

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **work session** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on Tuesday, **March 27, 2018.** The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Connie Fails, Tyler Schena, Hal Murdock, and Alison Webb. Also present were City Manager Jason Brown and City Recorder Anona Yardley. Council Member Tyler Schena was excused. Boy Scouts from Troop 327 were also in attendance.

#### **BEAVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Matt Hoyle and Cory White, members of the Beaver Chamber of Commerce Presidency, were representing this group. Mayor Robinson opened the conversation by emphasizing the importance of volunteer efforts to keep traditions alive that have formed the community. Mayor Robinson hoped that the Chamber of Commerce could help with the volunteer efforts in the community. Cory White, President of the Chamber, addressed the Council about the purpose of the chamber. The Chamber has in the past had the Santa Parade and drawings as well as the Butch Cassidy Days. The chamber has decided to put Butch Cassidy Days to rest and introduce a kite festival. It will be something fresh and new for the community and may draw from surrounding communities. The proposed dates for this event are Sept 14 & 15, 2018. Council Member Bradshaw commented that there would be some antique cars that will be in Beaver the weekend before if the Chamber wanted to reconsider the date to include the cars. Cathy Martinez from the St. George Chamber of Commerce would be willing to help organize this event with help from her contacts. There would be some reading incentives in the elementary school to help promote the festival as well as positive reinforcement for reading. Beaver City would like to sponsor and host a kick-off luncheon and meeting for all the businesses in Beaver to support the Chamber's effort to reorganize. The community calendar was reviewed for best dates for the kite festival. August 14, 2018 was a proposed date for a town cleanup to prepare for the event with a theme of "Who Cares About Beaver Anyway." The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Hoyle and Mr. White for coming and pledged their help in any way to help organize the Chamber.

#### **OPERA HOUSE CONTRACT – Von Christiansen & Allen Roberts**

Mr. Roberts addressed the council about the history of the Opera House and the findings of the scope of renovation meeting. He showed the Council the preliminary drawings for the project. Mr. Roberts has done many projects in Beaver. He stated that the building is sound and could be used for many years to come with help from the renovation project. There was a discussion about funding and placement of the Philo Farnsworth statue. The cost estimate is not available at this time. Dell Hollingshead, Beaver County Historic Committee Chairman was also present. The Council was impressed by the progress on the project and they thanked Mr. Roberts for his time and expertise. The Council will make a motion to accept Mr. Allen's contract in the regular council meeting.

#### **BEAVER COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER – LeeAnn Dalton**

LeeAnn Dalton reviewed the history of the organization of the Children's Justice Center for the Council. The history of what used to happen with young victims who had been abused was also reviewed. Teresa Wood, Beaver County Victim Advocate Coordinator, informed the Council of the statistical use of the Beaver County Children's Justice Center in 2017 and in the first three months of 2018. Child Abuse comes with a very high cost. More time and financial resources are needed for prevention and awareness of abuse. There is training available to learn about reporting and awareness. Beaver County is not exempt from abuse so awareness and education are very important. Medical equipment was donated by the LDS Church so physical exams can

be done in the Beaver County CJC. Most abuse that happens is by someone that is known to the victim. There is training available to learn about reporting and awareness. The Council was invited to the CJC Open House on April 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. which they will attend as part of their Council Meeting. The Council thanked LeeAnn and Teresa for helping them better understand the Beaver County Children's Justice Center and for their service to the community. Council Member Fails also sits on the board for the center.

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session** at **6:20 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on Tuesday, **March 27, 2018**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Robin Bradshaw, Connie Fails, Hal Murdock, and Alison Webb. Also present were City Manager Jason Brown and City Recorder Anona Yardley. Council Member Tyler Schena was excused. Jim Webb, Thayne Young, Donny, David, and Ben Roberts, Cole Sorensen, Travis Hollingshead, Kasey Quarnberg, Roger Howard, Ruben Vasquez and Colby Blackner entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The opening was conducted by Council Member Webb.

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

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Webb moved and Council Member Murdock seconded to approve the minutes of **March 13, 2018** as presented. 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 **March 23 & 27, 2018**. 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. Mayor Robinson stated that he is employed by Smithfield Foods and Council Member Webb's husband is employed by Smithfield Foods.

#### **ATV JAMBOREE COMMITTEE – FUNDING**

**Chris More** – President of ATV Club reviewed the specifics of the physical location at the City Center and the Main Street Park. They handed out the map for the area and the schedule of events. The committee is asking for approximately \$2,800 from Beaver City as their donation to the event. The Council considered the budget to see if there could be funding. The seating arrangements were discussed for feeding 130 people in the multi-purpose room on Saturday night. Council Member Bradshaw moved to approve up to \$2,800 for the ATV Jamboree. Council Member Murdock seconded. The City will provide the cones for the traffic control and sprinkler head protection and volunteers for serving at the dinner. All voted in favor. The motion carried with a majority vote.

#### **SELF-HELP HOMES PROGRAM – Scott Albrecht**

Mr. Albrecht reminded the Council that housing is tied to economic development in a very intricate way. This program is a way to stimulate housing construction with USDA funding and future home owners doing the labor. The licensed labor is still contracted out. People are able to construct homes using 5 to 10 families helping to build their own homes. It helps families have equity in their homes. This program targets medium income family. There is information on

Beaver County's website and there are brochures at the City Office. Mr. Albrecht suggested that business email addresses could be included on the website information for each business so they could be contacted quickly by the public. The Council was appreciative of the information presented and thanked Director Albrecht for his presentation.

#### **UAMPS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – Les Williams, UAMPS Representative**

UAMPS Representative Williams presented the Council with the 2019 UAMPS Budget. He was asked a question in the last Council Meeting about what liability Beaver City would have with the CFPP. He explained that Beaver City would be protected for liability losses but if the project did not go forward power would need to be purchased from another source. Beaver City would be free of any liability or financial obligation if there was a problem with the plant. The Council members asked more questions about the CFPP. Alternative sources of energy were still an important part of the discussion. The CFPP contract will be on the agenda for April 10, 2018.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW – FEBRUARY, 2018**

Treasurer Barton reviewed the financial statement with the Council. The general fund is operating within the budget. The budget from TV Hill will be amended and given to the swimming pool for the improvements made during January. The golf course will be opening in March so the revenue and expenses will be changing. The airport project to replace the AWOS is beginning so there will be more expenses and revenues when they are requested. The utility funds are doing well and no transfers have been made. The Mayor and Council thanked Treasurer Barton for his time and his expertise.

#### **BEAVER COUNTY'S LARGESCALE ANIMAL ORDINANCE DISCUSSION**

Mayor Robinson explained the reason for this item on the agenda. Mayor Robinson was asked in the County's Planning & Zoning meeting about Beaver City's plan for growth. Mayor Robinson and Council Member Bradshaw affirmed that Beaver City has a general plan. Manager Brown asked County Planning & Zoning Administrator Kyle Blackner to show the Council the maps he showed at their meeting last week. The maps showed the Beaver County Zoning and the buffer zones for large scale animal operations. The maps showed the proposed 2-mile and proposed 3-mile buffer from Beaver City boundaries and proposed 3,000-foot buffer from Beaver County residential areas. Beaver County's Planning & Zoning board will be visiting locations in Beaver County. Future plans for Beaver County have tiers that regulate growth within municipalities. Beaver City has a general plan containing Tier one, two, and three and four areas of influence. Some of the growth described in the general plan are to the west and south, but most of the growth is indicated to the North of the current Beaver City boundaries. The county mapping showed the proposed 2-mile and 3-mile buffer from current City boundaries. The P&Z will be visiting locations in Beaver County to visit large scale animal operations. Any animal operation over 1,000 head requires a conditional use permit from Beaver County. Mayor Robinson thanked Beaver County Planning & Zoning Administrator Kyle Blackner to be willing to bring this information to the City Council Members.

The Council discussed this issue at length later in the meeting because the Council Members asked questions and answers. Council Member Murdock made a motion of 3-mile buffer zone for hog intensive operations from the Beaver City boundaries. Discussion followed. There was no second on the motion and was withdrawn. There were many questions about Smithfield Foods and their operations which Mayor Robinson answered. After much discussion and review of a map from google earth showing two, three, and four miles, Council Member Bradshaw moved and Council Member Murdock seconded to write a letter recommending a 4-mile buffer

zone for intensive swine production from the Beaver City Boundary to the Beaver County Commissioners & Beaver County Planning & Zoning Board. The letter would need to state that the reasons for the recommendation would be economic development, tourism and trade, fast food, motels, and the effect on the amount of sales tax collected for the hospital. Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Fails and Council Member Murdock voted in favor Council Member Webb voted against and Council Member Schena was absent. The motion passed with a majority vote. When the letter is written, it will be reviewed by the Council Members and the City Attorney. Letter will be signed “Beaver City Council”.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Donny Roberts** – Mr. Roberts addressed the Council about expanding agriculture in Beaver County and large-scale animal organizations. There are many families that exist in Beaver County because they are hired by agriculture. In order for children to come and stay in our community, they need to have jobs. Agriculture is a place that families can make a living. Agriculture is the largest employer in Beaver County. There are many thousands of dollars that agriculture pays into business in the community. He stated that “animals exist to take something we can’t consume into something we can consume”. Agriculture businesses must expand to stay viable.

**Jim Webb** – Council Member Bradshaw asked Jim Webb about the reason for expansion on the East side of Beaver County. Mr. Webb responded that there is a problem with disease in the larger farms so smaller farms are being looked into for breeding stock. Mr. Webb also stated that Smithfield Foods is not trying to make changes in the current Beaver County Zoning Ordinances. There are state regulations that protect water quality and air quality. Smithfield Foods is in compliance with all the state regulations for water and air quality protection. The buffer zone was discussed. Smithfield is recommending to the Beaver County Planning & Zoning a 3,000-foot buffer for residential areas within the county where the current buffer is 750 feet. Mr. Webb stated there are 74 families that live in Beaver City who are employed by Smithfield Foods.

