

CITY OF BEULAH

January 2, 2024, 6:30 pm

Beulah City Hall Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Auston Biles with Council Members David Czywczynski, Jason Isaak, Amanda Mohl and Gary Miller present. Sean Cheatley, Ben Lenzen and Eric Hoffer absent.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, Economic Dev. Dir. Beaver Brinkman, Water Supt. Gary Bovkoon, Police Chief Frank Senn, City Assessor/Planner Heidi Hamelton, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Travis Frey, Bruce Neuberger, Beulah Residents.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Miller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on December 18 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Isaak seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Isaak moved to approve the bills as presented and reviewed. Mohl seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Travis Frey addressed posts on social media regarding the Beulah City Council Ward 4 vacancy. He stated he has no interest in being on City Council in Ward 4 and has no intention of running for Ward 4 in June. If there is a petition out for him, it will be for the Mercer County Commission.

Bruce Neuberger questioned the assessment board timeline. Isaak stated he will meet with one of the members. It was confirmed there is a vacancy on the Assessment Board. Neuberger volunteered to be on the committee. Ferebee stated he can submit a request in writing. Miller stated there may be some grant money available for the Main Street project. Neuberger questioned if the assessment needs to be in place for the state to provide the money. Ferebee stated the city can draw from the SRF loan now.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Council Member Mohl commented the Pool Board voted to use the money designated for drain tile to repair some leaks and pressure test the pool. Mohl moved to approve the payment of \$11,161 to Backyard Escapes. Isaak seconded. There is a list of the leaks found that will need to be repaired in the spring. It was stated that if there was a ground water problem, there would

now be water in the pool. The problem is from leaks in the supply side rather than from ground water. All in favor. Motion carried.

CITY PERSONNEL

City Auditor

Czywczynski moved to approve the 2024 Election Joint Powers Agreement with Mercer County. Mercer County will have a polling site in Hazen this year. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The city received \$52,988.93 for roadway purposes from Legacy earnings as was passed by the ND Legislature in House Bill 1012 and 1379. The city will receive a distribution every two years. It is recommended that a new fund be created. Czywczynski moved to approve the new Legacy Highway fund 2011. Mohl seconded. Roll call vote found Czywczynski, Mohl, Isaak and Miller in favor.

Miller moved to approve the local permit for a 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction for the Beulah Lions Club at the Beulah Civic Center on January 20, 2024. Mohl seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Mohl, Isaak, Czywczynski and Biles in favor.

Mohl moved to approve the Special Event Permit for Dewey's to serve alcohol at the Big Buck Contest at the Beulah Civic Center on February 10, 2024. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Mohl, Miller, Isaak, Czywczynski and Biles in favor.

Economic Development Director

Brian Day with Midwest Assistance Program has received enough surveys for the city to apply for Community Block Grants. Brinkman thanked Darla Knutson and Heidi Hamelton for all their work. Hankins applied for the Flexible Transportation Fund Grant. Brinkman presented to the Energy Development and Transmission Committee on the need for natural gas in Mercer County and a transmission line for natural gas for Beulah. The Beulah Housing Authority information at the last meeting was for information only. The council does not need to act on it.

City Assessor/Planner


Hamelton attended the County Commission meeting at the end of December and presented the two requests for the extraterritorial zone. The county requested two meetings to look over the information.

Police Chief

The hallway door will be installed next week.

Isaak thanked the Water Department for their work on a water break. NDDOT will be changing the streetlights on Hwy. 49 to LED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.


Auston Biles, President


Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in December:

Check Range: 43709 to 43806, -99681, -99680

Payroll Check Range: -73240 to -73118, 43807

Employees	164806.56	Knife River Veterinary Clinic	266.94
HEALTH INS	44011.34	Mercer County Weed Board	184.35
METLIFE	1665.43	Uniform Center	119.99
NDPERS 457	824.50	Center Machine Inc	3050.38
FIT	17826.15	Dakota Doors	1165.09
NDPERS 457	824.50	BNSF Railway Company	427.73
FIT	14154.11	West River Telephone	72.08
NDPERS 457	824.50	North Dakota Dept of Health	75.00
FIT	20072.92	Beulah Lumber Company	50.00
NDPERS Main	7870.56	NAPA Auto Parts	2539.42
NDPERS Main 2020	4641.37	North Dakota One Call Inc	14.30
NDPERS PD	5668.26	NDDEQ	174.76
NY Life Insurance Company	4113.98	Beulah JDA	495.89
EFTPS	739.95	Beulah Airport Authority	495.89
Principal Life Insurance Co	367.66	Bronson's Marketplace	92.74
Mercer County Treasurer	10481.85	American Express	1311.49
Downtown Gas & Auto	7475.61	Aramark	67.24
Advanced Business Methods	1015.94	Solem Law Office	7233.22
MDU	13820.07	Information Technology Dept	380.50
US Bank	1242.90	Farmers Union Oil Company	4920.30
Computer Projects of Il. Inc.	700.00	NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	300.00
The Union Bank	37337.38	Playaway Products LLC	24.99
Marco Technologies LLC	168.37	MicroMarketing LLC	179.34
West River Telephone	1401.50	Baker & Taylor	345.48
Aramark	476.40	Cengage Learning	269.89
M Construction & Landscape	3950.00	Jessie Mann	13.10
Big Bob's Auto/Truck Rep	4476.93	MARC	730.91
Mercer County Historical Soc	25.00	Solem Law Office	1070.50
Core & Main LP	921.83	Beulah Beacon	766.25
Dakota Pump & Control, Inc	8710.00	Backyard Escapes	500.00
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NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	4.00		

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Beulah Police Dept	1500.00	Waste Management	1049.76
ND League of Cities	80.00	Interstate Engineering, Inc	110.00
Beulah Beacon	1034.92	Interstate Engineering, Inc	3776.06
Postmaster	341.75	Rough Rider Industries	600.00
Petty Cash	5.50	J & J Nelson Spraying LLC	2880.00
Mercer County Auditor	2724.80	Postmaster	380.09
Roughrider Electric Coop	3478.04	EDND	150.00
Black Mountain Software	100.00		
AT&T Mobility	777.52		
AT&T Mobility	43.23		
Mark A. Kaffar	900.00		
Quill LLC	72.96		
NDDEQ	300.00		
LeeRoy Fischer Construction	500.00		
Heidi Hamelton	30.00		
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Granville Brinkman	44.01		
GALLS, LLC	1546.62		
Sletten Excavating, Inc.	26950.00		
J.P. Cooke Co.	136.55		
Savannah Joy Photography	56.00		
Frank Senn	567.07		
Dakota Doors	2042.50		
Presort Plus	57.35		
Granville Brinkman	314.40		
Radisson Hotel Bismarck	96.30		
Lucky's Towing & Repair	950.00		
Neuberger Oil Co.	175.00		
Beulah Park District	37991.00		
Hawkins Inc.	3670.50		
Beulah Park District	6926.42		
Beulah Senior Center	1332.00		
Beulah Airport Authority	1864.80		
J & M Hardware Inc	510.99		
AE2S, LLC	630.00		
NDLTAP - UGPTI	50.00		
Jill Thomas	90.00		
Bronson's Marketplace	100.61		
J & M Hardware Inc	196.93		
Nancy Bickerstaff	18.73		
Post Board	45.00		