

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **work session** at **4:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center on **Tuesday, December 13, 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, City Recorder Anona Yardley, and City Attorney Justin Wayment.

#### **SOUTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. – Smoke & Vape Shop Ordinance Rec.**

Rhonda Hutchings – Chairman of the Beaver County Coalition for substance abuse and suicide prevention addressed the Council about the Sharp Survey that has been conducted in schools throughout the state. It is administered every two years. The data collected from this survey drives Beaver County's committee consisting of Becka Albrecht, Taylor Gillins, Clint Albrecht, Pasture Mark Dupont, and Tammy Pearson Beaver Co. Commissioner. The committee members were in the meeting to voice their concerns about how E-cigarettes are affecting everyone in the community especially the youth. They are very harmful and unhealthy. Users exhale a large amount of vapor and they are very addictive. They are harmful to the growth of teenagers. Nicotine, kills more people in the US than in any other substance. E-cigarettes are an electronic device and are very enticing to youth. Beaver County Data that has been collected was shown to the Council. This issue is a problem in Beaver County. The committee recommended banning Vape Shops as a way to protect our children and the public. Discussion on the ordinances from other communities and the proposed recommendations for a Beaver City Ordinance continued. This issue will be considered in future Council meetings and legal counsel will be asked to draft an ordinance to be presented to the public for their consideration. The council thanked the committee for their time and commitment to this public issue.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAYFINDING – Scott Albrecht**

Beaver County's Economic Development Director, Scott Albrecht, introduced the subject of Way Finding by showing the Council a video of all the places in Beaver City that signs are proposed to help direct people to important locations within the City and surrounding areas. He recommended having the same signage throughout the county. He is looking for grants to fund this project but would like to have a branding idea in place prior to applying for these funds. This is a very important project for Beaver City and Beaver County so those visiting our county will be able to find places of interest in the area. The Council thanked Scott for his work in this area. He will be keeping the Council informed on any progress with this project.

#### **BEAVER CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 1-5 YEARS**

Several projects were added to the list for consideration in the next council meeting. The deadline for submission of this list is January 11, 2017.

- Wayfinding - \$200,000
- Power Plant #3 Reconstruction - \$1.5 Million
- Airport Equipment - \$22,000

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISCUSSION**

Council Member McWilliams lead the discussion on ideas for the helping the Beaver Chamber of Commerce. The Council offered some suggestions and discussed some of the benefits of having a Chamber of Commerce. Beaver City is a member of the Beaver City Chamber and will ask a member of the Chamber leadership to present their vision of the future of the Chamber in a future Council meeting.

#### **OCTOBER FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Recorder Yardley reviewed October's financial statement with the help of Council Member Bradshaw. The funds that had spent more than they had brought in were the General Fund, Golf Course, and Airport.

#### **SOLAR ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Legal Counsel met with Manager Brown and Electric Superintendent David Martin to discuss the Solar Ordinance. Attorney Wayment explained the specifics of the Solar Ordinance that he has written. The committee made some recommendations and changes of the draft ordinance. A public hearing on this ordinance will be scheduled for a Council meeting in January. Legal Council also discussed the Vape shop ordinance and how to move forward with this ordinance. Attorney Wayment will review Kanab City's Vape shop ordinance and make changes to the Solar Ordinance to have them ready for public hearings in January.

The Beaver City Council met in a **regular meeting** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016.** The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Craig Wright, Council Members Robin Bradshaw, Matt Robinson, Connie Fails, Tyler Schena, and Chad McWilliams. Also present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Recorder Anona

Yardley and City Attorney Justin Wayment. Mr. Wayment was excused from the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Opening Ceremony of an invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and thought was conducted by Recorder Yardley.

### **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED**

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting and the Council Retreat** were presented. Council Member Robinson moved and Council Member Schena seconded the approval of the **Council Retreat** minutes with a change to the wording about the baseball tournaments and other events. All voted in favor. None opposed. Council Member Schena moved and Council Member McWilliams seconded to approve the **November 22, 2106** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

### **BILLS APPROVAL**

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Fails moved and Council Member Bradshaw seconded to approve the proposed bills for **November 29, 30 & Dec 13, 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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING #2 – Proposed Electric Base & Rate Increase Options**

Council Member Fails moved and Council Member Schena seconded to move into public hearing at 6:30 p.m. All voted in favor. None opposed. City Manager Brown explained the three proposals for the minimum base rate and rate increases. The informational insert that was sent to every box number within Beaver City in the Beaver county Journal was discussed. The proposed projects for repairs on the power plants with the infrastructure upgrades were discussed. The three options for the increase were reviewed. Those in attendance were: Slade and Clair Smith, Chris Smith, Gordon and Sherri Eyre, David and Jeff Kerksiek, Charity and George Humphreys, David Martin & Bob Davidson. After Manager Brown finished, the following public comment followed:

Jeff Kerksiek – Business owner and resident. He questioned the other uses of the electric department funds such as transfers to the General Fund. He also asked about the revenue created by each hydro electric plant and the overall revenue for the power department. He was concerned about the uses of the funds.

Slade Smith – Business Manager. Mr. Smith questioned the difference between Options 2 and 3. Five options were reviewed and narrowed down to the three options on the flyer. He also asked questions about rebates for switching to more efficient lighting.

David Kerksiek – He owns a cabinet shop and a new business owner. David asked about the reasoning behind the rate increase. He was concerned that the increase be used in other places and not specifically for electric projects. He also asked about the current cost of purchasing power. He was generally concerned with the expenses and revenues of the electrical fund.

Chris Smith – Former Council Member and rancher. Mr. Smith asked about the impact the rate increase would have on the irrigation pumpers. He felt that there needs to be an increase with financial responsibility. He commented that it would be a shame not to be able to use the money generated by the electric department to help build the city. He also expressed his concern of over spending in all areas of the City.

George Humphreys – Mr. Humphreys asked about the estimated amount of the capital improvement projects.

Charity Humphreys- Charity asked when the decision concerning the increases would be made. The council was unsure of the decision time.

Attorney Wayment addressed the group about Parowan City's utility rates. He encouraged the Council to be proactive on their capital improvements so the citizens would not be forced into power rates that are extremely high.

Council Members Bradshaw and Robinson addressed the group about the purpose of the base rate and the fiscal responsibility of the city.

There being no further comment, the Council moved out of public hearing at 7:25 p.m. All citizens were thanked for their comments and concerns.

### **BEAVER CITY VISION STATEMENT ADOPTION**

Council Member Schena moved and Council Member McWilliams seconded to accept the Vision Statement that reads: "To promote responsible growth and economic development while maintaining a small town country atmosphere, high moral values, a positive lifestyle, and a clean

and attractive community.” All voted in favor. None opposed. This statement will be incorporated into the General Plan.

#### **EMPLOYEE YEAR END REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL**

Council Member McWilliams moved and Council Member Schena seconded to accept the proposed year end reimbursement for the employees - \$200 for full time and \$100 for part-time. All voted in favor. None opposed.

#### **JONES & DEMILLE ENGINEERING CONTRACT CONSIDERATION**

Manager Brown explained to the Council that he felt it would be advantageous for Beaver City to have a contract with an engineering firm that could be used for any engineering questions the City may have. Currently Jones and DeMille Engineering has been heavily involved with Beaver City’s Water projects. Manager Brown has had many engineering questions come up that he has had to seek counsel from an engineering firm and feels that Beaver City citizens would be best served by having a professional firm help with these issues. The proposed contract was given to legal counsel for review and recommendation.

#### **POWER BASE RATE AND RATE INCREASE ADOPTION**

After much debate and discussion on the effect of and increase for Beaver City Residents and the Beaver City electric Department, Council Member Schena moved and Council Member Robinson seconded to adopt Option 3 which would increase the residential, commercial, irrigations and City users electric base rate to \$10, and the Commercial Demand base rate to \$20. The power rate would increase from \$.0783 per kwh to \$.085 for residential, commercial and City load users. The power rate would increase from \$.068 per kwh to \$.07 per kwh for irrigation users. These changes will take place February 1, 2017 and will be reflected on the March 1, 2017 billing. All voted in favor. None opposed. Resolution 12-13-2016 will be prepared and signed for the modification of the fee schedule of Beaver City.

