

CITY OF BEULAH

February 18, 2020, 7:00 pm

Beulah City Hall Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Travis Frey with Council Members Kelsey Timmer, Gary Miller, David Ripplinger, Kathy Kelsch, Loren Daede, Clyde Schulz and David Czywczynski present. Eric Hoffer absent.

Also Present: City Engineer Charlie Hankins, Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Gooss, Economic Development Beaver Brinkman, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Kent Ritterman and Editor Amy Nash

Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelsch moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on February 3 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Schulz seconded. Roll call vote found Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

Ripplinger and Czywczynski arrived.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kent Ritterman - Moore Engineering

Water Utility System Improvements – additional media replacement has been ordered and Moore will assist with adding it to each of the four cells. Backwash improvements were made and the media loss shouldn't be an issue going forward. Plate settlers are being cleaned this winter.

Daede moved to approve the 2020 Technical Support Contract for \$15,000. Timmer seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

Update on the Lime Sludge Removal Project at the South Lagoon. The project is still open for the disposal of the lime sludge. A letter was received from Pace and it will be addressed through the city attorney.

Update on High Service Pumping Station #2. Most of the project is finished, but it will need to be decided if additional work should be done to the ceiling.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Council Member Timmer

Library Board met last Wednesday. The library is gearing up towards Summer Reading.

Council Member Kelsch

Kelsch moved to approve the annual spraying agreement with Joe Green Lawn Care in the amount of \$32,822.50. Timmer seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

Proposal to manage the Sun Valley RV Park. Previously a proposal to lease the RV Park was shared. Due to the unknowns of costs in running the RV Park, it was decided a proposal to manage the RV Park would be the better way to go. The responsibilities are listed. It was questioned who would be responsible for major repairs such as vandalism or freezing water lines, and also what the process is for determining the rental amount. Kelsch moved to proceed with drawing up a document for management of the Sun Valley RV Park working out the rental rate and cost of repairs. Schulz seconded. It was discussed to be an annual renewal. It was questioned as to who would be the city contact person. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Council Member Czywczynski

Sidewalk and street improvements should be reviewed and the city should move forward to look for grants. It was stated that the City should promote the vision to see what could be developed and strive for a vision that includes all of Main Street from Highway 49 to 2nd Ave NE. Permission was requested to continue to work on that vision. There was a good turnout from the business owners. The timing with other projects could be coordinated so everything could be done at one time. It is important to look at all options to replace those sidewalks at the lowest cost to business owners on Main Street. It was stated that the sewer lines are a priority. The water lines and storm sewer were replaced on Main Street in the 1970s, but the sewer lines were not replaced.

Council Member Daede

The vac truck was sold before we had a chance to look at it. Used pickups are still being pursued.

Council Member Ripplinger

Sun Valley Arbor Day Project trees were ordered. Ripplinger moved to approve payment to High Plains Concepts for \$3,820 for the forty trees ordered. Czywczynski seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Sun Valley Storm Shelter Proposal. The city's share would end up being \$24,648. It was discussed that the storm shelter would be paid for from the Emergency Fund. Ripplinger moved to proceed with the storm shelter proposal. Daede seconded. Discussion followed on the shelter remaining a public shelter if SV RV Park was sold. An easement will need to be retained for the water and sewer lines if SV RV Park were to sell and an easement could be retained for the shelter at that time also. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Council Member Schulz

Frey appointed both Kameron Plienis and Nicole Gabriel to three-year terms on the Pool Board. Schulz moved to approve the appointments. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Mayor Frey

Roof repair estimates were received for the City Hall roof and will be forwarded to Council.

CITY PERSONNEL

City Engineer

A map of sewer pipes to be televised was presented. The cost discussed previously was \$100 per manhole for manhole mapping and \$1.80 per foot for televising. An official estimate for 1 year and for 3-5 years will be requested. The price is very reasonable. Emergency services are offered free of charge with the 3-5 year option, but the company is located in Jamestown. This would be proactive versus being reactive when a problem happens. Daede moved to authorize proceeding with obtaining a contract for sewer line televising. Schulz seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

City Coordinator

Properties the city acquired are being evaluated.

City Auditor

Schulz moved to approve the January Financial Reports. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Economic Development Director

The Chamber Director has resigned. The Knife River Care Center has a fundraiser to put in a new nurse call system. A library grant has been applied for to obtain development funds. The sidewalk loan that was applied for will be surrendered as it is due in March. It can be reapplied for by the end of April. A grant is being looked at to help with cleaning up the old nursing home. The USDA lease package for JDA is due next week.

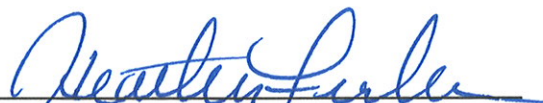
Czywczynski moved to approve moving forward with a plan and vision for a Main Street Improvement Project. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Mayor

A project list was sent out to council that can be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.


Travis Frey, Mayor


Heather Ferebee, City Auditor