

The regular Beulah City Council meeting of October 15, 2018 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Travis Frey.

Present: Loren Daede, Kathy Kelsch, Gary Miller, David Ripplinger, Clyde Schulz

Absent: David Czywczynski, Eric Hoffer, Kelsey Timmer

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Charles Hankins, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Public Works Superintendent Kenny Yeager, Police Chief Frank Senn, Kate Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Kelsch made a motion seconded by Miller to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on October 1 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Roll call vote found Daede, Kelsch, Miller, Ripplinger, and Schulz in favor.

Frey presented a Proclamation to recognize November 1, 2018 as Extra Mile Day. There are just under 600 cities in the nation that have declared this. This would signify Beulah as a community that would like to acknowledge people for going the extra mile. Schulz made a motion seconded by Daede to accept the proposed Proclamation to recognize November 1, 2018 as Extra Mile Day. Roll call vote found Daede, Kelsch, Miller Ripplinger, and Schulz in favor. Frey commented the NDLC is having a meeting in December regarding legislative issues.

Daede commented on the progress at the Water Treatment Plant stating they should be finished this week. A meeting will need to be set up to discuss liquidated damages. He also presented an invoice for the USGA gage on the Knife River Bridge to monitor flows. The annual fee for the gage this year is \$6,042. Daede made a motion seconded by Schulz to approve the bill as presented. Schulz explained the USGA gage stating it was taking the level of the river but it wasn't recording historical data the first few years. The Mercer County Water Board agreed to make some upgrades. Daede stated the City portion is 60%. Frey questioned if it was recalibrated with the new bridge. Schulz confirmed it was and stated the gage is taken off the bridge each year and put back on in the spring. Roll call vote found Daede, Kelsch, Miller Ripplinger, and Schulz in favor.

Schulz stated the dog ordinance was revised and sent to the veterinarian and police department for review. The Hero's Banquet will be October 25 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Beulah Civic Center. The City of Beulah and the Beulah Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the meal which is in appreciation for Emergency Services of Beulah.

Kelsch commented on the Civic Center Committee meeting and the plan to look at a revised plan. She stated there may be an Employee Relations meeting next week. Kelsch commented it would be a good idea to have a dog park.

Hankins commented on the Bike Path project bid specs including the pedestrian railing being changed to a black chain link fence and stated other items were also trimmed. The DOT recommended bidding it in February so that they have a chance to look at it. Schulz questioned if the path could be eight feet wide instead of ten feet. Hankins stated it must be ten feet wide for the

grant. Hankins commented the 75k Gallon Water Tank project should finish this week. The Sanitary Manhole Lining project will be worked on next week.

Duppong stated he is still working on the Bornsen mitigation and they are getting estimates for options on the property. Duppong commented on the 12th Street storm water project. It will need to be decided if an assessment district should be set up for the project. Duppong commented on a dilapidated building project. P&Z will have a meeting this Thursday and some flood plain items will be discussed. A building on Main Street is being remodeled and a state permit is needed for this.

Ferebee presented the properties with unpaid utility bills, lawn mowing bills and a dilapidated building bill. Schulz made a motion seconded by Miller to assess the properties for the unpaid invoices to property taxes as presented. Roll call vote found Daede, Kelsch, Miller Ripplinger, and Schulz in favor.

Ferebee presented a local permit for a chance auction for Zion Lutheran Church at the church on December 1, 2018. Kelsch made a motion seconded by Ripplinger to approve the permit as presented. Roll call vote found Daede, Kelsch, Miller Ripplinger, and Schulz in favor.

Ferebee presented a local permit for a raffle for the Beulah Wellness Center Foundation at the Civic Center on February 2, 2019 and the local permit for a raffle for Beulah Post Prom at Beulah City Hall on January 11, 2019. Schulz made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the permits as presented. Roll call vote found Daede, Kelsch, Miller Ripplinger, and Schulz in favor.

Ferebee presented the September financial reports. Kelsch made a motion seconded by Schulz to approve the September financial reports as presented. Roll call vote found Daede, Kelsch, Miller Ripplinger, and Schulz in favor.

Yeager commented the new loader came in last Tuesday.

Senn commented the police department office walls are being painted. Senn stated it has been five years since we put a bid out for fuel. Schulz made a motion seconded by Ripplinger to go out for bids on fuel. Roll call vote found Daede, Kelsch, Miller Ripplinger, and Schulz in favor.

Frey stated next Wednesday there is a MCED meeting in Beulah and a Coal County Conversion meeting in Washburn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Travis Frey, Mayor

Heather Ferebee, City Auditor