

CITY OF BEULAH

March 8, 2023, 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 Jeff Gooss with Council Members Gary Miller, Auston Biles, David Czywczynski, Amanda Mohl, Jason Isaak and Ben Lenzen present. Eric Hoffer and Sean Cheatley absent.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Charlie Hankins, Economic Development Beaver Brinkman, Water Superintendent Gary Bovkoon, Police Chief Frank Senn, City Assessor Heidi Hamelton, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Roger and Mary Kay Gazur, Scott Battest, Kevin Herrmann, Dale Schwalbe, Chris Renner, Editor Alyssa Meier.

Lenzen moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on February 22 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Mohl, Biles, Miller, Czywczynski and Lenzen in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Czywczynski moved to pay bills as presented and reviewed. Mohl seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Biles, Miller, Lenzen, Mohl and Czywczynski in favor.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Council Member Czywczynski

There is not enough in the budget to work on the streets so it will need to be reviewed.

Council Member Isaak

Beulah becoming a Tree City USA again is being considered.

Council Member Mohl

The Pool Board met on Thursday. The vac truck and hose will be borrowed from the city, propane bids are being worked on, and they are waiting on quotes for pool repairs. Garden Mill provided the city flowers last year and there was overwhelming positive feedback. The rates are \$200 less this year. The Garden Mill is again donating the baskets. Mohl moved to allow Garden Mill to provide flower baskets again this year for \$1,338.28. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Mohl, Isaak, Biles, Miller, Czywczynski and Lenzen in favor.

CITY PERSONNEL

City Auditor

Lenzen moved to approve the special event permit for Molco LLC to serve alcohol at a wedding reception at the Beulah Civic Center on April 1, 2023. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Lenzen, Miller, Isaak, Mohl, Biles and Czywczynski in favor.

Lenzen moved to approve the special event permit for the Nite Owl Bar to serve alcohol at a wedding reception at the Beulah Civic Center on October 14, 2023. Miller seconded. Senn commented that security is required if there is music, it is not a requirement for alcohol under State law. Roll call vote found Lenzen, Miller, Isaak, Mohl, Biles and Czywczynski in favor.

Lenzen moved to approve the February financial reports as presented. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Lenzen, Isaak, Miller, Mohl, Biles and Czywczynski in favor.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent

A water break in a service line was fixed on 7th Street. A maintenance project was performed at the Water plant, and it went very well. The clarifier was drained and cleaned.

Economic Development Director

JDA programs and the application are on the city website.

The city lot auction was held today with five lots being sold for the minimum bid:

BB14488670301 - \$8,950

BB14488670302 - \$8,400

BB14488670324 - \$8,400

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BB14488780307 - \$5,209.50

Eleven lots were bid under the minimum:

BB14488010503 - \$3,250

BB14488010518 - \$2,000

BB14488080601 - \$2,000

BB14488540414 - \$1,000

BB14488580112 - \$1,000 (\$11,750.20 specials)

BB14488580214 - \$4,000 (\$11,750.20 specials)

BB14488670206 - \$6,167

BB14488670220 - \$5,940.90

BB14488680502 - \$500 (\$15,665.10 specials)

BB14488920101 - \$10,000

BB14488980105 - \$500

The lots have been owned by the city for many years and the city has been mowing and spraying them. Miller moved to accept the bids offered for the purchase of the properties presented. Mohl seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Mohl, Biles, Isaak, Czywczynski and Lenzen in favor.

A list was provided ranking city projects that are needed or wanted.

City Assessor/Planner

The date and time for the equalization meeting needs to be set within the first two weeks of April. Isaak moved for the Board of Equalization meeting to be held at 6:00 pm on April 12. Lenzen

seconded. The regularly scheduled council meeting will follow. Roll call vote found Isaak, Lenzen, Mohl, Biles, Miller and Czywczynski in favor.

A P&Z consultant proposal was presented. Roger Gazur is offering to enter into an agreement to assist P&Z. There is no financial cost for this unless travel is required. Solem stated if the council wants to consider the appointment, he will research it. Isaak questioned if the research will fall under the normal legal contract and Solem confirmed it would fall under the regular costs of city business. Miller moved to accept the proposal subject to legal researching it. Isaak seconded.

Gooss stated this is an overt attempt to go against the lack of Gazur's appointment to P&Z. Gooss believes the P&Z Board is already in place to complete the job. Isaak stated Gazur would not have a vote but would have access to the information for the meeting ahead of time so he can help with P&Z. Gazur commented he is volunteering his expertise and services to assist P&Z in managing issues. Being a consultant would add credibility if he were to make research contacts. Miller commented that it took him five years of being on the P&Z Board to understand it and the board is learning from Gazur.

Gooss stated the individuals on P&Z have the opportunity to reach out to the expertise that they need. Gooss stated that he and council have their respected positions and that many times he disagrees with a council vote, but that it is their right and he has to respect that. Biles moved for Order of the Day, stating he would like to get back to the agenda. Gooss stated he will finish what he's saying because it is on the agenda. He requested that council respect his authority as he respects their authority. Lenzen stated this has gone on too long. He understands that the mayor has certain rights, but sometimes those rights cross the line. He stated for it all to function, the city needs to have the best possible people serve in these positions and we have someone who has devoted a large part of his life to serving on P&Z. The P&Z Board has backed Gazur for his knowledge and expertise. For the best interest of the city, we have to get past this. Making a line in the sand to be on one side or the other is a division of council rather than moving forward with the best possible solution for the city. Gooss reiterated that he stands by his decision not to appoint.

Biles stated he was not trying to stop the debate, but only wanted to get back to the agenda. He is not on either side but for what is best for the city. Gooss maintained that they were on the agenda. Discussion followed. Roll call vote found Miller, Isaak, Biles, Czywczynski and Lenzen in favor. Mohl opposed. Motion carries.

A possible ordinance addition was presented regarding chickens. If it is to move forward, it would be added to the Animal Ordinance. Some topics were discussed such as identification banding, fees for the permit, licensing, and whether neighbors should sign off approving the permit. Impounding and enforcement would also be an issue. The requirements for a structure will need to be taken to P&Z. All permitted structures under the ordinance will need to be inspected annually. Slaughter in town was also another question. It was questioned what would happen with an influx of predatory animals. Miller moved to take it to P&Z for a recommendation for council. Lenzen seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Lenzen, Isaak, Mohl, Biles and Czywczynski in favor.

City Engineer

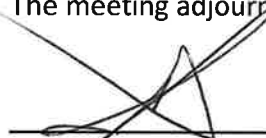
The Main Street Project is out for bid. Bid opening will be at 4:00 pm on March 30. The North Dakota Public Finance Authority will give approval on the loan once the bids are received. That approval is set for April 25 at their next meeting.

Police Chief

The new vehicle has arrived, but there are supply issues for the equipment. He will be at the legislature tomorrow and thanked the council for allowing him to attend this year. Two SIRM radios were purchased last year and portable radios are currently \$6,900 each. The bid is almost \$42,000 for the six portables, but the city receives \$1,500 per radio as a grant reimbursement. There is a bill at the legislature to possibly increase the reimbursement amount. Bodycam prices have increased to \$6,000 per year for a minimum of five years. He is looking at another option because of the cost. Discussion followed on purchasing the radios with available funds. It was questioned if the project manager can be contacted regarding the plan to put up the towers.

It was questioned whether the letter of support for EERC is to be discussed. Brinkman stated he will provide information on it to anyone who would like it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Jeff Gooss, Mayor



Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in February:

Check Range: 42700 to 42782, -99709 to -99705

Payroll Check Range: -74181 to -74111, 42776

Employees	88666.10	ND Clerk's Association	100.00
HEALTH INS	41340.11	Bronson's Marketplace	114.42
METLIFE	1131.31	AE2S, LLC	69.00
NDPERS 457	297.50	AE Operations, LLC	4366.85
FIT	14020.25	MDU	13843.30
NDPERS Main	5149.36	US Bank	791.34
NDPERS Main 2020	3118.77	Solem Law Office	8066.84
NDPERS PD	4529.48	Stein's Inc	202.24
FIT	13622.12	Lucky's Towing & Repair	600.00
NDPERS 457	297.50	Mandate Truck Center	1379.65
NY Life Insurance Company	4113.98	City of Beulah	433.75
Bank of North Dakota	4625.00	Advanced Business Methods	769.20
Bank of North Dakota	3250.00	Haag Signs Inc.	135.00
Bank of North Dakota	1440.00	Dakota Pump & Control, Inc	605.00
Bank of North Dakota	3680.00	Butler Machinery Company	1947.00
Principal Life Insurance Co	368.55	Sanitation Products	221.90

Downtown Gas & Auto	8141.52	Lignite Tire	85.00
American Express	2066.67	AT&T Mobility	43.23
Marco Technologies LLC	159.66	Allstate Peterbilt of Bis	14.15
West River Telephone	111.42	Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing	287.00
North Dakota Dept of Health	75.00	Bobcat of Mandan, Inc	74.89
Mercer County Treasurer	7579.35	WEX	450.00
NAPA Auto Parts	354.04	Kart-Man LLC	146.00
North Dakota One Call Inc	1.30	Dakota Pump & Control, Inc	19.80
NDDEQ	127.08	NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	1300.00
Waste Management	829.60	Hawkins Inc.	30.00
Beulah JDA	11735.30	Beulah Park District	43231.37
J & M Hardware Inc	223.42	Beulah Park District	7108.99
Roughrider Electric Coop	3576.47	Beulah Senior Center	1367.11
Beulah Airport Authority	11735.30	Beulah Airport Authority	1913.96
Aramark	436.92	Interstate Engineering, Inc	4154.00
The Beacon	672.59	Interstate Engineering, Inc	97.00
AT&T Mobility	967.12	Farmers Union Oil Company	12898.79
Aramark	53.68	Mercer County Auditor	1.00
West River Telephone	1858.51	Interstate Engineering, Inc	2126.12
Mark A. Kaffar	900.00	Nelson Auto Center	38459.12
Information Technology Dept	342.70	WARC	1349.48
Adam Baker	121.67	Renee Sindt	34.78
Jessie Mann	269.80	Jessie Mann	151.88
Beulah Chamber of Commerce	50.00	City of Beulah	335.65
City of Beulah	526.10		
The Beacon	155.00		
MARC	1458.64		
Bronson's Marketplace	48.26		
Pumpkin People & Produce	13.66		
Baker & Taylor	292.24		
Findaway	644.91		
Cengage Learning	608.73		
MicroMarketing LLC	16.95		
Rivistas, LLC	607.93		
Neuberger Oil Co.	930.00		
Quill LLC	69.99		
Ver-Tech, Inc	367.90		
Lignite Energy Council	300.00		
Steven Wiedrich	2.53		
Ecolab Pest Elim Div	161.63		