

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **work session** at **4:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center on **February 11, 2014**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Mark J. Yardley, Council Members Chris Smith, Connie Fails, Craig Wright, Matt Robinson, and Chad McWilliams. Also present were City Manager Brent Blackner and City Recorder Anona Yardley. City Attorney, Justin Wayment, arrived at 4:45 p.m. and was excused at 5:45 p.m.

Tax Incentives

The Economic Development Committee for Beaver County meets every two weeks. A Memorandum of Understanding is being worked on to provide incentives to expanding and new businesses in Beaver County. This group has been organized because of the upturn in the economy. There are enterprising zones within Beaver City that allow expanding and new business with less than 30 full time employees to receive tax credits for hiring new positions at certain wages. Nonprofit and public businesses also have possibilities for tax credits. When the MOU is in its final draft, the city can review it and recommend changes and additions.

Enterprising Zones

The Utah State Legislature defined and established enterprising zones in 1988. Businesses within these zones can claim tax credits from the state when they meet certain requirements. A county resolution designated certain enterprising zones in the county and city for five years. Requirements for designation of enterprising zones is poverty, abandonment, a city with a population of 10,000 people or less or in a county that has less than 50,000 population or an Indian reservation, or economically stressed. Economic zones apply to new and expanding businesses. Beaver City has several designated enterprising zones within the city boundaries. If it has been more than 5 years since these zones have been established, Beaver City would need to reestablish them by resolution. Beaver City can add business incentives above what the state offers. The council needs to help build this resolution. Recycling Zones can also be established for recycling businesses. Building Code zones also need to be taken into consideration. Enterprising zones allow Beaver City to invite businesses to revitalize Main Street and provide incentives for their relocation. Discussion continued on some specific scenarios for using enterprise zones.

Canyon Breeze Clubhouse

Golf Committee met last night with the concessionaire to discuss the 2014 golf season. The club house will have to be temporarily put back together for the 2014 golf season. The golf club project will resume after Oct. 1, 2014, when more funds can be collected. Discussion about the possibilities of how to use the existing space continued. The old clubhouse will be a functional shell.

IPA Representative

Manager Blackner has visited with the current IPA Beaver City Representative, Robert Christiansen. Manager Blackner attended the last IPA meeting on the February 10th. Manager Blackner has been appointed as the alternate IPA Representative.

City Monetary Donations

The donation policy of Beaver City was reviewed. By law, government entities can donate buildings or materials. If labor is performed, financial compensation can be made. All organizations will be treated the same.

The Beaver City Council moved into **regular session** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center on **February 11, 2014**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Mark J. Yardley, Council Members Chris Smith, Connie Fails, Craig Wright, Chad McWilliams, and Matt Robinson. Also present were City Manager Brent Blackner, City Recorder Anona Yardley and City Attorney Justin Wayment.

The Opening Ceremony of an invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and thought was conducted by Council Member Fails.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** of **January 28, 2014** were presented. Council Member Smith moved and Council Member McWilliams seconded to approve the regular session minutes as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BILLS APPROVAL

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Robinson moved and Council Member Fails seconded to approve the proposed bills for **February 4, 7, & 11, 2014**. All voted in favor. None Opposed.

Declaration of conflicts of interest, abstentions, or personal interests on any matter on the agenda.

No conflicts of interests were voiced for any portion of the agenda.

LEGAL COUNSEL – Attorney Wayment

Attorney Wayment asked that the council move into closed session in order to discuss litigation strategies.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Council Member Wright moved and Council Member Fails seconded to close the meeting to the public in order to discuss litigation strategies. Council Members Fails, McWilliams, Wright, Smith, and Robinson voted yea by voice vote. Motion carried by majority vote. The meeting was closed at 5:07 p.m. The council moved out of closed session at 5:35 p.m.

UTILITY PENALTIES – Robert Breeze

Manager Blackner discussed a letter written to Beaver City requesting relief of the current penalties on his client's utility account which he paid the minimum charges in January. His request needed to be in writing and presented to the council for their approval. Council Member Wright motioned to allow Manager Blackner the ability to make negotiations with the property owner for recapture of penalties for late payment. Council Member Robinson seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

LIBRARY TEEN ADVISORY AND CAPTURE VISIT

Ethan Beaumont VP of the Library Teen Advisory Board addressed the council about a reading challenge the high school library users had with the elementary school patrons of the library. The challenge was to log the minutes read in 20 days. The high school readers read 20 minutes more than the elementary students. Stephanie Beaumont addressed the council about the lines of books hanging in the hall by the council chambers. They represent all the readers in the community that participated in the library reading programs. The public library is a place where all members of the community can participate and have the opportunity to use the library free of charge. The more you practice reading, the better you get at this skill. The Beaver Library has great teen and elementary reading programs. The high school, city, and elementary school have teamed up to make the youth programs at the library legendary among libraries in the state.

NEW HIRE RECOMMENDATION – Electrical Department Position

There were 26 applications for this position. A third party went through all the applications and rated them on a point system according to their qualifications, education, and experience. The top six applicants were interviewed. The interview panel consisted of four qualified individuals. There was discussion of how the six individuals were decided upon. Council Member Wright moved and Council Member Robinson seconded to accept the recommendation of Lonnie Olsen for the new position in the electrical department. All voted in favor. None opposed. If the person recommended didn't take the position, the job would be offered to the second person as they were rated during the interview process.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Manager Blackner:

IPP Trip - Council members, spouses, and invited county commissioners will be attending an IPP Tour in Delta on Tuesday, February 25, 2104.

Veterans Memorial – The concrete for the bases were poured today. The slabs and footings for the pillars are in place. The Cannon and Dough Boy bases are measured and the granite will be in place the end of March. Preparations are under way for a program the day of the dedication which hopefully will be Memorial Day.

UAMPS Smart Energy Project – UAMPS Representative, Les Williams, gave Manager Blackner the specifics on the smart energy program. He will review the program specifics and costs included for this program and make recommendation to the council.

Tushar Ball Park Lights – The electric wire to the lights is being put in place. Donation plaques are ready for a public turning the lights on ceremony. A community gala is being planned. The project should be finished by the end of March.

Roads – Beaver City will combine with Beaver County to purchase the chip seal necessary for this year's road chipping. The sides of the road need to be filled in with dirt. Beaver City will be trying out a crack seal machine for possible purchase.

Airport – The preconstruction teleconference with the FAA in Denver & Salt Lake took place last week.

Tushar Lakeside Campground – Val and Ila Smith will not be the hosts of the Tushar Campground. All reservations need to go through the national registration on line for the forest

service.

Council Retreat – This year’s council retreat will be held March 3 & 4, Monday and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Eagle Point. The Planning and Zoning Board will also be participating.

Council Member Robinson:

Race Track – Chancy Carter and Drew Coombs, along with their team, have been working on fundraising for the Canyon Breeze Racing Association. Efforts for marketing the track and races are under way. There seems to be a significant interest in quarter horse racing, though there are some challenges. /the association will be working on their organization and plan on moving forward. They are looking for a successful racing season.

Council Member Smith:

Fire Board – Their 2014 budget meeting has been held. Eligibility for grants is not possible this year, but will be pursued next year.

Airport – The snow plow is not quite ready but is close.

Tree USA Grant – Golf Committee recommended some trees for the golf course. The big trees need to be ordered now.

Council Member Wright:

Roads - Thanks to the roads department for filling in the pot holes on the city streets. If citizens are aware of any potholes that need to be filled, please let the city know so they can make repairs.

Animal Control - There have been some questions about what services animal control does. Council Member Wright would like to meet with Sheriff Noel and Tony Fusco, Animal Control Officer and Manager Blackner.

LEPC – The H1N1 flu virus is on the decline. Upper respiratory problems are on the incline.

Council Member McWilliams:

Swimming Pool – There will be a free swim this Saturday from 1-5 p.m. The pool looks great with the new plaster and additions. Next month names for a pool committee will be recommended.

Recreation – After a meeting of persons involved in recreation, it was recommended splitting recreation into two sections; events and tourism, and recreation programs. They would work together but would have two separate goals and responsibilities. Events would primarily be responsible for bringing events to Beaver and the recreation programs would be providing recreation for the residents in the community.

Marquee – A policy for advertising and promotions of events is needed for the marquee. As it now stands, only city information can be put on the city’s marquee.

Council Member Fails:

Library - Library Assistant interviews will be held this week. New Library Board members are also needed.

Work Force Services – Work Force Services has a program for low income hires that will pay their wages to work or increase an employee’s hours at their present job.

Mayor Yardley:

Roads – Mayor Yardley complimented the city employees for the job they are doing improving city roads. Again, please let the city know about any potholes that are in need of being filled.

Electric – The substation is 90 percent complete. Generation plants are working at about 50 percent.

Events – Eagle Point discussed the possibility of hosting a summer skateboard race off the mountain. Biker Sherlock, a 1996 X Games gold medalist may be promoting the event also.

Council Member Wright moved and Council Member Fails seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MARK J. YARDLEY
BEAVER CITY MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANONA YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER