

## **CITY OF BEULAH**

**June 3, 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 Mayor Sean Cheatley with Council Members Auston Biles, Eric Hoffer, Jason Isaak, Ben Lenzen, Gary Miller and David Czywczynski present.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Charles Hankins, Economic Dev. Dir. Beaver Brinkman, Water Supt. Gary Bovkoon, Public Works Supt. Kenny Yeager, Police Chief Frank Senn, Deputy Auditor Darla Knutson, Jessica Hager, Beulah Residents.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Isaak moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on May 20 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Miller, Lenzen, Hoffer and Biles in favor.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Biles moved to approve the bills as presented and reviewed. Lenzen seconded. Roll call vote found Biles, Lenzen, Miller, Hoffer and Isaak in favor.

### **COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS**

#### Mayor Cheatley

Congratulations to the Miners Softball Team on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at State.

The date of the Special Assessment Council Hearing will be Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Beulah City Hall.

#### Council Member Hoffer

The Equipment Committee met last week and would like to recommend purchasing the Freightliner Tandem Axle truck with Cummins engine and Henderson/Berts dump body from Westlie Truck Center for \$150,511, less the trade in of the old dump truck for \$15,500. Hoffer moved to approve the purchase of the dump truck as presented. Isaak seconded. There is money in the Equipment Fund and budget for the lease. It will be purchased as a lease to own. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Isaak, Biles, Miller and Lenzen in favor.

A couple of Main Street business owners contacted Hoffer with concerns about communication and signage on the Main Street project. Interstate Engineering has addressed some of these issues with the contractor already. Mac, City Representative, and Kevin Kalvoda with Interstate

Engineering stopped at businesses and updated the owners on the different phases. Hoffer moved to set up meetings for Monday, June 10 & 24, 2024 at 11 am for a construction update and Q & A intended for business owners at the former In Joy building at 136 W Main St. Biles seconded. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Biles, Isaak, Miller, Lenzen and Czywczynski in favor.

#### Council Member Biles

Jessica Hager thanked Biles, Brinkman, Isaak, Ferebee and Knutson for their help. She thanked the Pool Board and managers for all their time and dedication in getting the pool ready this summer. The Water Park is fully staffed. Three fundraisers are planned: Supper & Swim on June 25, Adult Swim on July 19 (still working on the details) and business banners. The banners have raised \$4750 so far. Pool Maintenance Operator position will be extended until filled. The Water Department will do water testing temporarily until the position is filled. Maintenance people are in place to take care of any maintenance concerns. There is an online test for the Pool Certification. Hazen's Water Works employee is certified. The Pool Board inquired if the city would consider certifying a Water Plant employee. The hope is to open the pool in the next few days. They are working on getting the lifeguards certified so swimming lessons can be offered.

#### Council Member Isaak

Council will need to set the interest rate, terms and time frame for early payoff on the Special Assessments. The State requires a minimum of 10 days once the assessment is passed but that can be extended.

### **CITY PERSONNEL**

#### Water/Wastewater Superintendent

The quote from CC Steel to clean the Water Tower tanks for \$16,200 was presented. EPA mandates that the tanks are cleaned every three years. The last time it was completed was in 2017. The contractor will dive clean the tanks so they will not need to be drained. All three tanks will be done at the same time to save on mobilization costs. CC Steel is highly recommended. Hoffer moved to approve the quote as presented. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Miller, Lenzen, Biles, Isaak and Czywczynski in favor.

#### Economic Development Director

Department of Defense & Department of Energy are taking an interest in Beulah and want to learn more about rare earth mineral extraction from lignite. EERC invited several universities to tour Beulah to look at opportunities. \$62 billion in funds are available to start rare mineral extraction.

John Schneider submitted an offer to purchase seven lots in Barton Estates for \$1.00 per lot plus the specials for the current year. He plans to dig 3-4 foundations this year. That would leave four lots, two of which are currently on hold. Biles moved to approve the lot sales as presented. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Biles, Miller, Lenzen, Hoffer, Isaak and Czywczynski in favor.

Austin Fettig would like to install Build to Suit signs on Barton Estates and the 3rd Ave NE lots. Hoffer moved to allow the signage as long as it is in line with our zoning ordinance and can be removed at any time the city deems necessary. Biles seconded. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Biles, Isaak, Miller, Lenzen and Czywczynski in favor.

Brinkman complimented the Pool Board on their hard work. Concrete work is being completed. The major leaks have been repaired. The contractor couldn't camera all the lines because of too many 90-degree angles, so there are still some leaks. A master plan will need to be put together for next year. There is no ground water on the site.

City Engineer

Main Street Improvements Phase 1 change order #2 for a reduction of \$47,932 and pay estimate #2 to BEK Consulting LLC for \$666,339.50 were presented. The change order removes the flagpoles and tree stump removal. Flagpoles will still be installed but not as part of the project cost. Hoffer moved to approve the pay estimate as presented. Isaak seconded. There was also a change to the size of the sewer service line material. Several service lines were found to be 6" rather than 4". We will probably continue to see that throughout the remainder of the project. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Isaak, Biles, Miller, Lenzen and Czywczynski in favor.

