

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, June 27, 2023**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Hal Murdock, Lance Cox, and Owen Spencer. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown and City Recorder Anona Yardley. City Attorney Justin Wayment and Council Member Alison Webb were excused. Public present were Jackie and Mark Whittlesey, Les Williams, Beaver City UAMPS Representative, and David Martin, Beaver City Electric Superintendent.

ELECTRIC RATE STUDY REVIEW & DISCUSSION – UTILITY FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC.

Chris Lund met with the City Council via electronic means. He thanked all the Beaver City employees that helped collect and submit data. UFS does many studies for entities throughout the country and many of UAMPS cities to help them move forward with their financial needs. Beaver City did some proactive improvements in the past nine months by raising its rates twice during that time. FY2023 will finish with an operational loss. He showed some projections for the upcoming five years based on the past three-year trend. For the FY2024 it was recommended to increase rates by 1.1% increase. This percentage considered future improvements, maintenance, and inflation. The ups and downs to the power costs will be minimized by the Power Cost Adjustments (PCA). The PCA will be reevaluated each month. This evaluation looks at the UAMPS bill, the monthly hydro plants output, and the sales and usage for each month's customers. There is a one-month lag with the past six-month average to determine the percentage of change. Mr. Lund showed a chart of how applying the 1.1% each year increase would affect revenue. The goal is to stabilize the rates to our customers as much as possible. Beaver City would like to give our customers the benefit of having the hydro-electric plants and their production. This model makes it possible for customers to have the ability to control their own electric consumption which will affect their bottom-line power bill. The PCA will help Beaver City recoup the past \$1.2 M loss. Mr. Lund reviewed all the electric rates and how the rolling PCA would affect each rate customer. Going forward, the mayor would like to have a public hearing to explain the rate changes and educate the public on why they are taking place on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. as well as enact the rate changes. Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Chris Lund for his hard work and time in preparing this presentation.

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session** at **6:05 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Hal Murdock, Lance Cox, and Owen Spencer. Council Member Alison Webb and City Attorney Justin Wayment were excused. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown and City Recorder Anona Yardley. Public present were Jackie and Mark Whittlesey, Phil Jolley, Jaycie Yardley, and Tina Smith. Mayor Robinson left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Spencer motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the minutes from the **June 13, 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 Spencer seconded to approve the proposed bills for **June 22, 2023**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

No conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

FY2023 BAD DEBT WRITE OFF APPROVAL

Manager Brown presented the write off list of utility bills that have not been able to collect in this fiscal year in the amount of \$1,530.18. These bills are still collectible given the right situation. In the past Beaver City has been able to collect many of the yearly write off amounts in the coming years. With that explanation, Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to accept the FY2023 write off list as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried with a majority vote.

URS CONTRIBUTION RATE APPROVALS

As the city approves the FY2024 budget, the URS Contribution Rates also need to be approved. Beaver City's rate is the Local Government Noncontributory rate. It did not change from FY2023. Council Member Spencer motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the URS FY2024 rates as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried with a majority vote.

FY2024 INSURANCE COVERAGE APPROVAL

Manager Brown and staff have reviewed and recommend changing insurance companies from Olympus Insurance to Utah Local Government Trust insurance because of the very high premium quote presented by Olympus Insurance. The coverages seemed to be comparable. Council Member Murdock motioned to accept the FY2024 insurance quote from Utah Local Government Trust. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed with a majority vote.

FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT APPROVAL

Recorder Yardley asked that council members take a few minutes to fill out the risk assessment and return it so it can be finalized at the next council meeting.

1500 NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY DISCUSSION

Mr. Phil Jolley addressed the council about vacating 1500 North, between 300 and 400 West. The road is used mostly by trucks accessing the road from 300 West. It is being used less in the recent months. Relocating the road further north would give more flexibility of land development. At present there is no turn around to the two homes at the end of 300 West. The road would give a little better buffer between residential and commercial districts. 300 West is a 66-foot road and right of way. There is access to 1500 North from both 400 and 300 West. The property is zoned highway commercial. The road at present is graveled. The two homes fall into the central development district. 300 West has been an asphalt road that is in bad repair. Mr. Jolley is not ready to develop any of the properties in the area but he would like a confirmation that when the time comes, he would be able to have an access road in this area. The road could be shifted to the north when it becomes necessary. As the developed requesting the road to be relinquished, Mr. Jolley would need to pay for the survey,

road dedication map and gravel for the new road. At the time the property is developed, Mr. Jolly would be responsible to develop the road completely. The property owners would need to determine what is best for each of them. At present, there are no plans for development between the 300 West and 400 West on 1500 North. Jaycie Yardley and Tina Smith are concerned about large trucks that would be driving on the newly created road near their house. Manager Brown showed the property ownership overlap on google and said this should be cleared up between the property owners prior to determining where the centerline of the right-of-way would be. Mr. Jolly said he would work with them.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council member Lance Cox

July 4th Celebration – Council Member Cox asked that the city crew to hang up tarps above the trailer for the band. He also asked that the lights on the ball fields be turned on at 8:30 to 9:45.

Council Member Spencer

Fire District - Stage one fire alert will be coming. Fireworks will be restricted outside the city limits but not inside.

AMMENDED FY2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Council Member Cox motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to move into public hearing to receive comments about the proposed FY2023 Amended Budget. Council Members Murdock, Spencer, Schena, and Cox voted yea by voice vote. The motion passed with a majority vote. The council moved into public hearing at 6:42 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mark & Jackie Whittlesey. Manager Brown presented the amounts to increase the FY2023 budget amounts as recommended by staff. These amounts are to cover expenses in all the funds except the Airport and the Sewer Fund. There being no further comments on the proposed amended budget, the council moved out of public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to adopt and approve the FY2023 amended budget as presented. Council Member Murdock, Spencer, Cox and Schena voted yea by voice vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

Council Member Cox motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held July 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.



APPROVED: _____

**MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR**

ATTEST: _____

**ANONA S. YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER**