

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session** at **4:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Alison Webb, Hal Murdock, Owen Spencer, and Lance Cox. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown and City Recorder Anona Yardley. Public present were Jackie and Mark Whittlesey, and Mary Wignall from the Beaver County Journal.

The opening prayer, pledge and thought were given by Recorder Yardley.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Webb motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to approve the minutes of **January 24, 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 Webb seconded to approve the proposed bills for **January 30, February 8-10, 2023** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

No conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

MAIN STREET BANNNER CONTEST WINNER

Manager Brown showed the contest entries. There were two entries that the council considered. Many of the concepts were good but they weren't sure how the banner would look when it was developed. Mayor Robinson would like a marketing specialist help with the advertising of Beaver City. The Dowdle Puzzle was suggested for banner ideas. The winner of the contest was the banner created with the picture of Main Street. Manager Brown will contact the designer to see if we can use their design. Mayor Robinson will help with this project in conjunction with Manager Brown. Council Members Cox and Schena accepted this project later.

PARK PAVILLION – WALKING PATH-OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Council Member Webb introduced the ideas for the Outdoor Recreation Grant. Rhonda Hutchings presented the 7 strategies for Creating Effective Community Change that she distributed to council members. The goals of the Beaver County Drug Prevention Coalition are 1. Messaging for under-age drinking. 2. Positive bonding through family activities. There could be funding for messaging on the picnic tables and walls of the city center. Lighting on the plaza could also meet their criteria. The 4-H Teen Council is considering helping with the landscaping on the Plaza and City Center block. She showed and explained the site design for the proposed walking path, outdoor classroom, and plaza. The council was in favor of moving forward with the project.

ELECTION MOU WITH BEAVER COUNTY

Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Beaver County to work with Beaver City in administering municipal elections on the odd numbered years. All voted in favor. None opposed. Mayor Robinson signed the MOU and it

was later taken to Beaver County for commission signatures.

FENCE ORDINANCE

Council Member Schena reminded the council that the decision on the fence ordinance revisions was a four-foot (4') fence was allowed in the front of developed properties and four-foot (4') and five-foot (5') fence on undeveloped properties. Manager Brown will rewrite Paragraph B and Attorney Wayment will help prepare the official wording for the Fence Ordinance Resolution.

CEMETERY SALE OF PLOTS MORATORIUM

Mayor Robinson and council members discussed the particulars of the moratorium. It was decided that for the next 90-days the only plots that could be purchased were for the deceased and two other plots is needed. Recorder Yardley would post a notification in the newspaper with this information and it will appear on the agenda for next council meeting to officially enact the moratorium.

CODIFICATION ORDINANCE REVIEW

This ordinance was recovered from some old files in the recorders desk. Clarification will be sought by the City Attorney and will appear on the agenda for approval on the next council meeting agenda.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT APPROVAL – AIDAN KERKSIEK

Aidan Kerksiek met with the council to explain his proposed Eagle Scout project of planting up to 50 trees at the golf course and/or city parks. He will also be installing the wire protection around the trees to protect them from being damaged by deer and golf carts. Steve Judd will map the placing of the trees on the course. Aidan will get the fertilizer and mulching necessary. He will work closely with Brennen Fails and Steve Judd. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded to approve the eagle scout project for Aidan Kerksiek. All voted in favor. None opposed.

ELECTRIC RATE RESTRUCTURE PUBLIC HEARING

Council Member Cox motioned and Council Member Schena seconded to move into public hearing to discuss the current electric rate structure. Council Members Schena, Cox, Webb, Spencer, and Murdock voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The council moved into public hearing at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Robinson began the hearing informing citizens about the current issues that face Beaver City with the purchase and selling of power. Mayor Robinson published this explanation in the Beaver County Journal last week to help citizens understand the electric system challenges.

Manager Brown also explained the challenges of providing power for residents of Beaver City. Beaver City is a member of UAMPS which allows the purchase of power through these projects. When the demand is higher than what Beaver City projects allow, power is purchased from the POOL Project. Beaver City is looking for short-and-long-term solutions. One long-term solution is restructuring the electric rates so the rates fluctuate with the cost of purchased power. The hydro-electric plants for Beaver City are a very positive part of the electric production. Base load power is very important and with the elimination of the carbon footprint, the Carbon Free Power Project is very important. Mayor Robinson turned the floor over to the public.

Mike Smith asked if the Hunter Plant had contracted coal for their plant. Does Rocky Mountain Power have contracted coal for Hunter as well. Manager Brown stated that neither of these plants have contracted coal. Mr. Smith also asked about the power from IPP. The coal supply is diminishing

rapidly. IPP has a coal shortage as well as Hunter. He also suggested large electric consumers get a better rate if they don't pull power at peak demand times. Electric Superintendent Martin explained that Beaver City is set up to help with demand loads but has chosen not to do that at present. Mr. Smith asked about Geothermal power. The answer was there are some definite possibilities with geothermal power. The question is if UAMPS could get a geothermal project for its members. Mr. Smith also asked about the EV chargers in Beaver taking the power away from Beaver Citizens. Asked about the timing to get rid of the coal production. Mayor Robinson answered that the timing is 2025 to 2036.

Jen Wakeland, Economic Development for Beaver County. There are several geothermal projects in Beaver County that are still in development. They have the possibilities of moving quickly to production. The question is if UAMPS could come to the table to get the project on line in UAMPS.

Debbie Smith – Asked about the short-term solution to power rate increases. Mayor Robinson talked about impact fees or rate increases. Beaver City can't supplement users for too long without having a drastic impact on the city. David explained about the demand charge that would help cover the high cost of power.

Danny Evans – Mr. Evans asked about other available programs to supplement the purchase of power. Mayor Robinson explained that is why we are member of UAMPS because they buy and sell power for all members of UAMPS.

Wade Bradshaw – Mr. Bradshaw asked about solar power for homes. The battery part of the system was also suggested. Superintendent Martin explained Beaver City's System and how it handled net metering of other power sources.

There being no other comments or information, the council moved out of public hearing at 6:58 p.m. Mayor Robinson asked that this issue be put on the agenda for each meeting until something is decided of how to move forward. The council was not ready to make this decision tonight.

WATER BOND FOR WATER PROJECT INFORMATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO ALLOW PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING (A) THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023, (THE "BONDS") AND (B) ANY POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN TO BE FINANCED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS ISSUED UNDER THE ACT MAY HAVE ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Council Member Spencer motioned and Council Member Webb seconded to move into public hearing to discuss the following matter. Council Members Murdock, Cox, Webb, Spencer, and Schena voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The council entered public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Those in attendance were Marcus Keller of Zions Bank Finance by electronic means, Justin Wayment Beaver City Attorney and Chad Limb, Beaver City Water Superintendent. Mr. Keller explained that this public hearing is required by the Division of Drinking water in order to proceed with the funding on this project. Mayor Robinson reminded those in attendance of the rules of order and procedure.

Manager Brown explained that this water project would be completed in Phases. They are: Phase 1 -

Headhouse Well Pump House. 12' X 16' building; Phase 2 - Water Grove area water lines; and Phase 3 -Water lines on the north end of town. An archeological study will need to be done after the snow melts. All lines will be placed in the road rights-of-way or designated easements. City will bid out the work. The hydraulic model has changed in recent days. The scope of the work has changed slightly. All citizens will benefit from every improvement to the water system.

Chuck Cumberland asked about the increased part of the scope of work with improved lines in and out of the city plus the well building. The Grove residents will benefit from the line improvements. The easements have been more available than originally thought. Some of the designs have changed to make it possible to have locations for the lines. Manager Brown explained that the project will be bid and depending on the bid amount, will determine the added cost that will be passed on to all water users. The scope has changed because of lines that may not have to be replaced. He also asked how long the water system will last. Mayor Robinson explained that this project does not address the volume of water. With a 2% growth rate, there is enough water for approximately 40 years.

Catherine Walker asked about what effect the mapping changes would have on the price of the project. The hydraulic model is changing as all the scenarios have been considered. As these changes are evaluated, the cost of the project will change in accordance with the changes. She asked about the timing on the project. The project would start the first of June. The contractor will determine the way the project moves forward. She wanted to know what effect the project would have on the water pressure at her location. Chad explained that the pressure would not change at her home. The water flow volume would change but the pressure would not change.

James Carter asked questions about the rate structure in the different areas. Is there any reserved money for the water department. He asked about vacant lots and is the rate for people the same regardless of family size. It was explained that if there is a water meter set on a property and not using water, there is only a water off charge until the water is turned on at the meter. The water rates are determined and set by the fee schedule. The bond payment will be made by the water users through city utility billing. Manager Brown commented that Beaver City recently developed a spring for over \$1,000,000 and didn't raise anyone's bill. The recommended amount for raising the rates by the Division of Drinking Water is more than what is anticipated as determined by the scope of the project and the contractor bid.

Danny Evans commented on the water fees. He commented that the quality of the water is the best in the nation and state. Anything Beaver City does to maintain this quality is good. The water rates are in the lowest rates in the state. He personally thinks the water and power systems are great and the rates are equitable. He asked about buying back lawns from residents to put in desert landscaping. Mayor Robinson stated that he is concerned and grateful for the quality of our water in the Beaver Area. It is a net benefit for the greater good of the community. Beaver City and its engineers are always looking at the hydraulic model to keep the costs low.

Jen Wakeland stated that she grew up in Utah county and lived with a well. Their wellhouse burned down. It was many weeks before they had water. She is grateful for the council and their concern for the quality of water and life for present and future generations in the community. She encouraged Beaver City to consider other sources of funding when possible.

Wade Bradshaw restated that historically the water tanks were built and improved the water flow

for many years. Manager Brown explained that the water storage in a larger pipe will be increased greatly. The increased volume will help with the fire hydrant flow.

There being no further comments, the council moved out of public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next scheduled Council meeting will be held February 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Beaver City Center Council Chambers.



APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____

MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ANONA S. YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER