

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **work session** at **3:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center on Tuesday, **July 8, 2014**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Craig Wright, Council Members Chris Smith, Connie Fails, Gary Brown, and Matt Robinson. Council Member Schena was excused. Also present were City Manager Brent Blackner and City Recorder Anona Yardley.

Building Rental Discussion

Council Member Fails led the discussion on renting the City Center. Questions were raised about what rooms to rent, what rates should be used, should they be different for private and government entities, does Beaver City want to be in the rental business? Discussion continued addressing these questions. 1. The nonprofit organizations of the community should be allowed to use the building, but they need to be responsible for the cleanup of the occupied areas. 2. The playground equipment was safety certified the year we entered the building. 3. How much will it cost to heat, cool, insure, and remodel the East side of the building. Council Member Fails read some recommendations for the use of monthly rentals of the building that she had gathered. There is the possibility of having small conferences use this building. The focus of the building uses should be determined by what the community needs. Manager Blackner recommends coming up with a plan for the conference area and then act upon it.

Beaver County Children's Justice Center

Beaver County Attorney, Von Christiansen, addressed the council about acquiring a children's justice center in Beaver County. It would be a safe, inviting place to do interviews with children. Beaver County has been using an interrogation room in the correctional facility. A Beaver County committee has been formed to develop a plan for the justice center. The Cedar City Children's Justice Center will be the pilot program. They will provide all the furnishings and staff. The committee thought a room in the City Center, a former elementary school, would be a good place for a center. A private entrance would be needed for access at any time of day or night. Mayor Wright offered the group a free modular building if they could find a place to move it. The Beaver Housing Authority office was also suggested as a possibility. The group would also need a 5 year plan. Council Member Robinson volunteered to sit on the committee representing Beaver City. The council thanked the group for coming and wished them the best in their quest.

Beaver City Affordable Housing Plan

The council looked at the affordable housing plan as a general housing plan for the city. The Beaver Housing Authority had some concerns about the plan addressing low income housing. The draft plan was written because the State of Utah requires this from cities. The Five County Government Association helped draft the plan. The plan refers to all housing in the city. There were questions about the impact the plan would have on future building in the city. The plan was explained in more detail.

Beaver City Employee Code of Conduct

At a recent employee meeting, each Beaver City full-time employee received a copy of the proposed code of conduct. They were to bring their issues and/or concerns about the proposed code to Manager Blackner. There were no employee issues voiced to Manager Blackner. The council had questions about employees driving vehicles home. The proposed code of conduct's purpose is to give the employees and administration a code to work with and be governed by.

The Beaver City Council moved into **regular session** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center on **July 8, 2014**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Craig Wright, Council Members Chris Smith, Connie Fails, Gary Brown, and Matt Robinson. Council Member Tyler Schena is excused. Also present were City Manager Brent Blackner and City Recorder Anona Yardley.

The Opening Ceremony of an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were conducted by Mayor Craig Wright.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Robinson moved and Council Member Fails seconded to approve the **June 24, 2104 minutes** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed. Minutes of the **June 24, 2014 closed session** were presented. Council Member Brown moved and Council Member Robinson seconded to approve the closed session minutes as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BILLS APPROVAL

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Brown moved and

Council Member Fails seconded to approve the proposed bills for **June 27, 30, and July 8, 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.

CITY CENTER RENTAL – Burgundy Blomquist

Mrs. Blomquist addressed the council about the renting of the room in the City Center. They are a group of friends that exercise together. They have been renting a room since January. They were told to vacate the building in the middle of June. Mayor Wright addressed this issue. Beaver City doesn't have monthly rental agreements. The West wing of the building will be turned into conference rooms. The group has paid through the end of July. Mayor Wright offered the group the second in line for the modular. If the East wing is opened, the rent would probably be raised to defer some of the cost of operation. The group will be allowed to keep the present agreement until the end of August. Much discussion continued about usage of the building. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Blomquist to let her know that by the end of August she will need to vacate the building.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Taylor Macdonald met with the council to explain his project of putting parking lines in front of the BHS Vocational Building and the west side of the county building. These lines would increase the parking in both locations, increase the safety in the area, and has received approval from the BCSD superintendent. Taylor would need help from the city with the street sweeper, purchasing the paint, and specifics on the spacing of the parking spaces and red zones around the fire hydrant. He will be using a machine to stripe the parking stalls. Council Member Smith moved and Council Member Robinson seconded to approve Taylor Macdonald's Eagle Scout Project. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Jacob Jones met with the council to introduce his project of painting the tennis courts at the rodeo grounds park. He will be using an epoxy instead of paint to coat the surface. The cost for this project for two courts would be \$3,511. The funding of this project is an issue. The council has a \$400 maximum for funding Eagle Scout projects. The Travel Council has pledged matching funds for any improvements on the Cameron Fields. Beaver City would need to inquire if these matching funds could be considered for this project. Council Member Robinson moved and Council Member Brown seconded to approve the project contingent on matching funds from the Beaver County Travel Council. All voted in favor. None opposed. The suggestion of getting another scout to do the same project on one of the tennis courts would also increase the funding for this project. Manager Blackner will contact the travel council. The council strongly recommended that he purchase everything possible from local businesses for his project.

