

CITY OF BEULAH

December 15, 2021, 6:00 pm

Beulah City Hall Council Chambers

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Travis Frey with Council Members Sean Cheatley, Gary Miller, Eric Hoffer and David Czywczynski present. David Ripplinger, Amanda Mohl, Kathy Kelsch and Ben Lenzen absent.

Also Present: City Engineer Charlie Hankins, Economic Development Beaver Brinkman, Police Chief Frank Senn, City Attorney Scott Solem, City Auditor Heather Ferebee and Editor Claudette Olivier.

Pledge of Allegiance.

TOPICS

Main Street Project

Comprehensive Land Use Plan

SID #26 City of Beulah Boundary Map

The Boundary Map was presented showing the whole City of Beulah. This would be the map used for Special Improvement District #26. The project would include repair, maintenance and replacement of water, sewer and street infrastructure. Hoffer moved to accept the boundaries as shown on the map presented. Czywczynski seconded. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Czywczynski, Miller and Cheatley in favor.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan was completed in 2018 and it shows the needs of the City of Beulah. It represents long-term planning goals for the city identifying priorities. The underlying tone of the plan is for downtown. There have already been improvements made to some items listed in the plan and those were discussed.

Natural gas to the city will allow the city to diversify and improve tax base. The Wellness Center has provided opportunities. Daycare still needs improvement, as well as assisted living. Job Service will be coming back to Beulah starting once a month and moving to four times per month. A STEM grant was applied for to assist with a partnership in education. There are businesses looking to move downtown and it will make a big difference if improvements are made. Diversification of the local economy is one of the goals. The CVB is on the right path and doing great. Last year the sewer lines were televised downtown. The backbone of the utilities go down Main Street and that is where we need to start. Problem areas for the center of the city will be addressed.

Main Street Project Overview – 8 blocks of Main Street from Hwy 49 to Homesite Ave. The improvements would include water and sewer utilities, sidewalks with ADA compliance, reconstruction of streets, and maximizing the return on the public's investment by ensuring the street is reconstructed to best design practices.

Scott Solem arrived.

Pictures were presented depicting the sidewalk and street widths at different points on Main Street. Maintenance was questioned regarding the planters and benches. Snow removal was also discussed. One-way traffic on Main Street was an option, but it hasn't been very successful in other towns of similar size so there will be two-way traffic. Trees, lights and corner sidewalk bulb-outs were presented in the design. The bulb-outs provide safety on the corners and they slow down traffic.

This comparison shows how the Main Street Project aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

ADA was questioned and it was stated that the city is required by law to make new infrastructure ADA compliant. This phase on Main Street would be ADA compliant.

Special meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.



Travis Frey, Mayor



Heather Ferebee, City Auditor