

The Special Beulah City Council meeting of September 19, 2016 was called to order at 6:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Darrell Bjerke.

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

Also Present: City Engineer Loren Daede, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Economic Development Director John Phillips,, Police Chief Frank Senn, Marvel McMain, Kate Johnson

Topic: 2017 Budget Review

Bjerke commented on reduced revenue being received by the City now and in 2017, and on the need to reduce our budget accordingly. Bjerke commented on the Transfer Station hours of opening, stating it was built at a time when there was not a landfill in Mercer County. The Transfer Station has remained open because it has been convenient. He commented on the option of adding a street light fee on utility bills and a garbage container replacement fee.

Expenditures were reviewed with some items being decreased. Lenzen arrived. Attorney and engineering fees were discussed. The reduction of summer employees and janitorial duties at out buildings were also discussed.

Special meeting recessed at 7:00 pm to begin the regular meeting.

Special meeting reconvened at 9:25 pm.

Frey commented on the purchase of a new loader. It was decided to leave \$50,000 in for a possible lease purchase. Discussion followed on dilapidated buildings. Bjerke commented funds for the project are budgeted to come from Sales Tax for infrastructure. Ferebee stated what we don't spend in 2016 helps the 2017 budget. Hoffer commented on the future increase of the cost of cemetery plots. Frey commented \$150,000 can be transferred to the General fund from the Public Works Building fund leaving the remaining amount to complete plans for future construction. Discussion followed on what could be decreased to help out the operating budget of the General fund.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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Darrell Bjerke, Mayor

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Heather Ferebee, Auditor