

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, March 14, 2023**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Alison Webb, Owen Spencer, Hal Murdock, and Lance Cox. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, and City Recorder Anona Yardley. Public present were Jackie and Mark Whittlesey, Danny Evans, and Mary Wignall from the Beaver County Journal.

The opening prayer, pledge and thought were offered by Council Member Spencer.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the minutes from the **February 14 & 28, 2023** 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 Murdock seconded to approve the proposed bills for **March 3 & 10, 2023** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

No conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

SOUTHWEST PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE – MAKAYLA RUBIO

Makayla Rubio introduced herself as the Community Health Specialist. This program started with COVID. It helps people pay their rent, utilities, food, etc. If the program is shown to benefit the community, it will continue. The program is designed to help families. Makayla handed out a folder with programs the health department provides. There are many different criteria that must be met in order to participate in these programs. A community survey has been done for Beaver City. The health department is looking at this survey to see what they can do to help the community. Mayor Robinson thanked Makayla for her presentation.

FEE SCHEDULE RESOLUTION – CEMETERY TRANSFER FEE

Recorder Yardley explained the reasoning for the additions and changes of the fees for the cemetery. The staff felt that \$100 for a transfer fee was too much. They recommended \$50 instead. The headstone placement fee of \$25 was also added to the fee schedule because it was overlooked. The fee is in the ordinance. Mayor Robinson thanked the staff for their review of the fee and their recommendation. Council Member Cox motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to adopt Resolution 3-14-2023 approve the fee resolution as presented. Council Members Murdock, Spencer, Webb, Cox, and Schena voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

HORSE SORTING EVENTS – LEE JOSEPH

Last summer there were a few ranch-sorting events that were organized and took place in Beaver. Lee has schedule two ranch-sorting events this summer; June 9 & 10 and July 14 & 15. The June event is scheduled for the same weekend as the Beaver Bash Baseball Tournament. There will be many horse trailers and baseball parking. Lee asked about the concessions and restroom facilities. She booked her

stock for these dates. She asked the council what the city expects from the producer and what Beaver City will provide for the event. Beaver City does not charge to use the facility. Manager Brown would like to meet with the parks and recreation directors and the Joseph's to make a game plan. The rodeo facility committee has never met to make any decisions. Lee would like to have some usable portable panels that would be available for extra stalls and holding pens. After meeting with Manager Brown, Lee will come back to the council with a working plan. She is also going to check with the stock provider and see if they can schedule stock for any other weekends in June. The council is not in favor of this event scheduled for the same day as the Beaver Bash. It was recommended to Lee that she reschedule this event for another weekend.

CEMETERY ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Robinson entertained a motion to open the cemetery ordinance public hearing. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Webb seconded to open the public to hear comments on the cemetery ordinance changes. Council Members Murdock, Spencer, Webb, Cox, and Schena voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The council moved into public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Manager Brown showed the changes to the audience and explained that the major changes were being able to buy two plots at a time to help stop the purchase of plots for gain, and how the unwanted plots will be handled. Beaver City will be the only purchaser of unwanted and/or unused plots and will do so for the original purchase price.

Lynette Smith stated that she was a 37-year resident. She and her family have nine plots. She asked if her family would still be able to use those plots or if they would be affected with the ordinance change. The ordinance states that only unwanted or unclaimed plots for more than 60 years would be affected and only after making every effort to contact family before they would revert back to Beaver City.

Danny Evans commented that it seemed unreasonable to have to place a headstone in the first year after a person was buried. He suggested a case-by-case review to determine an appropriate time frame for placing a headstone.

Council Member Murdock asked if a family has plots, can they be transferred to some other person or family member? They can be transferred, but not sold. They can be sold back to the city but not to an individual.

There being no other comments, the council moved out of public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor Robinson asked about modifying the placement of a headstone within the 12-month period that needs to have some other language or not set a time frame. This matter will be discussed and a decision made before finalizing the ordinance.

Public Comment

Susan Cartwright – Cemetery watering. She commented that there are many spots that are not being watered in the cemetery. The water is going over the grass but is not reaching the grass. She commented that there is too much dead grass. She suggested that more sprinklers be placed and put them closer together for better coverage. She asked about the feasibility of having the old sod removed and ground prepared and new sod replace the old throughout the cemetery. There could be some community help. She asked about reseeding. Beaver City replaces the grass with sod. She asked if the sprinkler head height could be adjusted to go over the headstones. Swimming Pool Park – The

tables and cement are very sticky and dirty on the upper Pioneer Park pavilion. She wondered if there could be a water faucet installed in that area. She hoped the pavilion tables and concrete could be cleaned more often by the city staff.

Gates Nowers – Asked about the electric rates and how they work. Mayor Robinson responded about the temporary rate of \$.12/kwh as well as doing a rate study to determine the way the rates will be charged in the future.

EASTER EGG HUNT – COUNCIL MEMBER WEBB

Council Member Webb explained that the children get out of school on Thursday afternoon before Easter. She asked if the city should hold their egg hunt on Friday or Saturday. It was the consent of the council to have the Beaver City Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. Dates – April 7, Friday. 10:00 a.m. Milford is doing their community egg hunt the week before. Swim passes for the golden eggs will be needed like last year. The Youth City Council should be at the 4-Plex at 9:00 a.m.

SNOWPACK AND POTENTIAL FLOODING DISCUSSION

Manager Brown is monitoring the snow pack and the water content on the mountains. Beaver County's Road Supervisor is overseeing some sandbagging for people who live in flood prone areas. All the run off will depend on the temperature changes and the amount of water coming down the river at any given time. The flooding potential is very real. Merchant Valley water will come down first. The water content now is 25". Historic water data shows that the water content this year is higher than 1983 when there was so much flooding. Hopefully property owners are being proactive toward flood control. The Beaver River Cleanup will take place in April sometime. Mayor Robinson sent Manager Brown some flood preparation items. He will encourage the commissioners to contact property owners to make sure the river channel is clear next to their property.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Murdock:

Rodeo Committee – Council Member Murdock will be available for the meeting of the rodeo committee that will be held soon.

B&C Road Fund increase this year – There will be an increase this year only of \$161,000 and then \$23,000 increase for the next 20 years. Hopefully this will help maintain a few more roads and possibly build a few roads that are on the city transportation plan.

Council Member Spencer:

No report.

Council Member Webb:

Transient Room Tax – Manager Brown, Council Member Webb and Recorder Yardley met virtually with the Utah State Tax Commission to discuss how the TRT works and what entities should be paying this tax. Air B&B and Air B&O facilities should be collecting and reporting this tax to the tax commission. Any short-term rental is responsible to collect this tax. Beaver City has a few short-term or vacation rentals. The campgrounds need to pay TRT on their short-term rentals as well. This matter will be further investigated in the future.

BIG Chamber – The next meeting of the BIG Chamber will be held on Thursday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 3 at the City Center. When there is an interest, they will meet more often.

Beaver County Drug Coalition – They will be participating with the Easter Egg Hunt again this year by distributing Egg Coloring kits. They are a good partner at city events.

Broadway and Center – The Beaver Civic Arts will be presenting Broadway and Center the first part of April.

Council Member Cox:

July 4 Celebration – The Main Street and Center Band is asking \$1,000 to play at the 2023 celebration. The Council’s consensus was to invite them to come again.

Main Street Beautification – The flowers for Main Street are planted and growing. They will be put on Main Street as soon as weather permits.

Council Member Schena:

Youth City Council – The youth city council will help with the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

Cemetery – Council Member Schena will get with Shawn Limb, Cemetery Sexton, and Manager Brown to address the watering issues.

Manager Brown:

Electric Study – Manager Brown, David Martin and Paula Fails will meet on Thursday in the afternoon for the first meeting with the consulting company doing the electric rate study.

Mayor Robinson:

No report

Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.



APPROVED: _____

**MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR**

ATTEST: _____

**ANONA S. YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER**