

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session at 5:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday, September 22, 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 and City Recorder Anona Yardley. City Attorney Justin Wayment entered the meeting at 5:43 p.m. City Librarian Angela Edwards and Dennis Draleau, Founder and CEO of Polymule, were also present.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Council closed a portion of their meeting 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 Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Webb seconded to move into closed session for the above-mentioned reason. Council Members Cox, Murdock, Webb, Schena, Bradshaw voted yea by voice vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council entered closed session at 5:25 p.m. They moved out at 6:18 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the minutes of **September 8, 2020** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BILLS APPROVAL

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Cox motioned and Council Member Bradshaw seconded to approve the proposed bills for **June 30, September 9,10,15 & 17, 2020** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

SORENSEN ENGINEERING – TED SORENSON

Manager Brown introduced Ted and George Sorenson who have been working with David Martin to optimize Hydropower Plant #2. Preliminary findings show that production could double if a modern turbine/generator was installed. First Ted commented that the original Plant #2 could stay as it is currently functioning as a museum and monument to those who constructed it and would serve as a visitation area. He also explained the reasons for the rebuild project are: 1. The controls in the plant are obsolete and can't be replaced. 2. Energy production could double with a new, efficient turbine that can fully utilize the water flow at Plant #2. The proposed plan is to construct an approximately 30 square foot metal building with a concrete floor. It would take approximately 10 years to pay back the investment cost of this project with the increased energy production. The existing pipeline would not be replaced at this time because it is sufficient for pressure and stream flow, but will need to be replaced eventually.

Superintendent Martin explained the differences in the construction of Plant #3 and the proposed Plant #2 rebuild. Discussion continued about how to progress with the entire hydropower system. It was decided that the city would be better to rebuild Plant #2 and then make enough money to pay the bond off in 10 years and then save money to start replacing the penstock pipe into Plant #4. The USDA Forest Service has issued a letter of support for this project. The new building would be inside the existing right-of-way. The fence would need to be extended around the building and the dumpsters. The Council asked questions of Ted and George of which they received sufficient information to agree to move forward with the project. Manager Brown and Council Members thanked Ted and George Sorenson for coming to present the project for the new Hydropower Plant #2. Manager Brown informed the Council that the City has already applied for a 50/50 WaterSmart Grant. It is anticipated the City could approach CIB or refinance our existing electrical bond.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CIB FUNDING OF BEAR SPRING PROJECT

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Robinson welcomed all in attendance to the public hearing to receive public comments on the scope of the proposed Bear Spring Culinary Water Project and proposed funding. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to move into public hearing for the purpose of discussing the scope of work and funding of the Bear Spring Water Development Project. Council Members Cox, Murdock, Webb, Schena, and Bradshaw voted yea by roll call vote. The motioned passed with a unanimous vote. The council entered public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Those in attendance were Les Williams, Angela Edwards and Brian Harris. Mayor Robinson asked Manger Brown to explained the scope of the project with estimated costs. Manager Brown explained that the Baker Canyon Springs flow has diminished since 2012 and at the peak flow times the springs flow are not enough to provide for the City and the wells are continually pumping to provide water to our community. For this reason, Beaver

City needs to develop spring sources to provide sufficient water flow to maintain the quality of water and reduce pumping. The Bear Canyon spring is a gravity flow spring that has been monitored for three years to determine the flow quantities. Beaver City has been working with the USDA Forest Service to acquire the necessary right-of-way to develop the spring. Jones and DeMille Engineering has prepared the scope of the project with estimated costs. The Bear Canyon Spring project includes install approximately 5,000 feet of 6-inch HDPE spring transmission line to connect to the existing pipe that conveys water to the city, and constructing a well building around the Head House Well. Constructing a building around the Head House Well will enable the City to utilize the well during the winter months without the fear of the pipes freezing, which also increases the amount of higher quality water delivered. This building could be removed from the project if the total funding is not available. Zions bank has also provided information for Beaver City's CIB application for approximately \$1,000,000 which is a 50/50% request. This amount could be funded with grant and/or loan money at an interest rate of 1% to 2.5% as CIB money is available. The application will go to CIB on October 1, 2020 for the third trimester funding requests. With the development of the spring, Beaver City residents would have sufficient water to cover projected growth. Mayor Robinson asked if there was any public comment and left the public meeting open in order to receive any public comment. There being no public comment, the Council moved out of public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

CFPP DISCUSSION AND ACTION IF REQUIRED – LES WILLIAMS

Beaver City UAMPS Representative, Les Williams, explained that there is 100% reimbursement of all the money that Beaver City has paid into the project if there is a fatal flaw with the CFPP up to April, 2023. If the power produced by this project does not stay within the \$55 per MW range, this would be an Economic Test failure which would be a fatal flaw. If April, 2023 comes and UAMPS does not have a subsequent subscription, they will pull out of the project which is not a fatal flaw and Beaver City will still be on the hook for approximately \$340,000. There is another off ramp in January, 2022. Beaver City will owe money if they choose to pull out at any off ramp. The deadline of Oct. 31, 2020 is when the decision needs to be made of whether Beaver City will stay or pull out of the project. The DOE will know what their contribution to the project will be by October 15, 2020. Council Member Bradshaw asked if Representative Williams could get a flow chart of all the off ramps and the costs that will be required at each off ramp. Attorney Wayment asked about the investigation by the State of Utah about this project. He wanted to know why and what they were investigating. Representative Williams will look into this matter. If the DOE doesn't come through with the funding, UAMPS will pull out of the project. The other members of UAMPS have been considering if they want to keep their appropriated allotments of power or ask for more power from this project. UAMPS subscription with its members will determine whether UAMPS will stay with the project. There needs to be a certain amount of MW purchased before UAMPS stays with the project. If the CFPP fails, options such as natural gas projects that produce good base power could be pursued. The Payson project is a natural gas plant that runs some times. Subscription to the project is an issue right now. Mr. Williams will come to the October 27th Council meeting to see what the Council decides.

EAGLE SCOUT REPORT – JEREMY KERKSIEK

Jeremy thanked anyone who helped him with this project. Beaver City hauled the decorative rock from the Frisco pit. They also did weed control at the site. BSA Troop 321 and leaders also helped. He specifically thanked Manager Brown for helping him find this project. It was a lot of work but it makes Beaver City look better. There will be more rock added in the future. Jeremy asked about getting solar lights to light it up and a solar timer to run the sprinklers where there is no power at this location. Manager Brown said he would consider this option. The Council viewed before and after pictures of the project. It was an amazing improvement. The Council thanked Jeremy for his efforts and service.

BEAVER CANYON MARATHON REQUESTS

Burgundy Blomquist informed the Council that the route has changed. There are 350 runners at present. They are planning for 400 runners with a cap of 500 runners. There are runners from all over the United States that want to Boston Qualify. The approximate cost of the race is \$38,000 for the race. Council Member Bradshaw motioned and Council Member Schena seconded to sponsor the runner shirts and any expenses up to \$5,000. All voted in favor. None opposed. Next year's race date will be August 14, 2021.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION RESOLUTION FOR POWER PLANT #2 REBUILD

Council Member Bradshaw motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to accept the Bureau of Reclamation Resolution for the WaterSmart Grant to rebuild Power Plant #2. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BEAVER CITY EVENT PLANNING – CITY TRUNK OR TREAT, VETERANS DAY, SANTA PARADE AND VISIT

Beaver City Trunk or Treat – Main Street could be closed from 300 North to 100 South from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to have a city trunk or treat. People will park with their trunks toward the sidewalk and use the turn lane to get in and out of the event. Cars would enter from 300 North and 100 South.

Veterans Day Dinner – Beaver City will sponsor the Veterans Day Lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 in the Opera House dining room. A price will be secured to have the event catered. The Youth City Council will help set up, decorate, and serve.

Santa Parade and Visit – The Santa Parade and visit is scheduled for Nov. 28 in the City Center. The Council would like to make sure that Santa is in the foyer of the City Center, not in a room at the end of the hall. Santa has been notified. Turning the lights on was not determined as to the timing. Social distancing is something that will be determined as the event gets closer.

BEAVER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – DEVIN ELLIOT

Devin Elliott and Paul Wolden met with the Council to inform them about the services of the local amateur radio club. The club is county wide and they are here to help with communication efforts at events, natural disasters, power outages, and general service to the community. There are a possible 30 known radio operators that could be club members in the county. Mr. Elliott and Mr. Wolden emphasized the fact this organization would like to serve in any way possible. The Council thanked them for their efforts and the information. 435-310-1153.

LOWER GROVE ANNEXATION DISCUSSION

Manager Brown sent an email to each of the council members asking for comments with annexation of the lower grove area east and west of Holdaway Lane adjacent to existing city limits. It would be to Beaver City's benefit to annex this area. There would be very little cost to the city. The sewer is not available in this area. Rocky Mountain Power services power to this area. Attorney Wayment suggested that Beaver City should annex where the annexation does not pose a burden to the city.

BEAVER YOUTH CITY COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

Members of the Beaver City Youth Council were issued the Oath of Office by Recorder Yardley. The new members are: Ky and Avery Brown, Kaylee Hafen, Kashden Limb, Katlynn Limb, Kenzlee Carter, Jacob Almeida, BraKail Boger, Ty Young, Nate Benson, Jake Eichorn, Alyssa Smith, Crayton Hollingshead, Caden Carter, Jonathan Webb, and Madi Robinson. Family members attended and refreshments were served.

CONSENT ITEMS: BHS Basketball Donatin, Beaver Christmas Festival Donation:

Primary Children's Medical Center

Council Member Bradshaw motioned and Council Member Webb seconded to approve \$100 for BHS Basketball Team and \$400 for the Beaver Christmas Festival for Primary Children's Hospital. All voted in favor. None opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Harris – He stated that he is in favor of nuclear power and would like to see more of it in the United States. His concern with this project is the new technology and cost of construction. He questioned the amount of the insurance bond that would allow NuScale to pay back the participants funding in case of a fatal flaw. DOE will be financing approximately 25% over a 9-year period. UAMPS wants to be able to have at least six reactors built in order to make a return on their investment. Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Harris for his comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to enter closed session to discuss eminent or pending litigation. Council Members Cox, Murdock, Webb, Schena and Bradshaw voted in favor. The vote was unanimous. The Council moved into closed session at 8:22 p.m. They moved out of closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Council Member Cox motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.



APPROVED: _____
MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANONA S. YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER

