

CITY OF BEULAH

February 3, 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 Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Charlie Hankins, Economic Development Beaver Brinkman, Police Chief Frank Senn, Public Works Kenny Yeager, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Lynne Wolf, Carey Van Pelt and Editor Amy Nash

Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelsch moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on January 20 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

All Class Reunion Committee update report and financial request:

The Reunion will be July 31 - August 2 and activities were reviewed. Bands are scheduled for Friday and Saturday. A registration letter is currently being prepared. The city has \$5,000 in the budget. Schulz moved to approve the \$5,000 allocation to the alumni for the All-Class Reunion. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Council Member Timmer

A group toured the Bismarck and Mandan libraries.

Council Member Kelsch

City Lot Committee has met and it was decided that it would be best to contact the existing residents in Barton Estates since they signed a covenant. The Committee will have more information soon.

Council Member Daede

In the process of looking for a dump truck, a vac truck was found in St. Cloud. It would be a benefit for cleaning out deep lift stations and would also serve as a sewer jet. The company in St. Cloud will get back to Yeager with more information. It's listed at \$49,500. Daede moved to approve Yeager and Mattheis to travel to Minnesota to review the vac truck and make an offer on it if it would be a good purchase. Schulz seconded. It was discussed that it will be reviewed as to whether the sewer

jet the city currently has would be kept or sold. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

Used pickups are also being looked at for Public Works to replace one that was damaged. Dump truck specifications were delivered to some businesses. Sewer line televising was discussed.

Council Member Ripplinger

Trees for the Sun Valley RV Park have been ordered.

Council Member Schulz

Schulz moved to accept the Municipal Court Report. Ripplinger seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor. Pool Board will be meeting shortly to review repairs and hiring of pool employees.

Mayor Frey

There is a proposal to manage the Sun Valley RV Park with the option to purchase in the future. The current expenses of the RV Park were discussed. It was stated that if the RV Park is leased, it would be taxed. The Comfort Station could also be set up as a lease to purchase. The Census report on city limits is being worked on now.

CITY PERSONNEL

Economic Development Director

A response was received from the USDA lease and they would like information back. The Bismarck and Mandan libraries were visited to find out about programs. Local lenders may have the ability to provide for local projects just as the Bank of ND can do.

ND Main Street Initiative Proclamation from North Dakota Commerce allows the city to apply for grants by adopting the proclamation. Timmer moved to approve adopting the ND Main Street Proclamation. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

Rural Transportation Project information was distributed to Council. It will be pursued if there is a project planned.

Two meetings were held regarding the possibility of a downtown project. Preliminary loan approval was received from BND. The meetings with downtown business owners were held to find out if the project is something they would be interested in. Only one block was looked at because of cost. It is based off a book created by the city in 2013. Of the feedback received from property owners from 1st to Central, all but two are in favor of a voluntary assessment. One owner would like to wait until after this year and one is against the project. This is only to see if there is interest; it was never committed and there were no promises made. It will be up to Council to decide if they would like to move further on the project. There is a lot of support of a project downtown. Reducing the slope on the sidewalks is one item as the sidewalks downtown are not promoting a safe environment.

Frey stated debt limit of the city is based on a percentage of the taxable value of the city; some debt would qualify towards the debt limit and some would not. A water or sewer project funded by utility rates using a revenue bond would not qualify towards the debt limit. There would be a review of the city's financials during a loan application process for a project. Utility rates were discussed.

City Engineer

Storm Sewer Improvement Districts #2 and #3 pay estimates were presented but they will be discussed further with Wagner Construction.

2020 Street Maintenance Repairs – a list was sent out regarding areas that need to be addressed. The intersection at Central Ave and 7th Street needs to be repaired frequently and other alternatives are being looked at.

Pipe Detectives are able to televise sewer lines. They will stand by the numbers presented this year, but will increase next year. Televising 7th Street and south would be the area to start.

City Coordinator

The drawings for the safe room were distributed. The cost of the unit will be \$63,500. The total project cost is \$98,595. The city's cost will be 25% of the total cost. It has been discussed to have a mural painted on the outside. The trees are to be planted in Sun Valley RV Park and the school will have students help plant them. The High School had a planning meeting for demolition and construction and they would like to have the plan complete in March.

Police Chief

The sidearm replacement program has started. They purchased Glock G45 9mm guns. The current firearms were sold through the company to the officers.

Public Works Superintendent

Lift #2 went down; a float needed to be changed.

