

The regular Beulah City Council meeting of February 19, 2019 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Travis Frey.

Present: David Czywczynski, Loren Daede, Kathy Kelsch, Kelsey Timmer, Eric Hoffer, David Ripplinger

Absent: Clyde Schulz, Gary Miller

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Gooss, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, City Engineer Charlie Hankins, Public Works Superintendent Kenny Yeager, Police Chief Frank Senn, Brian and Deanne Gierke, Kate Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Kelsch made a motion seconded by Czywczynski to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on February 4 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer, Hoffer and Ripplinger in favor.

Deanne Gierke questioned if the City is willing to help with payment of the water line repair to the property on Main Street that she purchased. The bill is \$5,200 without the concrete repair. Frey questioned if it was the curb stop and Gierke stated yes. Frey asked for a copy of the invoice and stated the Council will look into it. Kelsch questioned the situation that required the turn off and Gierke stated it was turned off by the previous owner because the building was empty and she did not know that it was broken until they tried to turn it back on. Duppong stated the knob on top of the valve that is on top of the curb stop was broken off.

Kelsch commented on the termination of employment of Dennis Bauer. There has been a long history of repeated events concerning his job performance and interaction with the public that led up to his termination. A complaint was received Wednesday from an individual of the public which was less than one month after the last written warning was given to Bauer. Frey stated that he spoke with the City Auditor, the City Attorney, the chair of Employee Relations, and the employee's supervisor. It was discussed whether to do a suspension or termination. It was decided a suspension at this point wouldn't change the behavior since it's been an ongoing issue. Kelsch made a motion seconded by Hoffer to accept the termination of Dennis Bauer. Hoffer stated he doesn't like to see anyone lose their job. He would like to see this handled more efficiently in the future and not let it drag on for several years. Frey stated he felt terrible, but it was a decision that had to happen. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer, Hoffer and Ripplinger in favor.

Kelsch commented the bid opening for the multi-use path was \$523,989. Our portion would be \$323,989. We had \$200,000 budgeted for the project. Kelsch made a motion seconded by Timmer to notify the DOT that in light of the lowest bid of \$523,989, we would not be able to proceed with the multi-use path at this time. Kelsch stated she would like to allow Interstate Engineering to provide an estimate for a five or six-foot sidewalk. Frey questioned if we would need to go through the DOT bid process. Hankins stated we would need to bid it out, but not necessarily through the DOT. He stated we could go back to the DOT to see if there are dollars left over that may go towards the project. Daede stated if another town would cancel a project, then those dollars may be available. Kelsch made a motion seconded by Hoffer to amend her motion that barring any additional funding being available, we would not proceed with the project. If there is funding available, the City would reconsider the project. Roll call vote on the amendment found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch,

Timmer, Hoffer and Ripplinger in favor. Kelsch stated if we proceed with a narrower path, we would not use the DOT funds. Roll call vote on the motion found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer, Hoffer and Ripplinger in favor.

Kelsch stated the bathroom renovations are moving forward at the Civic Center. The relocation of the DOT to the west side went very smoothly.

Frey commented the Fair Board is interested in installing a permanent booth on the south side of the Civic Center. Frey commented the mileage reimbursement IRS rate is \$.58. Our current rate is \$.565. Hoffer made a motion seconded by Daede to change the mileage rate each year to be consistent with the state rate. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer, Hoffer and Ripplinger in favor. Frey commented on the legislative session.

Daede commented this weekend there was a sewer plug between the manhole and lift station on the south side of town. There is a bypass set up to pump sewage right now and we don't know what the cause is yet. The pumps went down at Lift Station 2 behind the drug store. Lift 2 is running again now, but there have been problems with that lift station. It would be about \$40,000 to replace those pumps with grinder pumps. Daede made a motion seconded by Timmer to proceed with the purchase of two grinder pumps for Lift Station 2. Hoffer questioned the pumps we just purchased. Daede stated those two pumps were for Lift Station 3, but the sewage is not getting down to that lift station. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer, Hoffer and Ripplinger in favor. Hoffer questioned if there are funds to pay for them and if the current pumps can be rebuilt for backups. Daede stated there is money in the sewer fund for repairs and it is possible to use rebuilt pumps if the size will match another lift station. Hoffer made a motion seconded by Kelsch to get a quote on a rebuilt pump. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer, Hoffer and Ripplinger in favor.

Hoffer left the meeting.

Timmer commented the Library Director position closes on Thursday.

Czywczynski asked Hankins to comment on the two drainage projects being reviewed. Hankins commented on the assessment breakdown reports and maps that he sent out to Council. The city cost share is added in based on square area for city property for the 12th Street Drainage project and the Gateway Addition project. The city portion is approximately 22% on both projects. The Gateway Addition project report is based on the 50-year event option. He stated these projects can be bid separately, but combined in the bid package. Ripplinger questioned the tributary area. Hankins stated water does not come from the north side of 10th Street based on hydrohalic studies by Interstate Engineering. The water flows east and west on the north side of 10th Street. The high point is at Chestnut Lane. Daede stated he drove the area during big rain events when he worked for Interstate and he didn't see it jump the crown of 10th Street. Kelsch clarified the city's portion of both projects combined would be \$141,489. Gooss stated a water drainage project is not protestable. Daede stated we already approved plans and specs for 12th Street. It could be one project with two separate assessment districts. Czywczynski made a motion seconded by Daede to allow Interstate to proceed on final design bid and specs for Gateway Addition. Gooss commented there will need to be two resolutions, one creating the district and one approving the engineer's report and directing him to move forward with the plans. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer and Ripplinger in favor.

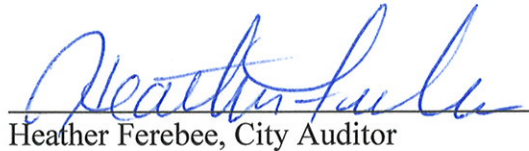
Duppong commented the DOT requested to do a chip and overlay for Hwy. 49. The roundabout is now in the 2020 schedule and has changed to a larger project. He stated he has an application for the P&Z Board and they will meet this Thursday. The County has adopted the marijuana ordinance.

Ferebee presented the January financial reports. Timmer made a motion seconded by Kelsch to accept the January financial reports. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer and Ripplinger in favor.

Ferebee presented an amendment to a current site authorization for American Foundation for Wildlife at Alibis Lounge through June 30, 2019 to include two more electronic machines. Kelsch made a motion seconded by Czywczynski to approve the amended site authorization as presented. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer and Ripplinger in favor.

Ferebee commented on the pledged contribution of \$20,000 to Sakakawea Medical Center for 2019. This will be the final contribution for the new hospital. Czywczynski made a motion seconded by Kelsch to approve the \$20,000 appropriation to Sakakawea Medical Center. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Daede, Kelsch, Timmer and Ripplinger in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.


Travis Frey, Mayor
Heather Ferebee, City Auditor