

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, May 26, 2020**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members, Tyler Schena, Alison Webb, Robin Bradshaw, Lance Cox, and Hal Murdock. Also present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Recorder Anona Yardley and Librarian Angela Edwards. City Attorney Justin Wayment entered at 6:25 p.m.

The opening of a prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and thought was given by Council Member Webb.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Webb motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the minutes of **May 12, 2020** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BILLS APPROVAL

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Bradshaw motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the proposed bills for **May 26, 2020** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

No conflicts were voiced at this time.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REPORT – CALEB MOFFETT

Eagle Scout Candidate, Caleb Moffett, came before the Council to report on his project at the Beaver City Municipal Airport. His father, Matt Moffett, was also present. Caleb showed before and after pictures of the segmented circle that has the wind sock in the middle. He cleaned the circle of brush and debris and painted the red and white identifiers of the circle. The total cost of the project was \$280 which was much less than originally proposed. They didn't need as much red paint. The Council thanked Caleb for his hard work. It was a very well-done project and is a great improvement to that area.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Robinson welcomed all in attendance. Those in attendance were Wade Bradshaw and City Librarian Angela Edwards. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to move into public hearing to hear comment on the proposed FY2021 budget. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council moved into public hearing at 6:37 p.m. Librarian Edwards thanked the Council for the minimal cuts to the library because there are many programs that are planned that need to continue. Wade Bradshaw discussed pages 9, 10 and 11 which were Water Impact, Water Acquisition, and Sewer Impact Fees. He had questions about the different impact fees and uses for them. Those questions were answered by Manager Brown. The hearing remained open until 8:20 p.m. when the Council moved out of public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING- WATER RATE STUDY AND CHANGES

Council Member Schena moved and Council Member Bradshaw seconded to move into public hearing to hear public comment on the proposed water rate changes. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council moved into public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Matt Kennedy from RCAC attended by electronic means. Those in attendance: Wade Bradshaw, Reza and Darlene Kia, Max Anderson, and Jill and Mike Nielsen. Manager Brown explained some of the reasons for the water rate study and turned the time to Mr. Kennedy to explain the proposals and conclusions of the study using a power point. Water rates need to be sustainable, equitable, and justifiable. All numbers from the study came from Beaver City's information. The study focuses on a 5-year budget. After Mr. Kennedy's presentation, Mayor Robinson opened up the meeting to questions. **Max Anderson representing Beaver Housing Authority** commented that when a company is not operating in the black then something has to change. He asked if the expenses in the water fund are common to other water entities? He also asked if the water and sewer salaries and wages were actual amounts or estimated for the different funds and if Beaver City is using all the water rights available. He also addressed the fact that the base rate puts a hard burden on those that don't use a great deal of water. These questions were addressed and Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Anderson for his comments. **Wade Bradshaw – Apartment owner and personal use.** Mr. Bradshaw asked if there are plans to replace the lines and tanks? He asked what assets will need to be replaced in the next five years? Manager Brown gave him a few examples of capital improvement projects that are planned in the future. Mr. Kennedy explained that the water department debt was included in the rate increases as well as the capital asset replacement. **Reza Kia – Business and Motel Owner.** Mr. Kia asked if the people in the grove would still be able to get water to their properties? Manager Brown explained that the water acquisition, water

impact and connection fees would need to be paid in order to receive water outside the city limits. **Darlene Kia** was concerned about local businesses that have the majority of their business for only 6 months of the year and the impact it would have on them. **Jill Nielsen – Business owner of local car washes.** Mrs. Nielsen is a residential water user as well as a business owner. She stated that with the proposed rates her businesses will have a large increase. She asked if every business was paying a water bill at a commercial rate? She was concerned with small businesses and the effect the higher rates would have on them. Mr. Kennedy and Mayor Robinson explained that the proposed rates were focusing on the larger water users paying for what they use. Mayor Robinson thanked the participants for their comments. These rates are not finalized. The estimated date for the new rates to be effective is July 1, 2020. If there are any additional comments, they can be made in the City Office. This study has been looked at over many months. Businesses will be increased over time in a tier level not all now. There being no further comments, the Council moved out of public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