#### **SANTA PARADE RECAP – Bob Davidson**

Mr. Davidson addressed the Council on the Santa Visit and Parade. He felt that the attendance was down and would like Beaver City to communicate with Milford City to make sure the two parades are not on the same night. This is the third year Beaver City has had their parade on the first Saturday in December. There were not as many children that visited with Santa that afternoon. He felt that it would improve the event if Santa could be moved so everyone could see him turn on the lights. Beaver Lawnscape has been working with Beaver City for 13 years. He thanks Beaver City crews for all they have done. This year the parks and lawns were better cared for than other years. The fertilizer was changed for low water content. They have never given the City an increase in their rates. They would like to spray the opera house for pest control at no cost and would like to apply fertilizer on the McDonald Park for nothing. The Council thanked Mr. Davidson for his service to Beaver City.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Beaver City Council will close a portion of the meeting in order to discuss pending litigation strategies and the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council Member Robinson moved and Council Member Bradshaw seconded to move into a closed session for the above named reason. Council Members Bradshaw, Robinson, Fails, Schena, and McWilliams voted yea by voice vote. The vote was unanimous. The Council moved into closed session at 7:55 p.m. The Council moved out of closed session at 8:40 p.m.

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

Council Member Bradshaw moved and Council Member Schena seconded to ratify the Planning & Zoning Administrators recommendation of David Albrecht to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board for two years as set by ordinance. All voted in favor. None opposed.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Council Member Bradshaw:**

**Great American Water Company** – They are getting ready to start setting up a business in Beaver in the Industrial Park.

**Val Smith Sound System** – Council Member McWilliams has the list of equipment and will find out what it is worth. Council Member Bradshaw would like to get this issue resolved.

**Fire District #2** - The new fire truck is almost ready for service. It will be at the drawing on Saturday.

##### **Council Member Robinson:**

**Golf Course** – He would like to have a strategy meeting for the golf course the first part of January. He would like the Clubhouse Manager and Grounds Manager to come to the next council meeting to discuss next year’s golf season.

##### **Council Member Fails:**

**Library** – The new copy machine has been installed and the children section shelves are being

constructed. The heating and cooling system is excellent. The new cleaning contract is very nice.  
**Hospital Board** – There have been some improvements in Long Term Care. A new fire place has been installed and the carpet for the day room will be replaced. The hospital audit is currently being worked on.

**Santa Clause Parade** – A special Thank You is extended to the City crew for the beautiful Christmas decorations on Main Street.

**Council Member Schena:**

**Santa Parade** - Thanks to the City Youth City Council that helped with the judging of the Santa Parade. Also thanks to the Parade and Santa committees.

**Swimming Pool** - The pool is closed until mid-January, 2017.

**Airport** - The crack sealing at the airport had to be redone.

**Roads** - The City streets are not in very good repair. They are being fixed the best we can with what funds we have. The B&C Road Funds for the end of FY2016 will not be dispersed until January, 2017.

**Council Member McWilliams:**

**Beaver Civic Arts Christmas Play** - Thanks to the Civic Arts for the tickets for the Council Members and for producing the play. It was a great production.

**Recreation** – Basketball for older boys has started. The girls and younger players will start in January.

**Branding** – If there are no other suitable branding statements that have been submitted by government entities, he suggested asking the public for help with the branding for Beaver County. This issue is very important and should not delay the way-finding project for lack of branding.

**Mayor Wright:**

**Special Thanks** - Mayor Wright thanked everyone that serves on the Council, staff and crews for a great year in 2016.

**Manager Brown:**

**Roads** - Crack sealing at the elementary and high school started today. The Frontage Road by the Chevron was graded with a ditch made. All the weeds on the side of the road were removed and road base used to grade the shoulder was placed. The City wants to be proactive on repairing roads.

**Diversion Project** – The sluice pipe has been set and the diversion to the power plant and pressurized irrigation pond are in place.

**Personnel** - The City will be advertising for two new employees after the first of the year; one in water, sewer and roads, and one as a water hydro operator. Lonnie Olsen passed his Lineman test. He is now eligible for a raise in pay.

Council Member McWilliams moved and Council Robinson seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CRAIG WRIGHT**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ANONA S. YARDLEY**  
**CITY RECORDER**