

CITY OF BEULAH

March 9, 2022, 5:00 pm

Beulah Civic Center

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Travis Frey with Council Members Kathy Kelsch, Gary Miller, Eric Hoffer and Sean Cheatley present. David Ripplinger, Amanda Mohl, David Czywczynski and Ben Lenzen absent.

Also Present: City Engineer Charlie Hankins, Public Works Superintendent Kenny Yeager, Economic Development Beaver Brinkman, Police Chief Frank Senn, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Steven Dschaak, Roger Gazur and Beacon Reporter Alyssa Meier.

Cheatley moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on February 23 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Cheatley, Miller, Hoffer and Kelsch in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

Steven Dschaak – Utility Vacation Rates

The utility base rate was charged on his home for the months he was gone from Beulah. He commented that it is ridiculous to be charged that amount when nothing is being used. The city water can be turned off and he would only be charged \$50, but the curb stop location is usually covered by snow. It's work for the city employees to turn it off and on and he turns the water off in his basement when he's gone so there is not a chance of leaking on that side of the meter. There are other cities that don't charge anything if the person notifies them that the water is turned off inside the home.

Hoffer stated that the city follows the ordinance. The city still needs to have the infrastructure in place to provide water, sewer and garbage to the house whether the owner wants it or not. Anyone hooked to those systems is required to pay for them. There are other cities that don't provide a vacation rate at all and the owner is charged whether they use it or not. The garbage rate is the only item that has a vacation rate, but that can be reviewed. Kelsch commented it is worth exploring a lower rate, but the city should collect something since the services are still there. It was also stated that if the water is turned off, there should still be a charge. A vacation rate change would require an ordinance change.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Council Member Kelsch

Door replacement at the Civic Center. The company delivered red oak doors instead of maple doors. The city can decide to keep the oak doors and \$3,700 would be deducted, otherwise it will

be twelve weeks to get the maple doors. It was stated that if the city kept the doors, more should be deducted. Kelsch moved to continue conversations with Western Steel to accept the discount on the doors and negotiate for more if possible and have the oak doors installed. Hoffer seconded. Roll call vote found Kelsch, Hoffer, Cheatley and Miller in favor.

Kelsch moved to approve the invoice to Western Steel for work completed to date of \$47,854. Cheatley seconded. Roll call vote found Kelsch, Cheatley, Miller and Hoffer in favor.

Kelsch moved to approve the invoice to Home Connection for flooring and repairs to the entrance of \$8,539.38. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Kelsch, Miller, Cheatley and Hoffer in favor.

Updating of the family bathroom would require paint, flooring and a changing station. Hoffer moved to approve the updates to the family bathroom. Cheatley seconded. A comment was made that it may need to be ADA compliant if a restroom is remodeled. This will be reviewed before moving forward. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Cheatley, Kelsch and Miller in favor.

Mayor Frey

The Vision West meeting is March 17 at the Civic Center.

CITY PERSONNEL

City Auditor

City audit will be held the first week of April.

Economic Development Director

Bids were opened for the lots south of 11th Street.

In process of amending the zoning map and the proposed amendments will be in the paper next week. It will be advertised for two weeks, taken to P&Z, and then brought to council for two readings.

The Park Board met last week and there was discussion about making changes to the courts at Central Park. They could be changed to a parking lot, pickleball court and a sidewalk connecting Central Park to Memory Park. The deed on the property shows the Park District owns the tennis and basketball courts and they are in need of repair.

The bid date for the Main Street Project will possibly be extended out for the work to be done next year. Contractors have been extending deadlines to get material. It will be bid, but the completion date will be extended. The project would be completed in phases.

City Engineer

Next meeting the bid packages will be brought to council for street repairs. The pressure reducing valve in the manhole on Keller Drive needs to be looked at this summer. Quotes will need to be obtained from contractors. The North Lagoon repair should also be completed this summer.

Police Chief

One officer is on leave after falling on ice. The Police Dept. has been active with narcotic search warrants.

Discussion followed on the possibility of bulk purchase and storage of fuel by the city for city equipment.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Hoffer moved to pay the bills as presented and reviewed. Cheatley seconded. Roll call vote found Hoffer, Cheatley, Miller and Kelsch in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.



Travis Frey, Mayor



Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in February:

Check Range: 41435 to 41522, -99741 to -99737

Payroll Check Range: -75291 to -75224, 41471, 41472, 41512, 41537

Employees	81028.80	NAPA Auto Parts	597.14
FIT	13101.99	Downtown Gas & Auto	5568.35
NDPERS 457	212.50	Lignite Tire	1200.00
HEALTH INS	34856.18	USA Blue Book	383.84
METLIFE	1048.87	Bronson's Marketplace	57.12
FIT	12154.52	AE Operations, LLC	5636.65
NDPERS 457	297.50	MDU	14871.38
NDPERS Main	5481.84	The Beacon	464.65
NDPERS Main 2020	1703.73	New York Life Insurance Co	2780.41
NDPERS PD	4098.74	New York Life Insurance Co	4677.57
MN Child Support	171.66	Quill LLC	63.96
MN Child Support	171.66	Tadd Painting LLC	3550.00
NY Life	3861.30	Colonial Research Chem Corp	1628.64
NY Life	3861.30	Mohl Drilling, Inc	150.00
Bank of North Dakota	5000.00	Northern Truck Equip Corp	1905.92
Bank of North Dakota	3450.00	Advanced Business Methods	221.20
Bank of North Dakota	1520.00	Family Dollar Store 434100	50.00
Bank of North Dakota	3790.00	Amber Anderson	2.17
Principal Life Insurance Co	317.55	ND Housing Finance Agency	75.00
Beulah Lumber Company	77.96		

Peter Lanoue	45.84	Solem Law Office	10734.41
Dakota Pump & Control, Inc	745.00	Interstate Engineering, Inc	6801.50
Beulah Police Dept	65.12	Interstate Engineering, Inc	4677.58
North Dakota Dept of Health	64.00	Beulah Park District	7002.74
Mercer County Treasurer	6623.60	Beulah Senior Center	1346.68
Beulah JDA	11279.80	Beulah Airport Authority	1885.35
West River Telephone	1513.68	AT&T Mobility	733.28
Beulah Airport Authority	11279.80	Interstate Engineering, Inc	2855.50
US Bank	1437.43	Marcie Krumwiede	29.88
Aramark	568.24	Lucky Buchmann	350.00
American Express	406.13	WatchGuard Video	205.00
Information Technology Dept	493.20	Clay's Plumbing & Heating	5618.36
Baker & Taylor	304.35	Uniform Center	315.00
The Beacon	116.25	Solem Law Office	838.83
Colonial Research Chem Corp	2823.72	West River Telephone	96.49
Dell Marketing LP	291.80	Police Chiefs Assoc of ND	150.00
Midco	119.67	Go Promo, LLC	199.99
North Dakota One Call Inc	2.50	Heidi Hamelton	464.25
Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing	358.00	American Library Assoc	175.00
NDDEQ	365.40	Cengage Learning	237.65
Waste Management	653.66	MARC	3420.86
J & M Hardware Inc	782.91	USA Blue Book	569.51
Roughrider Electric Coop Inc	3801.74	Joe Green Lawn Care	33772.50
Aramark	48.80	Postmaster	374.42
Stein's Inc	423.42		
City of Beulah	190.08		
Butler Machinery Company	278.84		
Hazen Welding	2750.00		
Beulah Electric	11250.00		
Beulah Chamber of Commerce	700.00		
Allstate Peterbilt of Bismarck	177.42		
The Hub Convenience Stores	779.71		
Mark A. Kaffar	600.00		
Farmers Union Oil Company	9330.57		
Advanced Business Methods	3007.20		
Advanced Business Methods	275.35		
Quill LLC	69.99		
New York Life Insurance Co	247.38		
New York Life Insurance Co	41.11		
Beulah Park District	51362.69		
Ecolab Pest Elim Div	161.63		