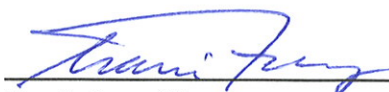
City Auditor

Kelsch moved to approve the Site Authorization for Beulah CVB at Alibis Lounge for a poker tournament on March 7-8, 2020. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

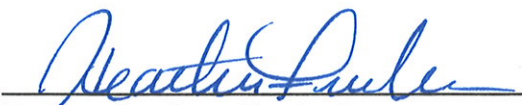
APPROVAL OF BILLS

Schulz moved to pay the bills as presented and reviewed. Daede seconded. Roll call vote found Ripplinger, Czywczynski, Schulz, Timmer, Daede, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Travis Frey, Mayor



Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in January:

Check Range: 38800 to 38915, -99814 to -99812

Payroll Check Range: -77538 to -77449, 38799, 38881, 38882, 38904

Employees	109,737.34	Convention & Visitors Bureau	42613.59
FIT	11,327.80	WARC	702.94
FIT	12,992.91	Arntson Stewart Wegner PC	2586.15
NDPERS Health	31,625.52	BHG, Inc.	208.20
ALFAC	407.72	Hazen Cinema Flix	50.00
NDPERS Retirement	8,537.42	Chamber of Commerce	55.00
SIT	2,748.55	Findaway World LLC	283.44
Unemployment	882.08	ND Heritage Center	4570.00
FIT	11,464.50	Cengage Learning	209.21
MN Child Support	347.01	MicroMarketing LLC	115.34
New York Life 457b	1,516.64	Mann Tech Solutions	577.00
MN Child Support	347.01	Mann Tech Solutions	3800.00
MN Child Support	347.01	EDND	150.00
City of Beulah	70.29	Adam Baker	10.50
North Dakota Tax Comm	127.75	Marcie Krumwiede	10.50
Principal Life Insurance Co	255.00	Jeff Gooss	7.00
ND League of Cities	2417.00	The Union Bank	46.94
Mercer County Treasurer	113320.50	AurHomes	57.64
Mercer County Treasurer	5951.43	West River Telephone	96.82
BHG, Inc.	929.07	New York Life	609.87
MDU	14117.74	Mainstay Funds	6357.12
MailFinance	441.87	Baker & Taylor	288.97
Downtown Gas & Auto	5782.15	Beulah Lumber Company	45.00
West River Telephone	1625.35	Bronson's Marketplace	152.36
West River Transit	8500.00	Bronson's Marketplace	71.87
Convention & Visitors Bureau	13493.44	Hawkins Inc.	1301.47
American Express	2656.23	North Dakota Dept of Health	64.00
US Bank	409.00	Lignite Tire	442.00
Information Technology Dept	245.37	Midco	119.28
Verizon Wireless	468.67	Beulah Airport Authority	11581.88
AmeriPride Services Inc.	37.98	USA Blue Book	90.67
Mid-States Organized Crime	100.00	Solem Law Office	7492.69
Dougherty & Company LLC	500.00	AmeriPride Services Inc.	392.45
Drain Services, Inc.	6875.00	Millennium Express	13.80
American General Cont	61930.60		

The Hub Convenience Stores	456.40	NAPA Auto Parts	2050.76
Waste Management	532.34	First Security Bank West	61413.99
Farmers Union Oil Company	7865.80	Beulah Park District	17773.54
Interstate Engineering, Inc	3245.80	NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	338.88
Beulah JDA	11581.88	Jessie Mann	93.00
J & M Hardware Inc	985.20	IAPE	100.00
Solem Law Office	2833.33	Franz	82.50
Roughrider Electric Coop Inc	4198.57	Straightline Sealcoating	4825.00
Innovative Office Solutions	27.27	Creative Product Source	293.69
MARC	1677.36	Marco Tech	913.54
Roughrider Electric Coop Inc	150.00	First Security Bank West	50.00
NDDEQ	18.54	Granville Brinkman	44.55
Share Corp	1026.89	Heather Ferebee	13.38
Core & Main	647.78	Nancy Bickerstaff	26.72
Dakota Promotions & Printing	54.00	Marlene Goetz	50.00
Olson Electric	633.75	Chelsea Stockwell	75.00
Dakota Pump & Control, Inc	2835.00	NDWPCC	60.00
RK Electric	382.50	Postmaster	347.63
Uline	499.33	NDBOA	245.00
Sweeney Controls Company	3634.62		
Powerplan	466.27		
Industrial Fabworx	180.00		
J-S Sanitation	930.00		
Southwest Business Machines	103.15		
Michael Todd Company	809.66		
Butler Machinery Company	3082.90		
Interstate Engineering, Inc	1885.00		
Interstate Engineering, Inc	5503.46		
North Dakota One Call Inc	2.40		
ICC - International Code	135.00		
Marco Tech	521.35		
Interstate Power Systems, Inc	725.64		
Mercer County Historical Soc	25.00		
Findaway World LLC	19.99		
Penworthy	304.91		
AED Everywhere	112.40		
Jim Mittelsteadt	50.00		
MDU	92.51		
Beulah Airport Authority	4785.19		
Beulah Senior Center	3417.99		
Beulah Park District	31020.81		