

## **CITY OF BEULAH**

**August 9, 2023, 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 Council President Ben Lenzen with Council Members Sean Cheatley, Auston Biles, David Czywczynski, Jason Isaak, Amanda Mohl and Gary Miller present. Jeff Gooss and Eric Hoffer absent.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, Economic Development Beaver Brinkman, Public Works Supt. Kenny Yeager, Water Supt. Gary Bovkoon, Police Chief Frank Senn, City Assessor/Planner Heidi Hamelton, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Roger and Mary Kay Gazur, Alyssa Meier.

Cheatley moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on July 26 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Cheatley, Miller, Isaak, Biles, Mohl and Czywczynski in favor.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

### **COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS**

#### Council Member Czywczynski

The Park District questioned if they could receive a SRF loan for backflow preventors. Brinkman requested Czywczynski contact Bovkoon at the Water Dept. for more information on this issue.

#### Council Member Lenzen

The Assessment Board has met.

#### Council Member Miller

Hamelton commented that Schwarzrock is trying to find a contractor. Solem Law stated they sent a letter, but Schwarzrock said he didn't receive the letter. Discussion followed on issuing a demolition permit.

Solem stated that in regard to the apartment building discussed at the last meeting, the order is in the process of being signed and will go to the attorney in Fargo. He commented that they will need to come to the next meeting, otherwise the city will move forward with abating it. There is another building on the property, and it can be assessed to other properties they own. Miller commented it's been three years. Miller moved to demolish the apartment building on Parkway Drive. Cheatley seconded. There are funds in the Dilapidated Building fund. Hamelton will verify if it was inspected last year. Solem stated they could send a letter that they are moving forward and see if there is a response. Miller moved to amend the motion to complete the abatement

survey. Cheatley seconded. It was discussed that the city should obtain three bids, if possible, for the abatement survey. Roll call vote on the amendment found Isaak, Biles, Cheatley, Mohl, Miller and Czywczynski in favor. Roll call vote on the main motion found Isaak, Biles, Cheatley, Mohl, Miller and Czywczynski opposed. Motion fails. Miller moved to complete the survey to find out if an abatement is needed. Cheatley seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Cheatley, Isaak, Biles, Mohl and Czywczynski in favor.

#### Council Member Mohl

The Swim to the Moon event is on August 13 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Donations towards pool repairs will be accepted. Fundraisers are also being set up for the pool repairs.

#### Council Member Biles

Biles commented on the JDA information that was presented at the last meeting including financials and past, present, and future goals. JDA is requesting four mills from the city. JDA helps the community through loans, buy downs, rental assistance, and storefront property. JDA has funds in the bank currently, but that money is needed to cover loans in the event funding was to stop.

### **CITY PERSONNEL**

#### City Auditor

The Special Election Canvassing Board will consist of five members. Mohl, Biles, Solem, Lenzen and Ferebee will meet at 3:30 pm on August 28 at City Hall.

Isaak moved to approve the July financial reports. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Miller, Biles, Cheatley, Mohl and Czywczynski in favor.

Assistance was available for the blizzards in November and December of 2022. The city applied for and received \$15,277.03 from FEMA's Public Assistance Program and \$63,291.94 from the ND Dept. of Emergency Services for the Snow Removal Assistance Program. This revenue was deposited in the Highway fund as that is where the expenses were paid from.

#### Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Another VFD went out on Lift #1. It was the same one as last year and was still under warranty. There is a water break on 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE. The sewer project on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE starts next week.

#### Economic Development Director

Cole and Amanda Pence have offered to purchase Lot BB14488150120 on Chaffee Row for \$500 plus legal fees. The intent is to put a mobile home there. It is zoned R4. Isaak moved to sell the lot as presented. Biles seconded. Hamelton stated there are no specials on the lot. Roll call vote found Isaak, Biles, Cheatley, Mohl, Miller and Czywczynski in favor.

Brad and Sandra Oswald have offered to purchase Lot BB14488760206 on Sunny Drive for \$300 plus legal fees. The intent is to put a small home there. He would need to install water and sewer. Isaak moved to sell the lot as presented under the condition that Solem Law confirms that the

city owns the lot. Cheatley seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Cheatley, Biles, Mohl, Miller and Czywczynski in favor.

Police Chief

An interview for the open Police Officer position is scheduled for August 22. There is a meeting with Farm Credit Services to present a \$25,000 check to the city for police vehicle #18. They are beta testing bodycams.


