

The regular Beulah City Council meeting of September 18, 2017 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Beulah City Hall by Mayor Darrell Bjerke.

Present: Brant Keller, Kelsey Timmer, Clyde Schulz, Joel Morgan

Absent: Kathy Kelsch, Ben Lenzen, Travis Frey, Eric Hoffer

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Charles Hankins, City Coordinator Russell Duppong, Public Works Foreman Kenny Yeager, Water/Wastewater Foreman Gary Neuberger, Police Chief Frank Senn, Economic Development Director John Phillips, Gaylen Sailer, Kate Johnson

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Keller made a motion seconded by Schulz to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on September 5 and approve as furnished to the Council by email. Roll call vote found Keller, Morgan, Timmer and Schulz in favor.

Bjerke commented the picnic has been moved to the Civic Center. Governor Burgum will be in Beulah tomorrow for a tour, a roundtable discussion and will attend the picnic. Bjerke questioned if the City should request funds to run an ad in the Sakakawea Country magazine. Phillips stated the committee made a recommendation to split the cost of one ad. It would be a combined ad between the City and CVB with the money coming from the hospitality fund.

Keller made a motion seconded by Schulz to allow for special use permits for lawn watering in special conditions for contractors. Gaylen Sailer presented the amount of water needed for germination of a new lawn. He stated that as a contractor, he makes a living doing this. He would like to see this permit available in years to come. Bjerke stated this permit is for this season. Another Council will need to decide on future permits. Neuberger questioned if homeowners who planted a new yard could make a request. Bjerke stated the resident could put in a request also. Keller stated the guidelines are listed in the letter from Solem Law. It should be limited to new construction. Schulz stated we should support this permit request and reevaluate our water situation if more permits are requested. Keller questioned if the water could support it and Neuberger stated the water could support this request from Sailer. Bjerke explained the main reason the water restrictions were put in place this summer. Schulz commented we should move forward with the application provided by Solem Law. Roll call vote found Keller, Morgan, Timmer and Schulz in favor. Bjerke clarified the City will use Solem's suggested form under the conditions in which it was presented to allow Galen Sailer to water. Solem questioned if there would be a permit application fee. Schulz stated we should not include a fee and to look at it again next year.

Keller commented on the ground water tower repairs. There is pitting on the inside and the most economical fix would be to put on a type of epoxy. Hankins stated the Series 22 is like an epoxy, but it has 100% solids in the material. He stated it's cheaper than welding and rolled steel. It's more cost effective. Hankins stated the floor next to the stand pipe will also need repairs. Schulz questioned what's causing the excessive pitting. Hankins stated to his knowledge this is the first time this tank has been refurbished and the length of the time is the reason. It was built in the 1970s and it should be repaired every 25 years. Hankins stated the contractor will present a cost estimate when the sandblasting is complete. Duppong questioned if approval of the change order at the October 2 Council meeting would prolong the project. Bjerke stated it will be on the agenda for the

Special meeting on Monday, September 25. Keller thanked those who helped at the appreciation meal.

Schulz commented the new West River Transit bus should be in town. The Wellness Center Board is trying to plan a tour to another center. He thanked the Hero's Appreciation committee and all the businesses and individuals who donated to the event. There were 23 firefighters who attended and about 100 people total. Schulz stated the new police vehicle will be in service shortly. Schulz made a motion seconded by Keller to accept Dustin Pekas' resignation from the Beulah Police Department. Roll call vote found Keller, Morgan, Timmer and Schulz in favor. Schulz made a motion seconded by Morgan to null and void the contract for the K-9 unit with Dustin Pekas. Roll call vote found Keller, Morgan, Timmer and Schulz in favor.

Bjerke appointed Kayla Torgerson to the Library Board. Timmer made a motion seconded by Schulz to approve the appointment of Kayla Torgerson to the Beulah Library Board. Roll call vote found Keller, Morgan, Timmer and Schulz in favor. Timmer commented she is still looking for two individuals for the Special Assessment Board.

Hankins commented on the spheroid water tower miner logo. Keller commented the discussion was that the logo would look blurred if the yellow was included in it. He stated they would like to try the outline first.

Bjerke commented on the Multi-Use Path. Kelsch is in contact with the Department of Transportation regarding the grant. The cost of the project has increased and the City may not be able to proceed.

Solem commented Hicks is working on the cemetery ordinance and is in contact with the Catholic Church. The City has been doing the maintenance of the whole cemetery. There have been several attempts to contact the Baptist Church. Solem stated they are still working on dilapidated properties.

Yeager commented they are mowing ditches and lots, sweeping, they took tables and chairs to the Airport Fly-In, they changed oil on garbage truck and repaired air lines, city cleanup was last week, they burned the woodpile, and took recycling to Minot. The Transfer Station brought in \$695 last week and \$195 the week before.

Duppong commented there will be a meeting on October 11 for a Section 22 review. It will be from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm with lunch served. There is a P&Z meeting this Thursday at 5:00 pm.

Ferebee presented a special event permit for Bronson's Marketplace to provide alcohol at the Beulah Civic Center for the Hospice Beer Tasting on October 7, 2017. Keller made a motion seconded by Morgan to approve the permit as requested. Roll call vote found Keller, Morgan, Timmer and Schulz in favor.

Schulz made a motion seconded by Timmer to approve the August financial reports as sent out. Roll call vote found Keller, Morgan, Timmer and Schulz in favor.

Phillips stated the Heritage Park Fall Festival was cancelled due to weather. The Fly-In did take place. There were 47 flights and 177 children received plane rides. The bakery is coming along well. There are a couple individuals looking at the Greystone building for a studio. A plumber is still planning to start a business in Beulah.

Bjerke commented on the use of Hospitality and Lodging tax funds and stated the Hospitality funds can be used for event centers under NDCC. Bjerke stated a Council member requested evaluating bills differently. The bill folders are available the first Monday of the month by 4:30 pm and Council members are welcome to look at all folders. Schulz stated it should be left the way it is. If someone questions something, they can look at it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Darrell R. Bjerke, Mayor

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Heather Ferebee, Auditor