

## **CITY OF BEULAH**

**May 6, 2019, 7:00 pm**

### **Beulah City Hall Council Chambers**

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, Clyde Schulz, Gary Miller, David Ripplinger, David Czywczynski, Kathy Kelsch and Loren Daede present. Eric Hoffer absent.

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Beriah Smith, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Public Works Superintendent Kenny Yeager, Police Chief Frank Senn, Economic Director Granville Brinkman, City Auditor Heather Ferebee and Kate Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

### **MINUTES**

Kelsch moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on April 15, and the Board of Equalization meeting and Special meeting both on April 23 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Daede seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

David Whipps - Street Dance on June 8

He spoke with the Police Chief and Public Works Superintendent. The beer garden would be open on Main Street from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am. Garbage cans and barricades were discussed. Barricades will be set up on each end of the Main Street block from Central Ave to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW. Porta potties will be provided by the Chamber and the Beulah Police Department will provide extra security. The boundaries were discussed.

Special Event Permit for the Main Bar for the street dance beer garden on Main Street on June 8, 2019 was taken off the table. Schulz amended the original motion to allow alcohol on the street with a wristband starting at 6:00 pm. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote on the amendment found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor. Roll call vote on the original motion as amended found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Special Event Permit for the Nite Owl Bar for the street dance beer garden on Main Street on June 8, 2019. Schulz moved to approve the permit as presented with the restrictions of a start time of 6:00 pm and wristbands required. Daede seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Rachael Mortenson - Crazy Days on June 8

A larger area of downtown will be blocked off. There will be food vendors, bouncy houses, sidewalk chalk and car seat checks. Schulz moved to approve closing off Main St from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW to west of the Post Office (diagonal to New York Life), closing Central Ave N from Railroad St. to Main St starting at 11:00 am., and closing the alleyway between Central Ave N and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE starting at

12:00 noon. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

### **COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS**

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Council Member Schulz – Pool Board is working on dates for the pool repair. Schulz moved to accept the Municipal Court Report. Czywczynski seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor. West River Transit has 51 preschool riders. The West River Transit bus is highly used in the Beulah area. It is a little small so adding more buses is being reviewed. Beulah's new bus should be coming this fall.

Council Member Miller – P&Z recommended approval of a thirty spot parking lot variance for Dollar General on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Hwy 49. Miller moved to approve the parking lot variance for Dollar General with a number of thirty spots. Schulz seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor. The marijuana ordinance was also discussed at the meeting.

Council Member Timmer – 28 kids attended story hour in March and it jumped to 63 kids in April. The Summer Reading program starts June 6.

Council Member Kelsch – The original Civic Center improvements include air conditioning and heat on the gym side. A new option has been presented including units similar to units in hotel rooms. The estimate includes units for the gym and west side of the Civic Center for heat and air conditioning and saves \$11,250. The large air conditioning unit in the hallway would be removed. This savings would allow for new flooring in the hallway for \$6,710 and a new garage door and opener for \$3,410. Kelsch moved to approve the improvements as presented in the approximate amount of \$10,120. Timmer seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor. Employee Relations met a couple times on the city retirement plan. There were presentations from NDPERS on their retirement plan and Kevin Flaagan on the city's current plan. John Phillips will no longer be serving in the capacity of interim Economic Development Director now that we have an employee in that position. He was thanked for his service. The Fair Board is no longer looking at a permanent ticket booth.

Council Member Czywczynski – Additional bids were received for Asphalt Street Patching. Gate valve pricing for the bids needs to be looked at when a decision is made as there may be more of them to repair. The City Engineer will review the bids at the next meeting.

Council Member Daede – The Floodplain LOMAR study amount is not determined yet. Daede moved to approve installing the Water Plant Backwash automation by Sweeney in the amount of \$20,450. Timmer seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Council Member Ripplinger – City wide cleanup is Monday, May 13. A tree planting grant was submitted. If funds are received, trees would be planted in Sun Valley RV Park. There is a possibility for planting trees in Heritage Park in the future.

Mayor Travis Frey – Home Rule Charter information was sent out to the council. A full charter allows for cities to have the ability to self-fund projects with assessments. A full charter would need to be voted on at a city election. The sales tax for the pool and city is due to renew in 2020.

#### **CITY PERSONNEL**

City Auditor - Local Permit for a raffle for Mercer County 4-H at the Fairgrounds on July 12, 2019. Kelsch moved to approve the permit as presented. Miller seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

Economic Development Director – Both Beulah and Hazen will be getting a Dollar General. There are two interested parties in the Shopko building. The owners of Shopko will allow the farmer's market to remain in the parking lot. North Country Marine out of Garrison is going to place some of their products in the parking lot to test the market for sales. A general construction company will be located in the Corval building. Grants or funding for new businesses is being looked into. He attended the ND Tourism Conference and the Lignite Conference.

Public Works Superintendent – Tim Morton started at the Water Plant on May 1. City cleanup at the Transfer Station starts this Saturday through next Saturday. Grass cutting has started at the cemetery. Sun Valley RV Park is full.

City Coordinator – Merlin Dahl was accepted on the Mercer County Commission. Scott Buchmann plans to move the church from the lot where the Dollar General Store will be located and remodel it as a house.

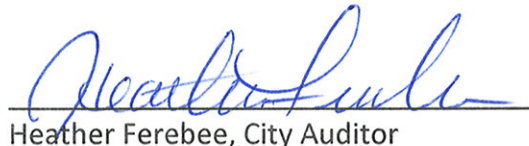
City Attorney - Brock & Laura Seibel Property Tax Exemption application for a single-family home for 2019 and 2020. The value of the house is reduced by \$150,000 for those two years. Schulz moved to approve the property tax exemption for Seibels as presented. Kelsch seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Kelsch, Daede, Timmer, Schulz, Czywczynski and Ripplinger in favor.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

  
Travis Frey, Mayor

  
Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

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

Check Range: 37748 to 37852, -99833 to -99829

Payroll Check Range: -78377 to -78317, 37797 to 37799, 37842 to 37844

Employees	66174.72	Knife River Veterinary Clinic	72.00
FIT	10608.67	Beulah Electric	204.00
FIT	10973.64	Beulah JDA	6903.00
NDPERS	21272.88	Jessie Mann	22.83
New York Life 457b	6623.43	Total Control Inc	4700.00
ND Child Support	226.62	NDEMSA	120.00
MN Child Support	347.01	Speidel Storage	280.00
ALFAC	828.35	Backyard Escapes	175.00
ND Child Support	226.62	Praetorian Digital	500.00
MN Child Support	347.01	Jessie Mann	87.00
North Dakota Tax Commissioner	44.87	Heather Ferebee	196.50
EFTPS	579.08	Darla Knutson	103.50
EFTPS	1698.14	Travis Frey	128.00
EFTPS	643.91	Moore Engineering, Inc.	3618.91
City of Beulah	38.75	Lonny Buchmann	18.00
Bronson's Marketplace	66.58	Hydro Hotshots	200.00
Mercer County Treasurer	4716.65	Interstate Engineering, Inc	2514.50
Beulah Lumber Company	19.99	Interstate Engineering, Inc	9664.20
BHG, Inc.	2200.00	Sletten Excavating, Inc.	1560.00
NAPA Auto Parts	727.65	SPEE-DEE Delivery Service	24.32
Beulah JDA	480.86	Brock White Company	1803.60
MDU	11379.91	Butler Machinery Company	820.25
MailFinance	441.87	Bobcat of Mandan, Inc	259.04
Downtown Gas & Auto	5304.68	Interstate All Battery Center	8.99
West River Telephone	1612.79	Industrial Fabworx	388.00
Beulah Airport Authority	480.86	Ver-Tech, Inc	262.32
Solem Law Office	4689.07	Ramkota Hotel & Conf Center	169.20
Interstate Engineering, Inc	12001.70	West River Telephone	97.07
AmeriPride Services Inc.	364.89	HAWKINS INC	4995.01
NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	707.03	North Dakota Dept of Health	64.00
Information Technology Dept	245.37	Midco	119.28
Verizon Wireless	483.96	North Dakota One Call Inc	9.80
Solem Law Office	2500.00	Roughrider Electric Coop Inc	4349.58
Waste Management of WI-MN	233.48	Convention & Visitors Bureau	13104.42
Farmers Union Oil Company	3855.16	New York Life	1403.84
Lamplighter Manor	50.00	Mainstay Funds	5750.94
Frank Senn	103.50	The Hub Convenience Stores	715.04

Powerplan	1213.29
MARC	4118.26
Russell Duppong	422.50
Birch Tree Ranch	23.90
Quill Corporation	79.25
J & M Hardware Inc	170.05
Beulah Airport Authority	4239.02
Beulah Senior Center	3027.87
Beulah Park District	16764.90
Beulah Park District	15744.90
USA Blue Book	500.55
Ingram Library Services	389.27
American Express	2212.32
Dennis Bauer	2575.63
LPL Financial	63183.35
Bank of North Dakota	51193.12
Midwest Tape	50.73
DEMCO	39.59
J-S Sanitation	280.00
Kurt Zazeski	6792.56
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Western Steel Builders Inc	64990.00
United States Treasury	1414.73
Taste of Home	33.98
Eggers Electric Motor Co	776.38
Sanford Health Occupational Med	68.00
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	349.77
EverSpring Inn & Suites - Bismarck	169.20
Coal Country CHC	52.00
Mercer County Recorder	20.00
EDND	150.00
NDWPCC	600.00
Postmaster	363.76
US Bank	550.30
Ashley Nordstrom	13.88
Michael Frederick	24.00
North Dakota State Library	66.44
Penworthy	108.02
Nancy Bickerstaff	29.92
Kimberly Schock	1000.00