

## **CITY OF BEULAH**

**February 23, 2022, 6:00 pm**

**Beulah City Hall Council Chambers**

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Travis Frey with Council Members David Ripplinger, Gary Miller, Sean Cheatley, Ben Lenzen and David Czywczynski present. Kathy Kelsch, Eric Hoffer and Amanda Mohl absent.

Also Present: City Engineer Charlie Hankins, Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Gooss, Water Superintendent Gary Bovkoon, Public Works Superintendent Kenny Yeager, Police Chief Frank Senn, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Roger Gazur, Jerry Reichenberg, Dale Schwalbe and Jessica Beck.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Miller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on February 9 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Lenzen seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Lenzen, Czywczynski, Cheatley and Ripplinger in favor.

### **COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS**

#### Council Member Ripplinger

Repair estimate for the 2011 International garbage truck is \$37,845.87. The Equipment Committee met and recommends repairing the truck as it will continue to be used as a garbage truck until the new truck arrives. The chassis will then be used with the sand spreader on it. The expense would be taken from the Sanitation Reserve fund as the truck will be used as a garbage truck. Ripplinger moved to approve the repair of the garbage truck for \$37,845.87. Cheatley seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Cheatley, Miller, Lenzen and Czywczynski in favor.

#### Council Member Cheatley

Cheatley moved to appoint Losson Leonard and Kendra Finck to the Library Board. Czywczynski seconded. Roll call vote found Cheatley, Czywczynski, Miller, Lenzen and Ripplinger in favor. Frey appointed Losson Leonard and Kendra Finck to the Library Board for 3-year terms.

#### Mayor Frey

Ripplinger moved to approve the Spraying Agreement with Joe Green Lawn Care for \$33,772.50. Cheatley seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Cheatley, Miller, Lenzen and Czywczynski in favor.

The Board of Equalization meeting is to be held within the first fifteen days of April. The Board of Equalization meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on April 13 with the regularly scheduled council meeting to follow.

A Property Purchase Agreement for land area north of 11<sup>th</sup> Street for \$12,500 was presented. The area to be sold has decreased from previous discussion to approximately 3.9 acres. This was shown on a map. Czywczynski moved to approve the purchase agreement for the land sale of \$12,500 as presented. Lenzen seconded. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Lenzen, Ripplinger, Cheatley and Miller in favor.

Matt Gardner is the new director of NDLC. He will stop by City Hall next week Friday at 4:00 pm.

## **CITY PERSONNEL**

### City Attorney

Ordinance No. 444 – Mayor & Council Compensation

This would increase salary by \$25 per month for council members and the mayor. Lenzen moved to have first reading of Ordinance No. 444. Cheatley seconded. Roll call vote found Lenzen, Cheatley, Czywczynski, Ripplinger and Miller in favor.

### Public Defender Contract

This contract is for when individuals in municipal court qualify for court appointed council. The previous attorney is unable to continue. This is a standard contract with Patrick Waters for \$55 per hour plus mileage. Cheatley moved to approve the Public Defender Contract as presented. Lenzen seconded. There are approximately three to five per year. Roll call vote found Cheatley, Lenzen, Czywczynski, Ripplinger and Miller in favor.

### City Auditor

Lenzen moved to approve the January financial reports. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Lenzen, Miller, Czywczynski, Ripplinger and Cheatley in favor.

### City Engineer

Frontier Precision provided a quote for the GIS equipment of \$12,005.19, which includes a \$3,000 discount. An iPad will also need to be purchased. There will be a meeting with the landscape architect on the Main Street Project. The sidewalk on the north side of Main Street will be adjusted in width to make it narrower if the street elevation can be raised. Annual Street Maintenance repair specs for crack sealing and concrete are being put together for bidding in March.

### Police Chief

ND Post Board donated \$8,800 for the summer conference.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.



Travis Frey, Mayor



Heather Ferebee, City Auditor