2020	3267.96	Bronson's Marketplace	30.43
NDPERS PD	5169.36	NDDEQ	150.00
MN Child Support	187.81	Productivity Plus Account	191.64
NY Life Insurance Company	3861.30	Ecolab Pest Elim Div	161.63
Renee Sindt	67.87	Powerplan	752.02
Principal Life Insurance Co	317.55	North Dakota One Call Inc	59.80
North Dakota Tax Comm	11.05	Beulah JDA	1422.31
City of Beulah	64.93	Roughrider Electric Coop	5631.95
Principal Life Insurance Co	288.35	West River Telephone	5539.88
Petty Cash	214.76	Beulah Airport Authority	1422.31
Vision West ND - Dunn County	200.00	Mark A. Kaffar	600.00
Faith Koch	274.68	Quadient Leasing USA Inc	218.07
Alexus Foss	149.87	Angel's Landscaping	1065.00
Jeremy Buchmann	175.00	Dakota Pump & Control, Inc	937.83
Postmaster	378.56	J.T. Fire LLC	76.00
North Dakota Dept of Health	212.00	Brady, Martz & Associates	13250.00
Mercer County Treasurer	8346.00	Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing	850.00
Downtown Gas & Auto	8343.14		

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West River Telephone	97.33	Ryan Schaper	50.00
NAPA Auto Parts	370.22	Lori Klein	50.00
Lignite Tire	288.00	Jeremy Dostal	50.00
Millennium Express	18.70	Laurie Volk	61.99
USA Blue Book	188.24	Danielle Schumacher	60.20
Bronson's Marketplace	649.22	Zachary & Tesa Crasco	38.08
AE Operations, LLC	5101.75	Mercer County Treasurer	319.20
Hawkins Inc.	3200.60	Convention & Visitors Bureau	10087.50
The Hub Convenience Stores	10.99	Bronson's Marketplace	992.33
City of Beulah	323.20	Neuberger Oil Co.	175.00
Police Chiefs Association of ND	8807.00	Core & Main LP	186.32
MDU	239.22	Krebs Auto Body LLC	1204.00
Kameron Plienis	46.00	Display Sales	12.00
The Beacon	57.00	Core & Main LP	186.32
Penworthy	446.54	Auto Value Beulah	72.18
MicroMarketing LLC	60.23	Petty Cash	25.50
MARC	2664.01	Beulah Park District	35614.47
Schirado Boys Lawn Care	180.00	Solem Law Office	11794.55
City of Beulah	97.50	Interstate Engineering, Inc	37416.40
Frank Senn	115.35	Interstate Engineering, Inc	12489.00
Grafix	190.93	Interstate Engineering, Inc	8306.00
Knife River Veterinary Clinic	145.56	Interstate Engineering, Inc	4014.84
Allstate Peterbilt of Bismarck	19.68	Zach Thompson	50.00
Sanford Health Occup Med	700.00	Marvin Hafner	50.00
Home Connection, LLC	571.37	City of Beulah	400.30
Lucky's Towing & Repair	300.00	Interstate Engineering, Inc	1424.00
Environmental Toxicity Control	1750.00	Alexus Foss	177.05
SPEE-DEE Delivery Service	43.13	Beulah Park District	5983.91
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	133.48	Beulah Senior Center	1150.75
Fetzer Electric	200.00	Beulah Airport Authority	1611.05
Homewood Suites by Hilton	249.00	AT&T Mobility	745.52
Quill LLC	104.94	Waste Management	702.88
ND League of Cities	250.00	Benz Insurance Agency	37086.00
Colonial Research Chemical	226.47	The Beacon	1799.73
AED Everywhere	409.70	Beulah Lumber Company	134.36
Stein's Inc	628.77	Marco Technologies LLC	322.54
Associated Supply Co Inc	1732.15	Cengage Learning	257.41
Coal Country CHC	26.00	MicroMarketing LLC	204.74
Minnesota Valley Testing Labs	88.00	Jessie Mann	100.00
J & M Hardware Inc	774.70	Uniform Center	74.99
Farmers Union Oil Company	8753.07	WARC	1317.04
Carl Blackhurst	50.00	Postmaster	407.66