

CITY OF BEULAH

December 4, 2023, 6:30 pm

Beulah City Hall Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Auston Biles with Council Members Ben Lenzen, David Czywczynski, Jason Isaak and Gary Miller present. Sean Cheatley, Amanda Mohl and Eric Hoffer absent.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, Economic Dev. Dir. Beaver Brinkman, Water Supt. Gary Bovkoon, Public Works Supt. Kenny Yeager, Police Chief Frank Senn, City Assessor/Planner Heidi Hamelton, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Mike Saunders, Adam Baker, Bruce Neuberger, Beulah Residents.

Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mike Saunders of AE2S presented the City of Beulah's facility plan for the wastewater treatment lagoon systems. There are septic conditions, failing aeration, and solids buildup in the North Lagoon. The South Lagoon has drainage issues. The existing capacity is sufficient for 2043. It is recommended to sludge dredge and replace the blowers and aeration equipment in the North Lagoon and make some grading improvements around the South Lagoon. Diffused aeration is recommended for the North Lagoon as it is a lower cost. The total project cost estimate is \$1,096,000. Sewer rate increases would be \$4.34 for 20 years or \$3.18 for 30 years. The Facility Plan will be submitted to the NDDEQ for approval to receive the PAR Grant of \$15,000.

Neuberger stated his opinion that the city should not approve the project right now because of the project on Main Street and the utility rates were just increased. Isaak stated the city would need to approve submitting the plan to NDDEQ to receive the grant money for the study. The study is complete, and the city will know what needs to be done to fix the problem in the future. The vote is not to approve the project. The city is not obligated to spend the money by accepting the grant. Bovkoon stated the company was hired because this is their expertise, and they are providing the city with what needs to be done and the cost.

The public hearing was closed. Isaak moved to approve the Facility Plan for the wastewater treatment lagoon systems and for it to be submitted to the NDDEQ to receive the grant. Czywczynski seconded. It was stated the cost for the improvement to the South Lagoon is \$15,000. Roll call vote found Isaak, Czywczynski, Lenzen and Miller in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Miller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on November 20 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Isaak, Czywczynski and Lenzen in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

CITY PERSONNEL

City Auditor

Isaak moved to approve the November financial reports as presented. Lenzen seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Lenzen, Czywczynski and Miller in favor.

Lenzen moved to approve the local permit for a raffle for the Rough-Riders Motorcycle Club at Riverside Park on June 15, 2024. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Czywczynski, Lenzen and Miller in favor.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent

There was a service line water break last week. The sewer force main east of the cemetery is broken.

Economic Development Director

There is a request to put vending machines in the Civic Center. It was stated that there would be a monthly electrical bill. It was also mentioned that the vending machines might compete with fundraisers. It was discussed that there should be a rent charge. It was stated it might not be a good idea to put privately owned equipment in city properties. Isaak stated he would make a motion, then rescinded the motion. More information will be provided.

Talon Metals' DOE funding and Dept. of Defense funding was approved, and they started their permitting process in ND and MN.

City Assessor/Planner

The burned trailer has been moved to the Transfer Station for demo and will then go to the landfill. The foundation of the house on West Main St. was removed today and is being filled. The Parkway Apt. asbestos abatement is complete. The blue house on West Main St. has a building permit for demo in the spring.

Police Chief

There are two bids on door fobs. He is waiting on another company.

PUBLIC INPUT

Adam Baker stated that the Secretary of State recommended filling the vacant council position since there are two people interested. The council can appoint someone to the position.

Bruce Neuberger questioned the open position on the Assessment Board. It was stated that the current position expires on December 31, 2023. The new position will be for six years.

Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Isaak seconded. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.



Auston Biles, President



Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in November:

Check Range: 43595 to 43708, -99687 to -99682

Payroll Check Range: -73311 to -73241, 43669

Employees	88364.16	MDU	12811.79
HEALTH INS	39338.62	US Bank	1227.58
METLIFE	1226.89	Information Technology Dept	380.50
NDPERS 457	824.50	West River Telephone	1416.46
FIT	14644.17	CapFirst Equipment Finance	75771.00
NDPERS 457	824.50	City of Beulah	4267.43
FIT	13903.93	Nancy Bickerstaff	29.08
NDPERS Main	5247.04	Century 21 Morrison Realty	65.05
NDPERS Main 2020	3153.78	Jon Nadeau	2.73
NDPERS PD	3778.84	Mikel Winmill	39.97
NY Life Insurance Company	4113.98	Michelle or Albert Bay	22.64
Principal Life Insurance Co	367.66	Convention & Visitors Bureau	50000.00
Postmaster	412.67	LensLock Inc.	19475.00
Fetzer Electric	17800.00	Powerplan	1315.60
Dana Rathjen	75.00	Waylon Boyer	185.00
Union State Bank	50.00	Downtown Gas & Auto	2921.28
Dustin Ferdinand	11.87	Mercer County Treasurer	17401.50
North Dakota Planning Assoc	55.00	North Dakota Dept of Health	150.00
Mercer County Treasurer	4697.10	Beulah Lumber Company	5.60
Downtown Gas & Auto	8923.13	NAPA Auto Parts	1058.43
North Dakota One Call Inc	39.00	Revize LLC	1200.00
Roughrider Electric Coop	3483.82	NDDEQ	248.86

Beulah JDA	646.97	Butler Machinery Company	13.80
Beulah Airport Authority	646.97	VESSCO, INC	619.76
Aramark	476.40	Western Plains Public Health	90.00
USA Blue Book	156.21	Hawkins Inc.	5092.22
Bronson's Marketplace	77.41	Interstate Engineering, Inc	3415.00
AT&T Mobility	777.52	Beulah Beacon	1167.52
AE2S, LLC	2842.15	Interstate Engineering, Inc	2587.64
Wigen Water Technologies	370.38	AT&T Mobility	43.23
Interstate Power Systems	1454.33	ND Water Users Association	300.00
Benz Insurance Agency	210.00	Solem Law Office	8125.68
Associated Pool Builders	1747.00	Farmers Union Oil Company	3098.54
ND League of Cities	275.00	Blue360 Media, LLC	554.44
ND League of Cities	1120.00	Interstate Engineering, Inc	4321.24
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1000.00	Nancy's Designs	276.50
Core & Main LP	474.70	Vanguard Appraisals Inc	2480.00
Stein's Inc	142.16	Clay's Plumbing & Heating	10880.30
Bobcat of Mandan, Inc	956.73	Radar Shop	491.50
Dakota Pump & Control, Inc	251.20	Beulah Park District	67798.44
Colonial Research Chem Corp	440.24	Beulah Park District	8179.55
Antelope Creek Trucking	911.65	Beulah Senior Center	1572.99
Cass County Sheriff's Dept	54.00	Beulah Airport Authority	2202.19
Grand Forks Co Sheriff's Office	56.00	Safeguard Business Systems	1243.49
MARC	3951.72	Roy Basaraba	50.00
Neuberger Oil Co.	175.00	Tim Engel	75.00
Lucky's Towing & Repair	700.00	Core & Main LP	43.76
SPEE-DEE Delivery Service	25.01	Woodworth Law Office	461.60
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	483.10	Michael Todd Industrial Sup	741.26
West River Telephone	72.08	Beulah Park District	2000.00
American Express	11629.61	Penworthy	961.94
Aramark	67.24	NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	2230.00
Mark A. Kaffar	900.00	Ramaker & Associates, Inc.	1200.00
J & M Hardware Inc	980.88	Pulse	1780.00
Beulah Public School	76.68	Postmaster	400.65
Baker & Taylor	380.41	NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	1257.86
Cengage Learning	269.14	Waste Management	829.60
MicroMarketing LLC	133.56	Advanced Elements Op Tech	5000.00
East West Books	505.29	RMB Environmental Lab	875.00
Playaway Products LLC	1094.86		
Bronson's Marketplace	107.07		
Beulah Beacon	116.25		