

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Alison Webb, Hal Murdock, Lance Cox, and Owen Spencer. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown and Deputy City Recorder Venadee Limb. Mary Wignall from the Beaver County Journal, & Jackie and Mark Whittlesey. City Attorney Justin Wayment entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

The opening prayer, pledge and thought were offered by Manager Brown.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Webb motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the minutes of **July 26, 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 **June 30, July 27, & August 8, 2022** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Council Member Webb submitted the funding application for the Beaver County Livestock Boosters. Mayor Robinson has a conflict with the sewer line discussion with James & Katy Robinson which are family.

UAMPS - RED MESA RESOLUTION APPROVAL - LES WILLIAMS

Les Williams presented the UAMPS Red Mesa Tapaha Solar Project Resolution for approval. Information was submitted to the Council. Photos of the project were submitted to City Manager Brown. The pricing is \$37.00/MWH and has no escalation. He would like the city to approve the resolution. It is a 25-year project. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to approve the Red Mesa Resolution 8-9-2022. Council Members Schena, Cox, Webb, Spencer and Murdock voted yea by roll call vote. None opposed.

CARL ALBRECHT, UTAH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 70

Representative Albrecht and his wife, Gail Albrecht, attended City Council meeting. He introduced himself to the Mayor and Council and stated that his main focus is on Rural Utah. He wanted Beaver to know that he is always willing to help, and that he and his family enjoyed Beaver's Pioneer Day Parade. Council Member Murdock said he appreciated Representative Albrecht's support with the Pressurized Irrigation metering bill (even though he voted in favor of approving the bill) in the last legislative session. Mayor Robinson thanked Representative Albrecht for always responding to his text messages and emails and for his visit to Council Meeting.

Beaver County Commissioner elect Brandon Yardley was also recognized and in attendance.

JEN WAKELAND – BEAVER COUNTY STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Jen Wakeland, Strategic Development Director for Beaver County attended tonight's meeting to remind the Council and Mayor to please reach out to her for any questions or concerns. She is looking forward to applying and receiving State Grant money where needed.

PUBLIC HEARING – UTILITY RATE INCREASES

Council Member Cox motioned and Council Member Schena seconded to enter a public hearing to discuss utility rate increases. Council Members Schena, Cox, Webb, Spencer and Murdock voted yea by roll call vote. Those present from the public that signed in attendance were: Rowland Yardley, Jackie & Mark Whittlesey, Mary Wignall, Mike & Becky Lukins, Henry Barlow, Paul Davis, Payden Barlow, Brandon Yardley, Craig Wright, George & Charity Humphries, and Deborah Thomas.

City Manager Jason Brown presented different electrical utility rate structures and tiers, monthly usage, and revenue for the proposed electrical rate increase. Costs for electrical supplies have substantially increased with inflation. Beaver City has completed many electrical projects with more project needed to sustain our hydro plants and distribution system. With increased costs of electrical supplies, the electric fund currently does not and will not support the increased expenses. Mayor Robinson stated that Beaver City is planning on undergoing a formal rate study of the electrical fund for new increases, but until the study is complete, a temporary increase will need to take effect.

Mayor Robinson opened the public hearing for comments. Public comments included inquiry of the electrical fund, deficit amounts, electrical budget expenses, bonds, electric purchases off the grid system through UAMPS, drought years effecting the City's power plant generation, current and future hydro plant projects, replacing and upgrading pipelines, and running a new leg of the electrical system. Beaver City has done its best to keep the electrical rates as low as possible, including calling power from IPP through UAMPS prior to June to lessen the cost of power from June through September. The Council came out of the public hearing at 8:00 pm. Mayor Robinson called for a 5-minute break.

BEEF HARVESTING PLANT REQUEST FOR UTILITY SERVICES – HENRY BARLOW & PAUL DAVIS

Henry Barlow came before the Council to request for utility service approval for the Beef Harvesting Plant. Henry is looking to bring employment to the citizens of Beaver. The property in discussion is located approximately 1.25 miles south of the south I-15 interchange and is currently outside of the Beaver City limits which would require water rights to be brought to the City in order to obtain connecting to the City's water system. Power line loads would be an issue and were also discussed. Manager Brown informed the Council and Mr. Barlow that he is waiting on Power Superintendent Martin's comments regarding load capacity. Superintendent Martin will be back next week. Other locations were considered with the requirements tied to those properties for utility services. Mayor Robinson advised Henry Barlow and Paul Davis to meet with himself, City Manager Brown, and Electrical Superintendent David Martin with an exact location for the proposed project so utility requirements can be discussed prior to returning for approval. Mayor Robinson also pointed out that all that has been presented has been concepts, and a building rendering, but no proposed site plans

have been submitted, which both the Planning & Zoning Board and City Council has previously requested. Beaver City is willing to support the beef harvesting plant as long as regulations are met. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Mayor and City Council to table the request for utility services until an exact location is chosen for the beef harvesting plant, and clarification of utility requirements can be determined. The discussion ended at 8:52 pm.