BEAVER COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE

Mayor Wright recommended that Council Member Robinson serve on the Beaver County Children's Justice Board. The council was in agreement with the appointment.

BEAVER CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

Council Member Brown moved and Council Member Fails seconded to approve the Affordable Housing Plan as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

TREES ON MAIN STREET – BUSINESSES

Mr. Wade Bradshaw is now doing business as Beaver Car Quest. They have invested a great deal of time and money in the store. The new sign on the front of the store can't be seen very well because of the trees. The awning of the Beaver Sport and Pawn hides the sign also. The promotional signs are visible but not the large store front sign. He asked that the tree on the North of the store front be removed. The one on the south is far enough to the south that it doesn't interfere with his front signage. Mr. Bradshaw had videos of what people in cars see as they pass by the front of the store. The suggestion was made of having a professional tree pruner do what is necessary to make the tree smaller and help with the pedestrian safety on the Main Street sidewalks.

BEAVER CITY EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT

Council Member Fails moved and Council Member Robinson seconded to approve the Beaver City Employee Code of Conduct as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BEAVER COUNTY LANDFILL – Mike Neilsen

Mr. Neilsen came to discuss the location of green boxes (dumpsters) at the Cameron Ball Fields. There are five dumpsters on the Cameron Ball Fields. They need to be placed where it is level and out of the way. The service district is initiating an education campaign about using the dumping locations. The sheriff's department attended the last meeting of the service district and they have agreed to help educate the public about using the dumpsters. The Service District would like to

place the dumpsters at the Cameron Park on the West Fence and build an enclosure around them. This should clean up the area and make it not so visible. The dumping company has agreed to clean up the garbage that gets out of the dumpsters. Council Member Smith has been recommended by the council to be represent Beaver City on the service district board. The appointment needs to be ratified by the Beaver County Commissioners. Dumpsters are for the unincorporated parts of Beaver County because curbside service is limited to incorporated areas. The council thanked Mr. Neilsen for coming.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Manager Blackner:

Employment – The Hydro Operator position closes on Friday, July 18. The starting salary will range from \$14.50 and \$15.50 and increase depending on experience.

Insurance – Lawther and Associates have analyzed the estimated damage costs incurred at the high school last year. They will be working with the school districts insurance company on this issue.

Sandbags – Beaver City does not have sandbags. If citizens need sand bags, they should contact the Beaver County Search and Rescue Office. Beaver City will be working on a flood control plan.

Water bottling plant – There is another company looking at the bottling plant. The perspective buyers that will meet with Manager Blackner next week.

Main Street Trees – Information from Tree City USA about trees and business was given to the council members for their information. Trees benefit the economics in the community. People congregate under trees in front of businesses. Manager Blackner encouraged the council members to become familiar with the information.

Conferences – The annual UAMPS conference is three days and two nights in August. The League of Cities and Towns annual conference is on Sept 10, 11, & 12 this year. Council Members are encouraged to let city staff know what conferences they will be attending so the motel reservations and registrations can be made.

Council Member Robinson:

Race Association and Golf – The Canyon Breeze Race Association director, Mike Robinson, Golf Course Concessionaire, Larry Williams, Mayor Wright and Council Member Robinson met last week to receive a mid-season update from both parties. Communication ground rules and cooperation issues were addressed. The water needs to be turned off two days before a race meet to keep the track at its best. When issues arise at the track, the golf course manager should be notified, then Manager Blackner.

Council Member Smith:

Pressurized Irrigation – Watering with irrigation water between 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. is a violation of city code.

Water Project - Drilling a new well is a problem. It needs to be done correctly. A survey of the valley has been done and the location was decided upon by the geologic survey.

Council Member Fails:

City Buildings – A person to open and close the buildings, and conduct an inventory count after each rental in the City Center was discussed.

Pioneer Parade – The council will be riding a fire truck. They would like to be at the front of the parade.

Beautification – Main Street needs to be cleaned before the July 24th celebration.

Library – The library Escape group sold snow cones on the park for the July 4th Celebration. It was a successful endeavor. The Youth Council would like to sell shaved ice on the park during Butch Cassidy Days.

Council Member Brown:

Hospital – The Hospital Board approved the budget for the next year. The hospital has been very busy.

I-15 Billboard – The billboard will be ready to hang within the next three weeks.

Mayor Wright:

July Events – There is an event every weekend in July. The Crusher in the Tushar bike race will have over 600 participants in this year's event. The lineup is Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. with the race starting at 8:00 a.m.

Fireworks – Beaver City is now in Stage One for fireworks which means there are no fireworks restrictions at present. It could change with the amount of rain in the future. Council approval is needed to allow the Mayor and Fire Chief the authority to place fireworks restrictions if needed.

Council Member Smith moved Council Member Robinson seconded to allow Mayor Wright and Fire Chief Humphreys the authority to place fireworks restrictions within the Beaver City boundaries as needed. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Beaver City Website – The city website has new pictures on it that were purchased from Chris Kesler.

Thanks - Thanks to city employees for all the work they do with the flowers, parks and streets. They help our city look beautiful and well kept.

Council Member Smith moved and Council Member Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The council meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

**CRAIG WRIGHT
MAYOR**

ATTEST: _____

**ANONA YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER**