

The regular Beulah City Council meeting of November 20, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Darrell Bjerke.

Present: Clyde Schulz, Joel Morgan, Eric Hoffer, Ben Lenzen

Absent: Travis Frey, Kathy Kelsch, Brant Keller, Kelsey Timmer

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Charles Hankins, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Water/Wastewater Foreman Gary Neuberger, Economic Development Director John Phillips, James Knutson, AE2S Project Manager Todd Norton, Kate Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Schulz made a motion seconded by Morgan to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on November 6 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Lenzen commented on the 2017-2018 snow route approval and that the map that was presented at the last meeting was incorrect. Lenzen stated the 2017-2018 snow route will remain the same as last year as approved. Approval of the minutes with the following correction: copy of the correct map will be sent out. Roll call found Schulz, Morgan, Hoffer, Lenzen in favor.

Bjerke stated he attended the City Summit, National League of Cities Annual Meeting, in Charlotte, NC of which he will report on at a future meeting. One session he attended was on City Services and Fees. They talked about how other cities collect fees for services such as street lights. For any service the city provides, enough money would need to be collected to pay for it and improvements should be assessed across the board.

Lenzen stated the Public Works crew did a good job cleaning up the streets after the snow. Lenzen commented on the City of Bismarck's ordinance regarding parking on the street during winter months and their daily fines. After the announcement last year, the citizens did a good job keeping vehicles and items off the streets when it snowed making it easier for our City employees to do their job cleaning the streets. A PSA should be put out again this year to thank the citizens for their help.

Schulz stated Chief Senn was in an automobile accident last week. Senn and the other person involved didn't have any serious injuries but the police vehicle has quite a bit of damage. The force is being covered by the other officers while he is recovering. The Wellness Center is moving forward as well as it can with the weather conditions we have had. Schulz will give a report on the NLC meeting at the next meeting. The City is having a hard time finding a crane to put up the Christmas tree. Roughrider Electric has done it in the past but is unable to do it anymore due to some restrictions and regulations. We are looking for a crane in the vicinity that's able to put the tree up or we'll need to cut a few feet off the tree to make it lighter and easier to handle.

Hankins presented the final pay estimate for the New Energy Drive project. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Hoffer to approve the pay estimate to Unlimited Excavating for \$32,279.98. Roll call vote found Schulz, Morgan, Hoffer, Lenzen in favor. The bike path project is moving along. Hankins received the approval from the State Engineer for the floodway authorization from Duppong before the meeting.

Duppong stated Jerry Reichenberg attended a Planning and Zoning training in Killdeer on how to make sure your city is ready for medical marijuana in its ordinances and what needs to happen

within the ordinances. Mercer County has a moratorium on it. Bjerke stated according to the minutes from the Water Board meeting, we made a lot of progress on the gauge as far as upgrading and getting it into the National Weather Service. The Water Board will continue to move forward with the gauge and the cost share between the Water Board and the City. Duppong stated the unsafe building list will be discussed at a December meeting.

Schulz made a motion seconded by Hoffer to approve the October financial reports. Roll call vote found Schulz, Morgan, Hoffer, Lenzen in favor.

Bjerke presented a 50/50 raffle permit for the Beulah Education Foundation at the Beulah High School gym for boys' basketball from December 15, 2017 to February 23, 2018. Hoffer made a motion seconded by Lenzen to approve the raffle permit as presented. Roll call vote found Schulz, Morgan, Hoffer, Lenzen in favor.

Phillips stated he is still working on the Governor's Main Street Initiative Plan.

Schulz questioned how the Water Plant project was going. Neuberger commented Vesco and Moore Engineering were here last week. The crossover of the two plants into one was successful concerning the wells and valves. They started putting water through the clarifiers and had some minor problems as well as some problems on the filter side concerning the solenoids, so it was shut down. They are hoping to have the problems solved and to try again next week. The tentative plan is once it starts and goes through the filters, they will send water out to the community. It will be chlorinated so it will be safe to drink. They will run it for 2-3 weeks to make sure the chemicals are right before they put it through the reverse osmosis. Bjerke stated they are still hoping to be on schedule and fully functional by the end of December.

Lenzen stated both ends of the bridge on Hwy 49 are still rough. Duppong commented material was put in place but has been worn down from people driving on it and from the blades. He will follow up with the DOT on the bridge and ice on the walking bridge. Lenzen commented he would like to have the DOT contacted about a roundabout on Hwy 49 & 200. There was another accident this summer and he would like to get one put in place before someone is killed. Duppong stated an update for more illuminated signs was sent to Daede before he retired.

Duppong stated five proposals were received for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The committee will be interviewing three to five of the companies.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Darrell R. Bjerke, Mayor

Darla Knutson, Deputy Auditor