BEAVER CITY APP – CHESTON DAVIS

Kiara Nielsen and Cheston Davis presented and discussed the upcoming Beaver City Deals App. They presented many ideas about the use of the App and what it looks like. The first call to action is to get the social media up and running. Influencers and bloggers are a way to increase the information media. Beaver City needs to list all historical sites, recreation options and locations for people to visit. The App is a way to promote businesses and offer incentives for people to visit their establishment. There will be updates weekly or monthly as necessary. After the APP is up, it should be easy to maintain. The initial creation will be the most time consuming. Some marketing strategies were discussed. Businesses will have some free coupons and deals for their business which will give them publicity and exposure on the App. Some of the special features could be mountain bike rides with guide, Dutch oven evenings, trail ride with the Mayor, etc. The geo fencing will be finished by the developers. The City will need to get a person trained to use the App so the marketing can begin. The Council was excited to see and hear the presentation. They thanked Kiera and Cheston for their time and expertise in the development of this App.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS AND BEAVER CITY RECREATION

SU Baseball is sponsoring a baseball tournament this weekend, Friday and Saturday that will consist of 39 Teams. The Beaver Bash will be held June 12 and 13 with 53 teams attending. SU Baseball is running this tournament for Beaver City. They have published protocols including a hold harmless waiver that will be required for each individual. The waiver has been modified for recreation team use in Beaver City as well as being required for all SU Baseball sponsored tournaments. SU Baseball rules are not hard to follow. They want all participants and spectators to be healthy. The Summer Smash Softball Tournament will be held on June 26 and 27 with an undetermined number of teams at present. Local businesses need to be notified of the tournament schedule. The use of concessions stands was questioned. There is a liability with concessions if strict procedures are not followed according to the Governor's guidelines. The Crusher in the Tushar bike race has been cancelled for 2020.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION PLANS

Council Member Bradshaw commented that with the COVID-19 recommendations as they are now the foam machine, hotdogs and parade would probably not happen. His suggestion was to have only the fireworks show. If there was a band, the right band may be a big enough draw for people. A free swim and fireworks would be what we should do if nothing changes between now and July 4. A final decision will be made at the next council meeting.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION GRANT

Jim Beard – IOOF Lodge is on Main Street. Mr. Beard expressed his thanks to the city for the beautiful cemetery. He gave some background on the Odd Fellows Organization in Beaver. He stated that two scholarships were presented to graduating seniors who were Kevin Willden's grandchildren. Mr. Willden was the leader of the Odd Fellows in Beaver for many years. Now they are in the process of painting the building. The roof was fixed and it used most of the money they had for the organization. The upper portion of the building has been rented for dance companies. It has a wood floor that is great for dancing. That is where the operating money was collected to run the organization in the past. The IOOF organization used to be a big deal and are again trying to participate in community activities. They are sponsoring a baseball team this year. Manager Brown recommended that the Council approve the grant application pending the presentation of invoices. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Bradshaw seconded to approve the IOOF grant application up to \$2,000 for their project upon presentation of their receipts. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Beaver Sport and Pawn Building Painting – The grant application for the Beaver Sport and

Pawn painting project was presented with receipts. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the \$477.00 payment for the beautification grant to Beaver Sport and Pawn. All voted in favor. None opposed. The exterior of the building is a great asset to our community.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Trash district – Council Member Bradshaw informed the Council that no longer can tires be buried in the landfill. The landfill will take tires to a separate place to pile then recycle them with help from the State of Utah for the recycling costs.

Water Rates Discussion - Council Member Schena told the Council members that he had looked up water rates for a few different communities. They were all so different with so many variations that it is too hard to compare our valley with other water companies. There was discussion about base rates and the cost of what it costs to put water in a home for a month.

CLOSED SESSION

The Council closed a portion of their meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to move into closed session for the above-mentioned reason. Council Members Bradshaw, Schena, Webb, Murdock and Cox voted yea by voice vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council entered closed session at 9:45 p.m. They moved out at 10:02 p.m.

Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. The next scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.



APPROVED: _____
MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANONA S. YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER