

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, February 22, 2022**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Alison Webb, Lance Cox, Hal Murdock and Owen Spencer. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Treasurer Stacey Phelps and City Recorder Anona Yardley. Council Member Tyler Schena was excused. Mayor Robinson entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m. City Attorney Justin Wayment entered the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY, 2022 FINANCIAL REVIEW

City Treasurer Stacey Phelps presented the financial statement for January, 2022. Fifty nine percent of the fiscal year has passed as of the end of January, 2022. Road Projects were highlighted with revenues and expenditures. The general fund is operating in the red at present. The Golf Course and Airport are also operating in the red. The PI fund has also spent more than incoming revenues. The head gate at the mouth of the canyon was repaired. These repairs will be reimbursed by the state through the Beaver River Water Users. The Water Fund earned more than expenditures. The Sewer and Electric Funds also spent more than revenues available. There are many projects that are underway at present which stresses the funds until the reimbursements can be received. Many times, reimbursement is not received until the next month. The council thanked Treasurer Phelps for her report.

UAMPS UPDATE – LES WILLIAMS

Representative Williams explained that UAMPS has the opportunity to apply for a grant in the Build Back America Grant Program. The UAMPS annual budget is approved. He gave the council an update on the UAMPS projects. He explained that purchased electricity will also be high during the summer of 2022. The **Hunter** Plant is running at 95 to 98 % capacity each month. There are people who want to shut it down but UAMPS will keep it running as long as possible. Beaver City has approximately 1784 KW in this plant. **San Juan** – This plant was scheduled to be shut down in June, 2022. Last week UAMPS was able to sign an agreement to keep it on line until September, 2022. ENCHANT will hopefully keep the plant operational and go forward with the transition from coal fired energy. Beaver City would have a 1 MW interest in ENCHANT. **Horse Butte Wind Project** – Beaver City has 202 KW in this project. This project is expanding to have more capacity. Beaver City will sign up for a portion in phase two. **CFPP** – This project is moving forward slowly. Subscription of the northwest utility companies is still hopeful. The federal government is still supporting this project. **Red Mesa Solar Project** – Ground breaking has been delayed because the tribal nation protested the project. Beaver City has approximately 250 KW in this project. **IPP** – Beaver City has called back power for summers 2022 and 2023. It is a six-month call back starting March 25, 2022. The amount is almost 1 MW. IPP will begin the transition from coal to natural gas and hydrogen in the coming months.

Mr. Williams received a service award from UAMPS and is now serving as Chairman of the Board for a maximum of three years if re-elected each year.

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, February 22, 2022**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Alison Webb, Lance Cox, Hal Murdock and Owen Spencer. Council Member Tyler Schena was excused. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Anona Yardley.

The opening prayer and thought were offered by Council Member Spencer. Local Scout Troop 323

presented the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 **January 25, 2022** 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 Webb seconded to approve the proposed bills for **February 3 & 22, 2022** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Council Member Spencer voiced a conflict that the City Recorder to be reappointed tonight is his sister.

FY2021 FINANCIAL AUDIT PRESENTATION

Cancelled for calendaring conflicts.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK – PLOYMULE

Dennis Draleau presented the plan for Polymule's relocation to Beaver City. They are a manufacturing operation. Polymule will now become a sister company to the newly formed Red Canyon Manufacturing. They have had many potential manufacturing jobs presented to them because of the international shortages of supplies. They need to move rapidly to establish themselves in Beaver City. They have arranged to work through a third-party contractor to build the building if needed. They are asking Beaver City for 24 months of lease payments on the building so they can purchase the equipment necessary. They have secured \$3M, if funding, to purchase equipment. They also would like help with utilities. They would like to be in their new building quickly. Mr. Draleau provided each member an outline of their plan. Contractor Nate Robinson addressed the timeline of constructing the building. Building materials are not readily available which may delay the building timeline. Beaver City has already agreed to the site development and installation of utilities. It is essential that Red Canyon make a firm decision about locating in the Beaver area. Mayor Robinson expressed his desire to move forward with negotiations. Attorney Wayment discussed creating a Public Infrastructure District (PID) as a way for the city to pay for infrastructure. The council will discuss the proposal and get back to Red Canyon Manufacturing with their decision.

600 NORTH ROAD PROJECT BID AWARD

Manager Brown presented Sunroc Corporation as the low bidder for the 600 North Road Project. Jones and DeMille Engineering has reviewed the bid and Manager Brown recommended that the council award the bid to Sunroc Corporation. Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Webb seconded to accept Sunroc's bid for the 600 North Reconstruction project. All voted in favor. None opposed. They are scheduled to start this project on Monday.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER, CITY TREASURER, AND CITY RECORDER

Mayor Robinson recommended that City Manager Jason Brown, City Treasurer Stacey Phelps, and City Recorder Anona Yardley be appointed to their respected positions. Council Member Webb motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to ratify the recommendation and appoint the three above named officials. Council Member Murdock, Spencer, Webb, and Cox voted yea by voice vote, Council Member Schena was excused. Motion passed with a majority vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Manager Brown:

City Center Rental of Kitchen – A local business owner would like to rent the City Center kitchen

three or four days a week to prepare food for her food trailer. She would have her own refrigerator and Beaver City would need to prepare a contract for this type of rental. Manager Brown will invite the business owner to city council meeting to discuss this contract.

Council Member Schena:

Excused.

Council Member Spencer:

Fire District – Fire District #1 will meet next Monday. They cancelled the meeting last week.