**David Roberts** – He stated that agriculture is a great resource for our county. Economic Development is a hard area to justify putting large amounts of money into it. He also wants to know how much growth has actually happened in Beaver City in the last 65 years.

**Roger Howard** – Mr. Howard does not live in Beaver City and works for Smithfield. He has an agriculture degree from USU and because of this he is able to raise his family here. He was unaware of the what it takes to produce hogs. He supports buffer zones. Encouraged everyone to look into the chemistry of water and air pollution.

**Ruben Vasquez** – Mr. Vasquez is a resident of Beaver City. Agriculture is the backbone of America. Smithfield is his livelihood. The decisions made now will determine what our children’s lives will become. Growth needs to happen and agriculture is the way to do that. Any buffer zone effects all types of agriculture.

**Colby Blackner** – Mr. Blackner is on the Minersville City Council and the Beaver County Planning & Zoning Board. Agriculture is an economic driver in Beaver County. The changes with UPS was given as an example. The changes in the railroad hub in Milford is also an example of economic change. Eagle Point didn’t open this season. The copper mine is driven by China. There is no other real investment in Beaver County. The Beaver County P&Z is also trying to make choices that will determine the growth and economics within Beaver County. I-15 is crucial to Beaver at this time. The Beaver County Commission will have the ultimate decision about this issue.

## **HONORARY CITIZEN DISCUSSION**

Tabled for lack of time.

## **IPA UPDATE – MANAGER BROWN**

Mayor Robinson, Dave Martin and Manager Brown attended IPA meetings. Beaver City power needs will grow. San Juan will be decommissioned in 2022. 250 kw in this project. Hunter 1.7 Mw from this. There is no debt associated with the Hunter Plant. If Hunter was to go down tomorrow, Beaver City would buy power from the UAMPS pool. Coal fired power will be going away. Beaver City has entitlement of 3.5 Mw from IPP in Delta through 2077 if we choose to call this power. The cost of this power is to be determined. Solar Power is fine when there is sun but it is not a good source of base power. There is no battery storage system currently on the market that is sufficient to run a city. This technology is a long time into the future. Hydrogen Injection power is a possibility to enhance natural gas produced power. At present there is a carbon tax on power to the California purchasers. The carbon tax increases a great deal in 2025 so they couldn't afford power at all. This is what is driving some of the decisions at IPA and the IPP project. June, 2025 there will be no more coal fired power to California. Beaver City will get a resolution from IPP to convert to Natural Gas. Beaver City's cost of energy from IPP should be better determined in June. Hydrogen Injection will enhance Natural Gas making it cleaner and be more efficient. At peak, Beaver City needs approximately 5.5 Mwh to operate. When Beaver City loses 2.5 Mwh with the reduction of coal fired power plants, where will the power come from? The options are: 1. Make as many improvements on Beaver City's Hydro Plants as possible. The costs and types of improvements for these projects were discussed. 2. Call on IPP up to 3.5 Mw when coal fired plants are decommissioned. The IPP plant will be paid off by next year until the gas conversion begins. 3. CFPP with UAMPS. It is important for Beaver City to stay in this project until April, 2019. Hopefully by then we will have a better idea what IPP power will cost. IPA and UAMPS have a good working relationship.

## **BUSINESS LICENSES FOR HOME BUSINESSES**

Attorney Wayment sent Manager Brown an email enumerating the City Codes that need to be amended. This item will be addressed at the second Council Meeting in April.

## **REVIEW MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

Council Member Webb moved and Council Member Murdock seconded to accept the annual Beaver City Wastewater Planning Program Annual Report as it was presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed by a majority vote.

## **COUNCIL CHAMBER TECHNOLOGY**

Council Member Murdock will be deciding on the type of technology he would like to use for City business. Mayor Robinson suggested to the Council that they consider a stipend for the use of their cell phones on City Business. There was opposition to this suggestion stating low cell phone bills and not much use for City Business as reasons. The Council will revisit the technology in the Council Chambers at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Tabled for April 10, 2018 Council Meeting.

## **OPERA HOUSE RENOVATION CONTRACT**

Council Member Bradshaw moved and Council Member Webb seconded to authorize Mayor Robinson to sign the contract for Allen Roberts so he can move forward with the Opera House Renovation upon approval of the City Attorney. All voted in favor. The motion carried by a

majority vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council Member Bradshaw moved and Council Member Murdock seconded to move into a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration or prevent the public body from completing the transaction. Council Members Bradshaw, Webb, Fails, and Murdock voted in favor by voice vote. The motion passed by a majority vote. The Council moved into closed session at 10:35 p.m. They moved out of closed session at 10:40 p.m.

Council Member Fails moved and Council Member Webb seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m. The next scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MATTHEW ROBINSON  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANONA S. YARDLEY  
CITY RECORDER**