

The Special Meeting on September 29, 2015 was called to order at 6:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Darrell Bjerke.

Present: Roger Gazur, Ben Lenzen, Clyde Schulz, Travis Frey, Alan Kok,
Brant Keller

Absent: Kirby Morgenstern, Kathy Kelsch

Also Present: City Coordinator Russell Duppong

Purpose: 2016 Budget Review

Bjerke commented on the expenditures versus revenue in the preliminary budget. The final budget will be approved on October 5. Schulz made a motion seconded by Gazur to approve the budget as presented. Discussion followed on the amount of expenditures above revenue for 2016. Individual expenses on some items were discussed. Schulz commented on there being many variables in the budget and some uncertainties right now. Lenzen explained fund accounting. Future decreases in appropriations to entities and the possibility of increasing the mill levy in the future was also discussed. Bjerke stated the money is there to cover expenses in the budget, but if it's used next year it may not be there in the future. The Council needs to be conservative. Frey gave the garbage truck expense as an example stating the budgeted expense does have money in that fund to cover it. Schulz questioned the possibility of a narrowed down version of the expenses that are discretionary. Roll call vote found Keller, Kok, Lenzen, Schulz, Frey and Gazur in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Darrell R. Bjerke, Mayor

Heather Ferebee, Auditor