The Main Street project is going well and still on schedule despite all the rain.

Bechtold Paving will be starting next week on asphalt patch work. The budget will cover the large, identified problem areas and crack sealing. No patching will be done in the area of Central Ave & 7<sup>th</sup> St until a decision is made on the intersection. Czywczynski and Hankins will work on getting bids for the intersection and bring options back to Council.

Police Chief

The ID card machine is working.

City Attorney

Hoffer moved to approve Resolution 2024-02 setting the Auditor Bond. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Miller, Lenzen, Czywczynski, Biles and Isaak in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.



Sean Cheatley, Mayor



Darla Knutson, Deputy Auditor

**The following bills were approved and paid in May:**

Check Range: 44159 to 44256, 141200, -99666

Payroll Check Range: -72827 to -72703, 44158, 44255

Employees	151790.75	Management And Constr	5112.56
HEALTH INS	39532.88	LeeRoy Fischer Construction	5000.00
METLIFE	1286.70	DirectMED	76.01
NDPERS 457	1349.50	Lucky's Towing & Repair	300.00
FIT	14634.85	Brady, Martz & Associates	14450.00
NDPERS 457	1349.50	7 Arrows Tree Service	2600.00
FIT	15800.53	BEK Consulting, LLC	4802.82
NDPERS 457	1349.50	BEK Consulting, LLC	5000.00
FIT	15901.50	The Hub Convenience Stores	185.93
NDPERS Main	8895.21	Core & Main LP	2437.42
NDPERS Main 2020	5653.32	Flowpoint Environmental Syst	500.00
NDPERS PD	6478.89	Bronson's Marketplace	101.12
NY Life Insurance	4344.50	Playaway Products LLC	224.97
NY Life Insurance	4344.50	Sletten Excavating, Inc.	2035.00
Principal Life Insurance Co	333.46	Schirado Boys Lawn Care	112.50
US Bank	1610.51	ND League of Cities	450.00
MDU	14465.84	Branch Mgmt. Tree Serv	475.00
Marco Technologies LLC	168.37	Beulah Lumber Company	26.46
Sanitation Products	1411.53	NDDEQ	105.90
Powerplan	5150.00	Beulah JDA	413.79
West River Telephone	71.50	Beulah Airport Authority	413.79
Petty Cash	8.73	USA Blue Book	1033.23
North Dakota Dept of Health	125.00	Bronson's Marketplace	147.98
Mercer County Treasurer	18202.35	Beulah Beacon	1004.36
Downtown Gas & Auto	7298.63	Solem Law Office	8184.92
North Dakota One Call Inc	88.50	Vestis	507.30
BNSF Railway Company	2805.59	Presort Plus, LLC	47.95
Roughrider Electric Coop	3527.96	Electronic Communications	625.00
American Express	1154.30	NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	216.65
Information Technology Dept	400.80	Stein's Inc	618.00
West River Telephone	1672.84	Titan Machinery	215.40
Granville Brinkman	481.00	White Cap, L.P.	2790.00
EDND	225.00	Sanford Health Occup Med	35.00
Leak Investigators LLC	1600.00	Solem Law Office	6341.87
Taste of Home	41.71	Solem Law Office	873.34
Bismarck Tribune	750.00	Solem Law Office	893.33
Cengage Learning	249.65	Neuberger Oil Co.	175.00
Baker & Taylor	384.52		

Mercer County Sheriff's Dept	35.00
AT&T Mobility	777.32
Beulah Park District	41439.68
NAPA Auto Parts	8147.57
Beulah Park District	7766.82
Beulah Senior Center	1493.62
Interstate Engineering, Inc	2246.40
AT&T Mobility	43.23
Mark A. Kaffar	900.00
J & M Hardware Inc	566.76
Beulah Airport Authority	2091.07
Farmers Union Oil Company	3513.14
Waylon Boyer	83.07
DirectMED	227.72
Stein's Inc	28.50
Lignite Tire	1546.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1000.00
Michael Todd Industrial Supp	1640.68
Coal Country CHC	52.00
Waste Management	952.76
Hawkins Inc.	6351.70
Zoom Video Comm	1597.60
Tim Engel	25.00
Don Dschaak	50.00
Coyote Creek Fencing	12170.00
Bryan Tomchuk	215.00
SPEE-DEE Delivery Service	25.26
Branch Mgmt. Tree Serv	1500.00
7 Arrows Tree Service	750.00
Petty Cash	150.00
Michael Todd Industrial Supp	497.57
Antelope Creek Trucking	3973.90
RMB Environmental Lab	965.00
Postmaster	387.22
ND Rural Water Sys Assoc	265.00
Marco Technologies LLC	168.37
BEK Consulting, LLC	570243.20