Public Works Superintendent

Crews have been mowing and patching potholes. The new garbage truck had the kick bar installed and is working great.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.



Ben Lenzen, President



Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

**The following bills were approved and paid in July:**

Check Range: 43170 to 43276, -99697 to -99694

Payroll Check Range: -73705 to -73585, 43270

Employees	109574.14	Darrell Martin	13.90
HEALTH INS	39338.62	Iggy Weigel	46.76
METLIFE	1194.39	Gregory Harrison	25.00
NDPERS 457	647.50	Beulah Motor Vehicle	17.00
FIT	16186.74	Beulah Motor Vehicle	17.00
NDPERS 457	647.50	NDSWRA	90.00
FIT	16400.58	Benz Insurance Agency	12958.00
NDPERS Main	5234.82	North Dakota Dept of Health	100.00
NDPERS Main 2020	3368.59	Mercer County Treasurer	9597.60
NDPERS PD	3755.52	Downtown Gas & Auto	7241.23
NY Life Insurance Company	4113.98	North Dakota One Call Inc	61.10
North Dakota Tax Comm	32.55	NDDEQ	219.76
Principal Life Insurance Co	352.35	Waste Management	829.60
City of Beulah	93.45	Beulah JDA	805.13
MDU	13206.98	Roughrider Electric Coop	5743.78
NDDEQ	150.00	Beulah Airport Authority	805.13
NDDEQ	350.00	American Express	822.67
City of Beulah	99.00	Quadient Leasing USA Inc	218.07
Ernest & Katie Keplin	3.70	Benz Insurance Agency	42262.00
Kimberly Steward	21.04	US Bank	2616.22
Levi Schmolke	59.86		

Aramark	61.72	Bronson's Marketplace	1800.13
West River Telephone	1500.43	White Cap, L.P.	2506.80
Knife River Veterinary Clinic	70.55	Radisson Hotel Bismarck	88.20
Jessie Mann	199.85	Mercer County Sheriff's Dept	105.00
Baker & Taylor	412.74	CNA Surety	50.00
Powerplan	670.34	HITS, INC	350.00
West River Telephone	70.30	Michael Todd Industrial Supply	452.09
Aramark	489.80	Lucky's Towing & Repair	900.00
AE2S, LLC	3120.00	Butler Machinery Company	586.49
AE Operations, LLC	3709.00	Dakota Business Solutions	235.99
AT&T Mobility	776.52	NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	43.82
AT&T Mobility	43.23	DirectMED	611.83
Marco Technologies LLC	159.66	Sanitation Products	245.17
Mark A. Kaffar	900.00	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	111.71
Information Technology Dept	343.05	J.T. Fire LLC	70.00
Anthony Helfrich	25.00	Kenneth Hintz	15.00
Bronson's Marketplace	58.87	Kathy Kelsch	50.00
CNH Industrial Accounts	666.91	Carissa Thielman	50.00
VESSCO, INC	1344.74	Elsie Wiedenmeyer	25.00
Amy Prince	102.50	Solem Law Office	1544.16
Jennifer Gooss	35.89	Farmers Union Oil Company	3396.51
Frank Senn	586.51	Beulah Park District	139.61
Waylon Boyer	70.00	The Union Bank	972039.36
Marcie Krumwiede	214.98	The Union Bank	505082.88
Coal Country CHC	52.00	Beulah Park District	35502.08
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1000.00	NAPA Auto Parts	1941.86
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	75.00	Lignite Tire	1444.00
Westlie Truck Center	1423.19	Beulah Park District	6832.70
Beulah Lumber Company	104.18	Beulah Senior Center	1313.98
Millennium Express	21.42	Beulah Airport Authority	1839.57
J & M Hardware Inc	899.68	Western Dakota Energy Assoc	200.00
Bronson's Marketplace	186.31	Uniform Center	741.02
Hawkins Inc.	6873.62	Solem Law Office	1592.60
Beulah Beacon	2304.01	Core & Main LP	2437.42
Interstate Engineering, Inc	2435.00	Waste Management	1164.60
Solem Law Office	7256.50	Amy Prince	79.96
Farmers Union Oil Company	747.28	Postmaster	415.20
Mendoza Plumbing & Sprink.	5000.00		
Recreation Supply Co	279.90		
Grondahl Recreation Inc.	9236.00		