

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **Work Meeting** at **4:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on Tuesday, **November 22, 2016.** The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Craig Wright, Council Members Connie Fails, Tyler Schena, Chad McWilliams, Matt Robinson and Robin Bradshaw. Also present were City Manager Jason Brown and City Recorder Anona Yardley. Scout Troop 323 visited the meeting.

#### **UAMPS REPORT – Les Williams**

Representative Williams addressed the Council about the Carbon Free Power Plant Project that UAMPS is working on. In the upcoming meetings, city's participating in the project will have their attorneys present to help work through some of the legal agreements for funding this project. The smaller cities are all in the project about the same percentage. The time frame for this project is undetermined because there are many issues that could make the project fall through. The project finalization is not until 2027. The project is located close to Idaho Falls. Beaver city has not been involved with the rebate program from UAMPS in the past. Beaver City is in the Resource Project. UAMPS has a few new resource projects they are investigating. Mr. Williams discussed these projects. Council Member Robinson asked Mr. Williams what effect the new administration in the White House will have on the coal powered projects in UAMPS. Mr. Williams was not certain, but he assured the council that UAMPS will be watching this very closely. Mayor Wright asked about the designation of our hydro plants to be "Green" power. It was determined that it is a federal designation and will take time and the right connections and paper work to have this done.

#### **OPERA HOUSE OPTIONS – Von Christiansen**

Von Christiansen, President of the Beaver Civic Arts and Caitlin Williams, Vice President, met with the Council to invite them to the Christmas Play "Christmas Belles" running from December 6 through 10<sup>th</sup> at the Opera House. Each performance begins at 7:00 p.m. He also discussed the grant application for seismic stabilization from CIB and the Dolores Eccles Foundation for the arts part of the theater. He would like to get an updated estimate on the construction costs for the stabilization and he would provide the upgrades on the theater. The structural engineering study was done in 2010. The costs will be significantly different after seven years. The Council thanked Mr. Christiansen and Mrs. Williams for their interest in the arts for Beaver City citizens.

#### **CIP FOR CIB/CDBG LIST**

The council reviewed the existing CIP for this year. 600 North street project, Power Plant #3, Swimming Pool, Penstock, and Pipeline to Plant #4. The Swimming Pool, Opera House, and City Park stay on the list in the same year as is presently.

#### **CITY MANAGER –PROGRESS REPORT**

**Golf Course** – Ladies Tee Box is going forward.

**Water Diversion Project** - This project is going forward as planned. The concrete walls were done last weekend. The dirt wall side of the diversion will be raised to 6 feet. Water Resources will be here next week to inspect the project.

**Airport** – Some of the crack sealing will be done on the tarmac.

#### **POWER RATE INCREASE OPTIONS DISCUSSION**

Manager Brown gave the council members a list of the five options for the power rate increase and the base rate increase. The increase per the average home was discussed with each option. Education and understanding is the key to the success of this endeavor. All efforts will be taken to inform the Beaver City power users of the reasons for this increase.

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **Regular Session** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on Tuesday, **November 22, 2016.** The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Craig Wright, Council Members Connie Fails, Tyler Schena, Chad McWilliams, Matt Robinson and Robin Bradshaw. Also present were City Manager Jason Brown and City Recorder Anona Yardley.

The Opening Ceremony of an invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and thought was conducted by Manger Brown.

#### **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED**

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member McWilliams moved and Council Member Schena seconded the approval of the **Nov 8, 2106 and Special Meeting Nov. 15, 2016** minutes with the deletion of a double entry on the Veterans Day Dinner.

All voted in favor. None opposed.

### **BILLS APPROVAL**

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Bradshaw moved and Council Member Fails seconded to approve the proposed bills for **November 22, 18, & 10, 2016**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

Council Members were asked if there were any conflicts of interest with the current agenda. No conflicts were voiced at this time.

### **PLANNING & ZONING MEMBER RATIFICATION**

Manager Brown presented the name of Nate Harris for the council's ratification to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board for a period of two years. Council Member Bradshaw moved and Council Member Fails seconded to accept Nate Harris as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board for two years according to City Code. All voted in favor. None opposed. Another member is still needed to fill positions on the board.

### **COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

After review of the changes proposed in the Council Retreat of changing individual public comment in Public Hearings to three minutes and planned presentations to 20 minutes, Council Member Bradshaw moved and Council Member Robinson seconded to accept these changes and add them to the Council Procedures as Rule 10 and 11. All voted in favor. None opposed.

### **UPDATE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIST FOR CIB AND CDBG**

Tabled for Next Meeting. Council Member Fails would like to have some improvements done on the City Center.

### **Public Hearing for Electric Rate Increase Options**

Council Member Bradshaw moved and Council Member Schena seconded to move into public hearing in order to receive public comment on the proposed electric base rate and kilowatt usage increase. All in voted in favor. None opposed. The Council moved into public hearing at 6:30 p.m. There were 13 citizens in attendance at the hearing. Manager Brown explained the upgrades to the electric system in Beaver City in the last 10 years. He also reviewed the future projects that are becoming necessary and their estimated dollar amount. He explained the reason for the proposed power increase. The power rates for surrounding areas were reviewed. Then Manager Brown explained the five options the council had considered for presentation to the citizens. The floor was turned to the citizens for comment.

Shane Bundy - Business owner – Asked the Council to consider water cooled bearings in the plant. He stated that the riveted pipe is junk and would like to keep the cost of repairs and new projects down as much as possible. He was discouraged with the bidding process of the auction of the vehicles.

Lynette Fusco – Apt Owner – She expressed her concern with the \$10 increase being a great deal of money. She also expressed her concern with the \$300 guarantee deposit for setting up utilities. The water and the sewer have also gone up. This is a lot of money for low income people.

Les Williams – UAMPS Rep – He expressed his gratitude for Beaver City's power department. He supports the base rate and thinks it should be more but would like the power rate to be as low as possible.

Tony Fusco – City Resident and Animal Control Officer – He expressed his concerns with the City being good stewards of the taxpayers money. He suggested raising the base rate from \$5 to \$10 and have it be incorporated into the usage amount as it is now doing. He wants the City to be more transparent in their projects and business activities. He expressed his concerns with the amount of money his tenants are having to pay for each apartment. He appreciates what the city has done for its citizens.

Wade Bradshaw – Apartment Owner – He stated that previously he had addressed the Council recommended a power committee, which has not been done. He gave some history of past power management in Beaver City. He does not believe that raising the rates is the answer for the future power growth in Beaver City.

Darlene Kia – Resident, Motel Owner- She asked if there was any way to be able to make payments on the guaranteed deposit. She likes the base rate increase and would like to see only the base rate increase or Option 1.

Eric Hoyle – New Resident – He ask about the length of time Beaver City has known about the need for the repairs. He also expressed his concerns with the repairs being done right the first time. He suggested that all projects and repairs be well engineered and designed.

There was an open forum after all comments at the end of the hearing. The Mayor and Council thanked all those in attendance for their comments. There being no further discussion or comment, the Council moved out of public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Wright** – The “Beaver River Country” branding has been suspended for 30 days in order to give entities time to explore other branding ideas for Beaver County. Mayor Wright would like the Council Members to bring their ideas to the next council meeting.

**Council Member Bradshaw** – He facilitated the discussion on the City entry in the Santa Parade.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED**

There will be another public hearing on the proposed electric power increases on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. In the City Center in order to give more people the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions.

Council Member McWilliams moved and Council Member Bradshaw seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CRAIG WRIGHT** **ANONA S. YARDLEY**  
**MAYOR** **CITY RECORDER**