Council Member Spencer asked about Beaver City issuing a swimming pool or a golf course pass to the volunteer firefighters. Mayor Robinson clarified that Beaver City would give one of these passes free to all first responders who desired one. Council Member Spencer will take this information to his board.

Road Fund replacement – Council Member Spencer would like to see some funds set aside in the general fund to help pay for large road projects, possibly ½% of the sales tax. This funding could be used to assist in bonding for large projects as well as grant funding. Manager Brown met with Zion's Bank about funding road projects through GEO bonds. Zions Bank is doing some analysis on the general fund to see if there is a way to fund large road projects. A possibility could be to allocate some of the sales tax revenue for roads.

Council Member Webb:

CADCA training in Washington, D.C. – Council Member Webb attended this training. Many youth from our community went as well to see national legislation in action. They met with Senator Lee and Representative Stewart.

Prevention Coalition – They want to continue some family bonding with planning and sponsoring city events.

BIG Chamber first meeting – Council Member Webb attended this meeting. At present the BIG Chamber is being sponsored by the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce. They would like to hire a person to run the chamber. They are considering assessing a fee to each entity to help cover the cost of starting the chamber. They would like to bring some training to help business in Beaver and need a date for that training. The Tri-county magazine is going. Panguitch has a company doing a GLAMPING project. What do we want the Beaver Chamber to look like?

Economic Development – This meeting has been cancelled for the next two months.

Council Member Cox:

Children's Justice Center – They are planning their golf tournament. They would like to hang a banner in March on the fence to advertise the event. They have a lunch meeting scheduled. They would like to provide training for all coaches and volunteers to help protect children in our area. They would like to present it to the council and our recreation staff, coaches, as well as any volunteers that work with children. The center was very appreciative of the blankets and kits that Beaver City donated in December.

Council Member Murdock:

COLA – Council Member Murdock mentioned that the URS COLA increase for FY2023 is 4.7%. Manager Brown will look at the budget to see if this amount of increase could be feasible.

Library – There are three new board members on the library board: Kelly Beeson, Doug & Linda Sorensen. This makes the Library Board a nine-member board with Doug Sorenson chair person. Addi Draper is the newly hired Children's Program Coordinator. In 2021 the library was used extensively. The newly extended internet service is now available by calling the library for the access code.

Hospital Board – It was a great training in Arizona for the Milford and Beaver Hospital Boards.

Mayor Robinson:

2022 Legislative Session – Mayor Robinson extended thanks to City Manager Jason Brown for the time spent in following this legislative session and keeping everyone informed on what was happening on Utah’s Capitol Hill. He also extended thanks to our legislatures who participated in this session. They have been very responsive to our voice.

Beaver County Tourism – Beaver County’s Tourism Director, Michelle Evans, will be leaving this position.

Grove Water Project – Mayor Robinson and Beaver County Commissioner Wade Hollingshead had a very productive conversation about how to move forward with the Grove Water Project. They would like to form a small working group consisting of city and county residents to help facilitate the planning and instigation of this project. Mayor Robinson feels that Beaver County is in favor of this project. He asked the council what they thought of Beaver City and Beaver County combining funds to hire an entity to secure funding for such a project. This would be a tangible step forward. There may be federal money for infrastructure to fund this project. He reminded the council that in 2023 Beaver County has scheduled the improvement of Navajo Trail. Commissioner Hollingshead feels that most of this project could be funded by the infrastructure funding from the federal government.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Hanley – Carol questioned the ability of individual golf cart owners to get their carts to the golf course especially when they were riding them to the course. She lives at the Stake Center Subdivision. HB 184 allows golf carts to be treated as a bicycle. She has tried to drive her cart on the side of SR153, the canyon road. She has been told by law enforcement that she can’t use the walking path because it does not permit motorized vehicles. She doesn’t want to drive on the dirt shoulder of SR153 (Canyon Road). Municipality has the right to set the boundaries to where golf carts can go. As she goes to the east, she leaves the city boundaries into Beaver County. Golf cart tires are not made to go on gravel and the motors are not protected. They go about 5 to 7 miles an hour. She suggests that golf carts should be able to use the walking path. She feels this is the safest route for carts to travel to the golf course. Mayor Robinson explained that many of these issues Beaver City has no control over with UDOT roads and Beaver County’s walking path. She may need to visit with Beaver County to get permission to ride on the walking path. She would like to have the golfing community considered in transportation as well as the 4-Wheelers. Many people in town transport their golf carts on a trailer to the golf course.

Danny Evans – Mr. Evans commented that Beaver City should make it clear what responsibility golf cart owners have. Most of the cart owners are not aware of the rules that are in place for the golf cart owners. His proposal is to have a card that is presented when you pay for access to the course. Mayor Robinson, Chanda Gardner and Danny Evans will be meeting together tomorrow to discuss the rules at the golf course with the cart stalls and private carts on the course. Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Evans for his willingness to address this issue to make a long-term plan. Mr. Evans has many years of experience with golf courses and golf course protocol.

CLOSED SESSION: Council Member Cox motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to move into closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the estimated value of the property under consideration or prevent the public body from completing the transaction. Council Members Murdock, Spencer, Webb, and Cox voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Schena was excused. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Council moved into closed session at 6:58 p.m. and moved out at 7:22 p.m.

Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to move into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council Members Murdock, Spencer, Webb, and Cox voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Schena was excused. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Council entered closed session for the above reason at 6:25 p.m. and moved out at 6:56 p.m.

Council Member Webb motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.



APPROVED: _____
MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANONA S. YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER