

The Organization Meeting on June 28, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Darrell Bjerke.

Present: Ben Lenzen, Travis Frey, Kathy Kelsch, Brant Keller, Joel Morgan, Eric Hoffer, Kelsey Timmer

Absent: City Attorney Scott Solem, Clyde Schulz

Also Present: City Engineer Loren Daede, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Municipal Judge Myron Stern, Kate Johnson, Shawn Morgan, Michael Weaver

Pledge of Allegiance

Bjerke welcomed the new Council members and introductions were made. Bjerke commented on the importance of budgeting and the decrease in revenue the City is receiving. He commented on the goals of Council members. Bjerke commented on legal counsel and the engineer. He stated Council members need to stay cognizant of the budget when asking for assistance because the City is charged for services. Bjerke stated we follow Robert's Rules of Order and that members are to be recognized before they speak during Council meetings.

Ferebee administered the Oath of Office to Eric Hoffer, Joel Morgan and Kelsey Timmer.

Bjerke handed out the 2016-2018 proposed portfolio assignments to the Council members. He commented on each Council member and the portfolios they would oversee.

Bjerke opened for nomination of President of the Council. Kelsch nominated Clyde Schulz for President. Bjerke closed nominations. Bjerke appointed Clyde Schulz as Council President.

Bjerke opened for nominations of Vice President of the Council. Kelsch nominated Travis Frey as Vice President. Bjerke closed nominations. Bjerke appointed Travis Frey as Council Vice President.

Bjerke listed the following appointments:

City Auditor - Heather Ferebee

Deputy Auditor - Darla Knutson

Chief of Police - Frank Senn

City Attorney - Scott Solem

City Coordinator - Russell Duppong

Building Inspector - Russell Duppong / Loren Wiest

City Engineer - Interstate Engineering, Inc.

City Health Officer - Dr. Aaron Garman

City Banking Institution - First Security Bank-West

City Newspaper - Beulah Beacon

Municipal Judge - Myron Stern

Alternate Judge – Kenneth Beauchamp

Keller made a motion seconded by Morgan to approve the appointments as presented. Roll call vote found Frey, Lenzen, Kelsch, Keller, Morgan, Timmer, Hoffer in favor.

Bjerke commented on the New Energy street west of the 24-unit apartment complex for essential service workers. The City of Beulah is furnishing the land and the infrastructure. Daede stated plans and specs need approval to move forward with the New Energy Drive Street, Water & Sewer Improvements. Sewer and water lines will be put in for future development of the rest of the subdivision so the street does not need to be torn up later. Approval would allow for advertising to move forward and bids to be opened. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Keller to approve the plans and specs as prepared by Interstate Engineering for New Energy Drive. Keller questioned if the building will be able to be occupied if the street isn't complete. Bjerke commented those conditions are not placed on this project. Kelsch commented it would be hard to justify when we didn't allow it for a house. Duppong commented the house had a different situation. An occupancy permit cannot be provided unless there is a means of ingress and egress for garbage, sewer, water, fire and other essential services. There needs to be a good base on the street. Roll call vote found Frey, Lenzen, Kelsch, Keller, Morgan, Timmer, Hoffer in favor.

Bjerke commented on the dates fireworks are allowed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Darrell R. Bjerke, Mayor

Heather Ferebee, Auditor