

The regular Beulah City Council meeting of February 20, 2018 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Darrell Bjerke.

Present: Kathy Kelsch, Clyde Schulz, Ben Lenzen, Travis Frey

Absent: Joel Morgan, Kelsey Timmer, Brant Keller, Eric Hoffer

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Allyson Hicks, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, City Engineer Charles Hankins, Economic Development Director John Phillips, Public Works Foreman Kenny Yeager, Police Chief Frank Senn, Jarann Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Frey made a motion seconded by Schulz to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on February 5 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Roll call vote found Schulz, Lenzen, Kelsch and Frey in favor.

Bjerke commented on the Main Street Summit in Bismarck. He stated Phillips will be the individual appointed to put together a coalition in Beulah to see what we can do to implement the items presented at the meeting. Bjerke stated Senator Heitkamp was at Hazen City Hall today to report on the opioid epidemic. We may have the best help in the area with CCCHC and SMC because of what has been implemented.

Bjerke appointed DJ Erickson to the Advisory Board for the Hospitality and Lodging Tax Committee. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Frey to approve that appointment. Roll call vote found Schulz, Lenzen, Kelsch and Frey in favor.

Frey commented applicants for the Assessor Tech position were interviewed. It will be addressed at the Employee Relations meeting on Monday. Frey stated Knutson reported that over 170 residents are signed up for automatic payment of utility bills. A lot of good things have come out of the meter project.

Schulz commented there will be interviews this Thursday for the Police Officer position. There is one applicant for the Pool Board position. Schulz commented on ideas presented at the Main Street Initiative meeting to promote cities.

Kelsch commented the Main Street Initiative meeting had a lot of good information that we could use.

Hankins commented on the NDDOT application for the intersection on Hwy. 49 and 7th Street. The southbound lane would be widened to align with northbound traffic. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Schulz to submit the application to NDDOT as presented. Roll call vote found Schulz, Lenzen, Kelsch and Frey in favor.

Yeager commented they have been cleaning streets and taking inventory at the shop. They took a load of recycle to Minot, shipped out 44 bales of cardboard, took the Bobcat to Minot for a warranty check, and took the dump truck to Bismarck for a DOT check and heater repair. It was found that a rear seal was out in the motor and the housing was bad on the transmission. When they went to pick it up, four tires were flat. The cost for all the repairs is around \$11,000.

Duppong commented the water plant demolition is taking place and everything is going well. The South Lagoon will need to be dumped soon. He commented the bakery should be finalized by the end of March. Duppong stated the NDDOT has a roundabout on the 2019 construction list for Hwy. 200 and Hwy. 49. Lenzen stated this is a pilot project for North Dakota because of the use of asphalt instead of concrete. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan public meeting will be Thursday at the Civic Center.

Schulz made a motion seconded by Frey to approve the January 2018 financial reports as presented. Roll call vote found Schulz, Lenzen, Kelsch and Frey in favor.

Ferebee presented a raffle permit for Immanuel Baptist Church at the Beulah Civic Center on March 18, 2018. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Schulz to approve the raffle permit as presented. Roll call vote found Schulz, Lenzen, Kelsch and Frey in favor.

Senn commented he contacted Custer Health and they were gracious enough to donate twelve kits (two doses each) of Narcan to the police department. On March 8 they will implement Narcan into the police department and the doses will be with each vehicle and on each officer.

Phillips commented on the Tundra Project at the Minnkota Plant. He also commented on the Main Street Initiative meeting. The City Livability survey will be the first thing he will implement. JDA also has some Main Street material from a study that was done in the past. Phillips commented on the Civic Center project stating the architect looked through the building. An ad for an RFQ for construction management will run for three weeks in the Beulah Beacon with the RFQ applications due March 23. Interviews are planned for the following week. Kelsch made a motion seconded by Schulz to approve the ad to look for a CMAR for the Civic Center project. Roll call vote found Schulz, Lenzen, Kelsch and Frey in favor.

Bjerke commented he toured the Wellness Center and it is a beautiful facility. Lenzen commented the membership drive is a 15% discount over your lifetime if you sign up before a certain date.

Schulz made a motion seconded by Frey to allow Mercer County to use the Beulah Civic Center free of charge on April 12 for the National County Government Luncheon. Roll call vote found Schulz, Lenzen, Kelsch and Frey in favor.

Duppong commented the P&Z Board has an opening.

Frey made a motion seconded by Lenzen to approve payment of the invoices for Interstate Engineering. Roll call vote found Schulz, Lenzen, Kelsch and Frey in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Darrell R. Bjerke, Mayor

Heather Ferebee, Auditor