

The regular Beulah City Council meeting of January 2, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Darrell Bjerke.

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

Absent: Eric Hoffer, Clyde Schulz

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, Economic Development Director John Phillips, City Engineer Loren Daede, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Sarah Tunge, Linda Pouliot, Jerry Isaak, Ken Beauchamp, Jarann Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Frey made a motion seconded by Timmer to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on December 19 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Roll call vote found Keller, Kelsch, Morgan, Lenzen, Frey and Timmer in favor.

Kelsch commented on a document from the Beulah Chamber requesting additional items along with the purchase of the city building they are leasing. In consideration of the offer presented by the Beulah Chamber, Kelsch made a motion seconded by Timmer to deny the offer as presented, with the exception that the City will absorb the cost of replatting the property. That replat will include the building, 50 feet to the east of the building and the west parking lot, and it will be understood that the Chamber, CVB and Motor Vehicle Department will have use and access to the driveways on the north and south of the remaining property until or if another use or owner of the remaining property is determined. The City will also provide the sump pump cover for the sump pump in the basement. Kelsch mentioned that there has been some question of the sale price as compared to the appraisal. The comparable properties in the appraisal are from other cities in North Dakota. It was not local. The land value used in the appraisal was about \$4/square foot where our assessed values in Beulah are averaging \$1/square foot. She stated she looked at a similar sized commercial building in the area that is updated and it has a lower assessed value than this appraisal. The appraised value is a suggested price, but you need to have a willing buyer. Bjerke commented it is being sold to an entity of Beulah that is promoting the City. Frey commented the clear deed and title will happen in the closing and shouldn't be an issue. Bjerke agreed and stated the legal fees may include filing costs, but we have always taken care of the deed. Frey commented the replatting could be several months down the road. Lenzen questioned the curb cuts and whether we would allow them later on if the remaining property is purchased. Discussion followed. Roll call vote found Keller, Kelsch, Morgan, Lenzen, Frey and Timmer in favor.

Bjerke commented the City will need to declare a snow emergency to use Emergency Fund revenue. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Keller to adopt a resolution declaring Beulah a Snow Emergency Area. Frey questioned if this is for 2016 or 2017 and Solem stated it would be for the season. Roll call vote found Keller, Kelsch, Morgan, Lenzen, Frey and Timmer in favor.

Lenzen commented Public Works has been working very hard on snow removal. We can be very proud of the employees.

Kelsch had no report.

Keller commented he and Solem reviewed the numbers on the Moore Engineering Agreement for Phase 3. Solem stated the target number still needs to be removed, but the rest of the contract looks good. Keller stated this would be the last contract to take us through construction. Keller made a motion seconded by Frey to approve the contract with Moore Engineering for Phase 3 of the Water Improvement Project as presented to Council. Roll call vote found Keller, Kelsch, Morgan, Lenzen, Frey and Timmer in favor.

Morgan had no report.

Frey commented we have a new Water/Wastewater employee starting tomorrow.

Timmer commented the Library Board is still looking for a board member and they have a meeting this Wednesday.

Solem commented they are still working on Roughrider and Midco franchise agreements. They will be setting up a meeting with Southwest Water.

Duppong commented he is finishing permits for the assessor. There are two applicants for the Planning & Zoning Board opening. He has been assisting Public Works in arranging for contractors with extra snow removal equipment and he commented on snow piles and areas of concern.

Ferebee presented a raffle permit for the Roughrider Motorcycle Club on June 17, 2017. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Keller to approve the raffle permit as presented. Roll call vote found Keller, Kelsch, Morgan, Lenzen, Frey and Timmer in favor.

Phillips commented on legislative action with the energy and coal industry. We should stay revenue neutral this year and he stated he will continue to watch the progress of those bills. He stated the Hospitality and Lodging Tax Advisory Committee reviews requests for funding from the hospitality and lodging tax revenue. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Kelsch to approve the request from the Wellness Center Foundation for \$500 from Lodging Tax. Roll call vote found Keller, Kelsch, Morgan, Lenzen, Frey and Timmer in favor. Phillips commented there is an Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday at noon to review other applications.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Darrell R. Bjerke, Mayor

Heather Ferebee, Auditor

Check Range: 34734 to 34846

Payroll Check Range: -80770 to -80689

Employees	108,884.50
FIT	12,659.02
New York Life 457b	1,050.00

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SDU	527.08
MN Child Support	575.62
Garnishment	265.45
FIT	24,807.06
SDU	178.16
MN Child Support	575.62
Garnishment	265.45
NDPERS	26,470.08
ALFAC	792.06
Bronson's Marketplace	57.71
MDU	14146.22
Ben Newman	385.00
North Dakota One Call Inc.	97.65
HAWKINS INC	1139.24
USA Blue Book	431.08
ND Water Users Association	300.00
Downtown Gas & Auto	5418.74
Solem Law Office	4603.60
West River Telephone	1720.77
Mercer County Treasurer	12674.16
NAPA Auto Parts	515.57
BHG, Inc.	1944.66
Verizon Wireless	527.21
Information Technology Dept.	185.10
Solem Law Office	3000.00
Kurt Zazeski	173.00
Unlimited Excavation	6564.50
ND Rural Water Systems Assoc	230.00
Master Construction	4000.00
Postmaster	215.00
Solem Law Office	20929.00
Jayden Aadnes	100.00
Hannah Baranick	100.00
Whitney Hatzenbuhler	50.00
Ciara Hausauer	150.00
Cheyenne Heidel	50.00
Alex Krebs	150.00
Jenna Michel	200.00
Hannah Obrigewitch	250.00
Emily Ripplinger	200.00
Abrielle Schantz	150.00
Caitlyn Schutt	50.00
Morgan Tomchuk	200.00

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Erin Walcker	50.00
West River Telephone	100.54
J & M Hardware Inc.	442.85
North Dakota Dept. of Health	80.00
Loren Wiest	560.00
AmeriPride Linen & Apparel Serv.	346.58
Farmers Union Oil Company	3854.40
Mainstay Funds	5823.08
New York Life	1751.39
Roughrider Electric Coop Inc.	3004.74
Interstate Engineering, Inc.	16244.54
Kailey Zahn	50.00
Baker & Taylor	576.14
Ingram Library Services	585.57
Bismarck Tribune	276.74
RDJ Specialties	228.79
Cengage Learning	40.10
Beulah Chamber of Commerce	55.00
Hazen Welding	242.50
Ver-Tech, Inc.	278.57
Lignite Tire	119.95
Expressway Inn	162.00
Neuberger Oil Co.	500.00
Uniform Center	117.97
Postmaster	292.19
NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	65.00
Beulah Airport Authority	44.44
Beulah Park District	42569.70
Skeels Electric Co.	684.18
Custer Health	50.00
Ben Newman	507.50
Ethanol Products LLC	1715.76
Stein's Inc.	261.04
Bill Barth Ford	487.60
Butler Machinery Company	778.46
Lonny Buchmann	100.00
Pekas Precision Lawn Care	700.00
Moore Engineering, Inc.	343013.28
Beulah Airport Authority	20000.00
Bechtold Paving Inc.	854.46
Bituminous Paving Inc.	12071.45
Bituminous Paving Inc.	15621.92

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Solem Law Office	11235.49
Solem Law Office	6048.48
Solem Law Office	6671.79
SIRCHIE	153.02
Quill Corporation	12.98
Perreault Construction	1600.00
Frank Senn	31.50
Kurt Zazeski	140.00
Christopher Bailey	2.77
Alan Kok	442.25
Beulah Theater Apartments	50.00
BHG, Inc.	157.28
Cardmember Service	1613.83
Cengage Learning	26.47
Dakota Supply Group	574.68
Hazen Welding	95.00
Lee Ray Allmendinger	50.00
Loy Ham	28.65
NAEIR	43.75
Quill Corporation	138.67
Rebekah Kjos	90.40
Stein's Inc.	108.76
US Bank	655.77
MailFinance	441.87
Wanzek Construction, Inc.	10000.00
Beulah JDA	42959.12
Darrell R Bjerke	90.40
Postmaster	368.11