SEWER LINE MITIGATION DISCUSSION – RILEY ROBINSON

Riley Robinson addressed the Mayor and City Council to discuss a sewer line backup that occurred at the James and Katy Robinson residence at 1255 East 310 North on February 12, 2022. The home addition, built 33 years ago, was connected into the City's 4" sewer lateral. The residence has two sewer connections, one from the addition and one from the main house. On February 12, 2022 the line backed up with raw sewage coming up into the bathroom and bedroom area. Disaster expenses occurred and are now due for payment. Riley contacted their home owner's insurance which denied coverage from sewer backup issues. The Robinson family is now reaching out to Beaver City to upgrade the sewer line to an 8" line. City Attorney Wayment advised Robinson's to submit a claim to the City's insurance. Once the insurance company makes a decision, Beaver City can act on the issue. After discussion with the Council, Mayor and City Attorney, Beaver City will look to upgrade the 4" sewer lateral to an 8" mainline with required manholes. The Harris Willis irrigation main water line runs alongside the sewer lateral line. Beaver City will look at replacement once the Harris Willis water is out of the line. The Robinson's yard and fencing will be restored after sewer line replacement is complete. Mayor Matthew Robinson voiced his appreciation to previous Mayor James Robinson for his many years of service to Beaver City.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Tabled.

UTILITY RATE INCREASES

Electric fee increases were discussed. Temporary measures of an electrical rate increase will be taken until the formal rate study is complete. City Attorney Wayment stated that inflation has increased by 9.1%. Costs for electrical supplies have substantially increased with this inflation. The Utah State Auditor requires utility funds to be self-sufficient. Currently Beaver City's electric fund is not. Electrical rate tiered structures were discussed. Council Member Schena motioned to have a \$5.00 increase on the base rate and a 5% increase to the usage rate in effect for the September utility billing. Additional increases will be pending with the results of the electrical rate study. Council Member Cox seconded. Council Members Schena, Cox, Webb, Spencer and Murdock voted yea by roll call vote. None opposed.

FUNDING APPLICATION FOR BEAVER COUNTY LIVESTOCK BOOSTERS

Council Member Webb discussed the funding application for the Beaver County Livestock Boosters. Every year the Beaver 4H and FFA kids come and ask for a donation to go towards their projects. In exchange they are willing to do cleanup projects in the community. The donation would be in the amount of \$400.00. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to

approve the donation request for the Beaver County FFA and 4-H Livestock Fund. All voted in favor. None opposed.

FEE SCHEDULE REVIEW

Tabled

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Murdock:

Starting plans for the 2022 Veterans Dinner.
Beaver Public Library is doing well.

Council Member Spencer:

The Fire Board meeting is Monday, August 15th, 2022.
Beaver County's Day of Service is being planned. Advised committee to come see City Manager Brown for service ideas.

Council Member Webb:

Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Next meeting is on August 15, 2022.

Council Member Cox:

Beaver County Justice Center Golf Tournament was a great success.
Need to thank Brennon Fails and City crew for flower pots along Main Street looking so good.

Council Member Schena:

Utility Rate increase

Manager Brown:

Cement treatment has been pushed back a week for the 600 North project.

Mayor Robinson:

Council Member Murdock and Mayor Robinson will be attending the Hospital meeting August 23rd, 2022. Nothing is scheduled on the agenda for that day. August 23, 2022 City Council Meeting will be cancelled.

CLOSED SESSIONS: Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to move into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Council Members Schena, Cox, Webb, Spencer and Murdock voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 9:37 p.m. and moved out at 9:51 p.m.

Council Member Webb motioned and Council Member Schena 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 Schena, Cox, Webb, Spencer and Murdock voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 9:51 p.m. and moved out at 10:12 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 10:25 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
VENADEE LIMB
DEPUTY CITY RECORDER