

The regular Beulah City Council meeting of July 5, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Darrell Bjerke.

Present: Brant Keller, Kathy Kelsch, Clyde Schulz, Joel Morgan, Kelsey Timmer, Ben Lenzen

Absent: Eric Hoffer, Travis Frey

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Charles Hankins, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Economic Development Director John Phillips, Water/Wastewater Foreman Gary Neuberger, Police Chief Frank Senn, Carley Haugen

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Schulz commented that he and Senn went over the upcoming police budget and evaluations. The West River Transit quarterly meeting is July 20. He commented he spoke with Roers regarding the bridge. They are working on a contract with Roers that includes a cost basis plus a percentage. It would go to bidding and Council can decide if it's feasible. The only expense would be the time that Roers put into it. Schulz made a motion seconded by Kelsch to move ahead with Roers Contracting as a general contractor to move forward with the bridge. Bjerke clarified this is to continue with gathering information and costs only and allowing the City to opt out of the project. Lenzen questioned the cost estimate of the project up to the point of bidding. Schulz stated there isn't a concrete estimate, but it would be a base cost plus about 8%. Schulz stated we need to move forward with an agreement to find out what the cost would be. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor.

Schulz made a motion seconded by Timmer to accept the municipal court report. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor.

Timmer commented there are two Assessment Board member positions open.

Kelsch commented the Park District gave permission to change the basketball court behind the Memory Park to a parking lot. She stated Public Works got this done and for now the basketball hoops are still there. They will also put up public parking signs.

Keller made a motion seconded by Timmer to approve the payment of \$629,757.52 to Northern Plains Contracting, Inc. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor.

Keller made a motion seconded by Lenzen to approve the payment of \$16,307 to Moore Engineering. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor.

Keller commented he spoke with Superintendent Jordan regarding the logo on the water tower. Keller stated the cost would be \$5000, half to be paid by the City and half by the School District.

Keller made a motion seconded by Schulz to approve payment of half of up to \$6000 of the total cost for the logo to be painted on the east and west side of the spheroid water tower. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor. Bjerke commented on the timing of the painting. Neuberger stated it would be best for it to happen in September.

Keller commented the new fire truck length is longer and the Fire Department is requesting a longer strip of yellow paint on the curb on the south side of 7th Street to allow the truck to turn the corner.

Lenzen made a motion seconded by Schulz to approve the payment of \$22,419.59 to Zimmerman Contracting, Inc. for crack sealing. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor. Hankins gave an update on New Energy Drive.

Duppong commented on a proposal from Coal Country Community Health Center on the expansion of the clinic. He commented the drainage in the area would need to be improved to accommodate this project. The project is moving along quickly. Kelsch explained everything from Cenex runs down into the area of the patio homes and the increase of a parking lot would make it worse. Phillips commented Darrold Bertsch mentioned the increase of patients at the clinic and the need for more space. Duppong commented on long grass and penalties against them. He commented on a property that came back to the City and it will cost \$15,200 for demolition.

Ferebee presented a special event permit for the Main Bar to serve alcohol at the Duck's Unlimited Banquet at the Beulah Civic Center on September 9, 2017. Lenzen made a motion seconded by Schulz to approve the special event permit as presented. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor.

Ferebee presented a Calcutta permit for the Mercer County Ranch Rodeo at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on July 16, 2017. Schulz made a motion seconded by Kelsch to approve the permit as presented. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor.

Bjerke commented a few residents are not following the water restrictions. Duppong commented on complaints received. Keller stated water could be turned off for watering violations. Bjerke commented residents could be notified to stop watering and that future violations would result in their water being turned off. There would be a \$50 fee to turn the water back on. Discussion followed on the process of warnings and/or fines. Keller questioned the time of water shutoff and Neuberger stated it would be at least 24 hours. Keller stated official complaints could go to the police department with violators getting one warning. Solem explained the cost of issuing fines. Schulz stated restrictions were already declared and we shouldn't need to give any additional notice. Schulz made a motion seconded by Timmer to put a notice in the paper that the matter is serious, please abide by the law and violations could result in having the water shut off. This would include a \$50 fee and the water being shut off for 24 hours. Roll call vote found Timmer, Schulz, Lenzen, Keller, Kelsch and Morgan in favor.

Phillips commented on the presentation on the Lignite Industry at the MCED meeting. The Lignite Industry is trying to diversify, and also discussed was the effect wind energy is having on the coal industry and the power production industry. He commented the bakery project is moving forward on Main Street. Several other businesses have visited Main Street, but they run into an issue with available sites for expansion. Duppong commented the Land Use Plan would help.

Bjerke commented on the NDLC Board meeting he attended in Grafton last week and the topics addressed. He stated at the Fall Conference will award a City Official and City of the year based on nominations. Some topics were the Census, property tax, PERS self-insurance, AED's in public buildings, and auditor's certification.

Senn commented the police vehicle may be ready in August. Pekas will be back to full duty soon. They did not receive one firework complaint. He stated he spoke with the Fair Board president and they questioned if something could be done with handicap parking on 7th Street.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Darrell R. Bjerke, Mayor

Heather Ferebee, Auditor

Check Range: 35385 to 35474

Payroll Check Range: -80305 to -80259, -80253 to -80186

Employees	106,677.65
FIT	16,475.73
FIT	20,183.91
New York Life 457b	1,050.00
ND Child Support	190.99
MN Child Support	408.39
Garnishment	338.85
ND Child Support	190.99
MN Child Support	372.67
NDPERS	26,470.08
ALFAC	618.58
Garnishment	338.85
CASH	150.00
North Dakota One Call Inc	89.10
HAWKINS INC	3173.68
Dakota Sanitation Inc	942.00
West River Telephone	3201.10
Killoran Trucking & Brokerage Inc	4752.71
Mercer County Treasurer	7419.54
BHG, Inc.	1417.00
Farmers Union Oil Company	1860.38
MDU	16782.38
Verizon Wireless	525.15
Interstate Engineering, Inc	24312.16
NDACo Resources Group, Inc.	634.79

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Downtown Gas & Auto	6723.68
New York Life	1773.95
Mainstay Funds	6459.26
Northern Plains Contracting, Inc.	349500.02
Moore Engineering, Inc.	55882.27
Kinetic Leasing	54969.00
WARC	1135.00
Giovonni Construction	22209.50
Dakota Supply Group	58237.87
Baker & Taylor	200.49
MARC	976.24
Ben Newman	55.00
William Elmore	199.00
Jim Schmit	325.00
Bronson's Marketplace	256.77
J & M Hardware Inc	1624.37
North Dakota Dept of Health	64.00
Beulah Lumber Company	79.20
Information Technology Dept	185.10
Roughrider Electric Cooperative Inc	4230.41
Solem Law Office	3000.00
Beulah Airport Authority	195.15
AmeriPride Linen & Apparel Serv	305.81
NAPA Auto Parts	900.24
Beulah JDA	156.63
Midco	206.62
Russell Duppong	166.67
Solem Law Office	12290.22
Health Chemistry Lab	103.10
Joe Green Lawn Care	500.00
Matthew Bender & Co. Inc.	98.43
Alva Plastics	548.00
Sanford Health Occup. Med Bis	660.00
Neuberger Oil Co.	130.00
Traver Industrial, Inc.	62.17
Hazen Welding	47.50
Beulah Electric	300.00
Titan Machinery	1249.63
Coal Country CHC	572.00
WatchGuard	92.00
Krebs Auto Body LLC	40.80
Sakakawea Medical Center	15.00

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Quill Corporation	262.24
J & L Automotive LLC	125.00
Lonny Buchmann	120.00
Dakota Promotions & Printing	241.83
Swanston Equipment Corp	412.27
Recreation Supply Co	4.36
HAWKINS INC	1235.78
Uniform Center	297.94
Michael Todd Company	598.54
US Bank	1817.20
Beulah Park District	40134.68
Stein's Inc	526.89
North Dakota Dept of Health	40.00
Giovonni Construction	2640.55
Frito-Lay	75.52
Beulah Park District	500.00
Postmaster	360.73
SoloTek Inc.	1219.69
North Dakota Dept of Health	25.00
Ethanol Products LLC	1799.11
ARMOR Interactive Corp	420.00
Share Corp	1132.02
Tim Hoskins	50.00
Ronny Kuntz	50.00
Russell Duppong	118.40
Lynne Wolf	10.00