

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, October 27, 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. UAMPS Representative Les Williams and David Martin, Beaver City Electric Superintendent.

UAMPS CARBON FREE POWER PROJECT DISCUSSION

Les Williams, Beaver City's UAMPS Representative, explained that he received an email from UAMPS today. He sent the Council Members and Mayor the CFPP information. The deadline for a decision on staying or leaving the project is Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. UAMPS members who have left the project are Kaysville, Murray, Heber, and Bountiful. Payson has a work meeting tomorrow and will make their decision at that time. UAMPS subscription is down to around 113 MW. It started at 213 MW for UAMPS member participation. Last week at the UAMPS meetings a decision was made by the board that after the 31st those left in the CFPP will have the opportunity to get out if they choose, before Nov. 11. As of today, the project lacks enough subscription. If the project is unable to get the subscription needed, it would raise the amount of money Beaver City would be liable for if they stay in. If the project gains enough subscription, the amount of liability to Beaver City would decrease. The Jump program has gone away so an additional amount of power available to Beaver City as part of that program is no longer available. Beaver City is in this project for 2.1 MW. Many of the UAMPS members leave their margin and deficit payment in the UAMPS reserves to pay for emergencies like our portion of the cost for this project. The DOE money has been appropriated. The price for power from this project is still \$55/MW. The worst-case scenario is if Beaver City leaves the project, our liability in the project would be \$44,000 and we would have twelve months to pay that back. If we stay in the project, by January of 2022, our liability in the project could be as much as \$340,000 all depending on subscription. If the project is not viable, UAMPS would get out of the project which would substantially decrease the liability to Beaver City. The budget now is \$13.4 million which takes the project to January of 2022. If this project is not successful, it is our hope that UAMPS will be looking for other resources of power. Beaver City has 200 kwh in San Juan. San Juan is scheduled for decommissioning in 2022. San Juan may be experimenting with a CO2 plant that Beaver City has indicated interest with 1 MW if the project goes forward. For Beaver City to keep up with the inflation of electricity, power rates to residents will potentially need to increase by a certain percentage each year.

Manager Brown and Superintendent Martin itemized seven points for consideration in making this decision.

1. Beaver City should have no less than 2/3 of our maximum load in owned and/or generated power at any time.
2. What is the City's plan for a power project when Hunter and San Juan shut down? With the rebuild of plant #2, it should generate more than we own in San Juan and/or Horse Butte.
3. We are adding more load with every residential and commercial connection. We have two new electric car charging stations that are looking into locating in Beaver.
4. How long will Beaver City's substation be adequate while adding more power load? They are close to double the load they were when we redid them a few years ago.
5. Beaver City will be expanding our electric utility infrastructure on the south end of Beaver and on the North.
6. Electric Rates for Beaver City customers need to increase by a certain percentage each year and not all at once. The connection fees and/or impact fees also need to be increased as costs increase. The \$600 electric connection fee is inadequate at present.
7. There is the possibility that August next year could have the same effect on the UAMPS bill as this August because of the high demand on power and low water levels in the Beaver River. This caused Beaver City to have to purchase power from the electrical grid which is very expensive.

Beaver City has the following ownership in UAMPS projects: CRSP – 1309 kw in summer and 2633 kw in winter. Hunter – 1784 kw. San Juan – 200 kw. IPA – 0.413% entitlement of output which we are not currently taking. Red Mesa (solar) – 250 kw. Horse Butte (wind) – 200 kw. Pool – 2.56% per capita allocation. Beaver City can generate 3,850 kw on a perfect day and with the rebuild of Plant #2, we can add 400 kw more in the next year. Beaver City needs to invest in other power sources.

There are two options: Leave the project or stay at 2100 kw and give Les the authority to possibly exit the CFPP in November based on subscription and potential liability to the city.

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session at 6:12 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday, October 27, 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 Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Anona Yardley. City Librarian Angela Edwards, Howard, Lavern, & Wade Bradshaw, were also present.

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 Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the minutes of **October 13, 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 **October 15 & 26, 2020** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Council Member Bradshaw stated that Howard Bradshaw, who is on the agenda to discuss his fence, is an uncle. He would abstain from this discussion.

4-H AND FFA THANK YOU VISIT

Jonathan Webb, Emily and Caleb Moffett brought a plate of cookies to the council and thanked them for supporting the 4-H and FFA livestock projects and members in this area. The council thanked them for their thoughtfulness and their efforts.

EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL – ADAM KERKSIEK

Adam Kerksiek would like to start a Harmony Park in the Library Park. He and his troop would like to have the city purchase two musical instruments to be located west of the library. Adam would install as part of his project. Beaver City could purchase additional instruments in the future as budget would allow. Mayor Robinson explained that Beaver City usually pays up to \$400 for Eagle Scout projects so the current projected cost of this proposal is significantly high. The Council asked Adam to solicit sponsors and then come to the City with an updated budget plan. Manager Brown suggested that he would reach out to Syracuse City to find out what they did to build their Harmony Park. Manager Brown will work closely with Adam to further develop this project.

HOWARD BRADSHAW FENCE PROPOSAL

Howard Bradshaw – The last time he was standing before the council, he was asking for donations for uniforms for the American Legion Post #32 Honor Guard. There are eight new members that have all had uniforms purchased with the donations. Mr. Bradshaw wrote two letters that were sent to council members. He has chain link fence around part of his house and he would like to have chain link installed on the east side of 500 West. He would like to have the STOP sign moved if it is in line with the property line. He would also like to have flowers hung on the sides of the road that go to the Creamery. He asked that the council consider carefully what they do in this area. Mr. Bradshaw wants the city to pay for a 4' fall chain link fence for 225 feet along the west side of his property at the right-of-way line for 500 West. Beaver City previously agreed to pay for the stock-tight fence, which the cost estimate came in around \$1,500. Mr. Bradshaw is asking the city for \$2,700. The property between Mr. Bradshaw and DFA will be fenced with stock-tight fence.

Wade Bradshaw – Wade reminded the Council that the rest of the property owned by Howard and Lavern is fenced with chain link fencing so it would look better to continue with chain link around the entire property.

Manager Brown – There is a new stock fence on the south side of the Bradshaw property. Chain link fence is around \$10/ft and stock fence is \$5/ft. The Bradshaw's are requesting more than \$1,500. It was suggested that the beautification grant could be used to help defer the cost of the chain link fence. Manager Brown is waiting for a quote for a chain link fence for the east side of 500 West. Council members would like to wait for this quote before making a decision on this matter.

CARES FUNDING APPLICATIONS REVIEW

Council Member Bradshaw motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to distribute the second round of CARES funding as shown on the completed spreadsheet. (See attached exhibit) All voted in favor. None opposed.

UAMPS CFPP DECISION FOR BEAVER CITY

Mayor Robinson asked that each member of the council have a say about this matter before bringing it to a vote.

Council Member Schena – We are in the project now. If we drop it now, we have risk with another project. We are going to have risk in rebuilding the power plant #2 with lack of water.

Council Member Murdock – There is no reason to wait until November 9. The decision needs to be tonight. Other UAMPS cities that are pulling out because of the risk factor.

Manager Brown – What will Beaver City look like in 10 years. He feels that we should increase our subscription to 3.5 MW and stay in the project.

Council Member Bradshaw – Thinks it is too risky and the subscription will not come.

Attorney Wayment – Talked to Jackie Coombs, UAMPS Representative, after last meeting about an explanation on the design. He was informed that the technology is the same as in a nuclear submarine that have been around since World War II.

Council Member Cox – When he attended the UAMPS meeting in Fillmore he was impressed with the technology. He asked why are the big players are not wanting to be a part of this project?

Council Member Webb – Thought about going down to 1 MW and staying in the project.

Mayor Robinson – Subscription is everybody's concern. The DOE and NRC have just approved the funding which should positively impact subscription. This is the best opportunity to purchase base-load power on the table today. There is risk involved but this is the best project on the table. He recommends increasing subscription to 3.5 MW and staying in the project.

Council Member Schena motioned to have Beaver City stay in the project for the same amount 2100 kwh and have the 2020 UAMPS margin/deficit in future years stay at UAMPS. Motion failed for a second. Council Member Bradshaw motioned to withdraw from the CFPP. Council Member Murdock seconded the motion. Council Members Bradshaw, Murdock, and Cox voted Yea. Council Members Webb and Schena voted Nay. The motion passed with a three (3) to two (2) vote. Resolution 10-27-2020 will be adopted and signed to remove Beaver City from the Carbon Free Power Project. Representative Williams will submit the appropriate paperwork to UAMPS upon the signature of Mayor Robinson.

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS APPROVAL

Council Member Murdock presented the names of Sandy White and Martha Bringhurst as new library board members. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to approve the new members of the library board. All voted in favor. None opposed.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE YEARLY PROPOSAL AND APPROVAL

Manager Brown explained that after review of all the bids for health insurance that were proposed by Spectra Management, Beaver City's insurance broker, PEHP was the best option. Manager Brown recommended that Beaver City stay with PEHP for their employee health insurance package. This year there would be a 5.4% increase in cost. Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Webb seconded to approve and accept the health insurance proposal by PEHP for the 2021 calendar year All voted in favor. None opposed.

VETERANS DAY FINAL PREPARATIONS

Council Member Murdock explained that Renae White, American Legion Auxiliary President, suggested a drive down Main Street in honor of our Veterans, making Thank You cards for Veterans and put them in Mike's Food Town window, or give a gift card for each of them or a credit to their power bill. Since a sit-down meal is not possible at this time, delivering meals to Veterans homes was suggested. A notice could be put in the paper to have Veterans RSVP for a meal delivery to the city office. Council Member Murdock will help President White with moving forward for the celebration of Veterans Day.

OPERA HOUSE UPDATE

The Opera House will not be ready for a meal on Veterans Day. The open house will need to be rescheduled to later in the month before Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa White – Melissa met with the Council to discuss the upcoming preparations for the community craft fair that takes place in the City Center the Saturday after Thanksgiving. She asked the Council why Santa had to be in the foyer? Council Member Schena explained that Santa could be more accessible and better displayed in the foyer instead of a class room. Melissa explained that her concern with Santa in the foyer is that her vendors have already paid to be in the foyer. With Santa in a classroom it brings traffic into the building instead of keeping the people at the front door. There are already people who have paid for the spaces in the foyer. There have been some concerns about the children visiting Santa during this pandemic. There were other options for placement of Santa in the building. There has been some feedback from

Santa about being in a larger area to help people social distance. It was decided that the Council Chambers could be used to display Santa. This would allow for easy access and exit for flow of traffic. It would also bring people into the building for them to see the vendors and their items for sale.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Bradshaw 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 8:48 p.m. They moved out of closed session at 9:15 p.m.

Council Member Bradshaw motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. The next scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.



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MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
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