

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, August 29, 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 Jen Wakeland, Les Williams, UAMP, Beaver County Paula Spencer County Courthouse were Jackie and Mark Whittlesey,

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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Murdock motioned, and Council Member Schena Cox seconded to approve the minutes from the **July 11, 2023**, with minor correction. 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 27, June 29, July 12, July 26, August 1, August 10, and August 25, 2023**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Council Member Spencer declared a conflict of interest with the Court House Museum discussion. Council Member Cox declared a conflict of interest with the Drill Team donation discussion and Council Member Webb declared a conflict with the Livestock Booster donation discussion.

MARGIN DEFICIT UAMPS DISCUSSION

Les Williams met with the City Council. He discussed the balance Beaver City has with UAMPS. He said this balance was transferred into the continuing Beaver City reserve account with UAMPS. He reported that he participated with the ribbon cutting ceremony at the solar farm at Red Mesa in San Juan County.

JUNE AND JULY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW

Treasurer Stacey Phelps presented the final 2023 year ending financial statement. Funds were transferred to the golf course to finish the year in the black. Assets in the electric fund increased in 2023 to \$1.2 million from the new powerline. This was an excellent side by side comparison of fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2022. She also provided a financial statement for July 2023.

COURTHOUSE MUSEUM UPDATE:

Beaver's DUP Museum Director, Paula Spencer, gave an update of this past year's visitors, donations and projects completed at the Court House Museum. She expressed gratitude for the \$2000 that the city has donated in the past. She is requesting additional funding for a total of \$4,000. Council Member Webb motioned and Council Member Murdock seconded the motion to increase the budgeted line-item amount to \$4000. Council Member Spencer recused himself. All other members voted in favor. Motion passed with a majority vote.

FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT APPROVAL

Recorder, Anona Yardley reviewed the Utah State Auditor's implementation guide and the completed 2023 Fraud Risk Assessment survey and assessment questionnaire. Based on the scoring provided by the assessment questionnaire, the city scored a 360/395 moderate risk level. Motion was made by Council Member Schena, and Council Member Spencer seconded to accept the Fraud Risk Assessment as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried with a majority vote.

BUILDING INSPECTOR AGREEMENT AND APPROVAL

Manager Brown reviewed the one year, County Building Inspector Agreement with Council members. The agreement is the city will pay \$15,000.00 per year, payable in quarterly payments of

\$3,750 in addition to 90% of the building permit fees will go to the County and 10% of these fees will be retained to cover administrative costs. With that explanation, Council Member Murdock motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to accept the Building Inspector Agreement. All voted in favor. Motion carried with a majority vote.

INLAND PORT RESOLUTION DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

Jen Wakeland, Beaver County Strategic Development Director, reviewed details of Beaver City entering in an agreement to create the Inland Port project area in Beaver City. She indicated this agreement would establish cooperation and a relationship with Utah Inland Port Authority. She explained that this will allow for strategic economic growth and development for the city. Mrs. Wakeland invited council members to attend the initial adoption in Juab County on September 12 to see how this process will proceed. She also invited the council members to attend the October 5th adoption, in Milford. With that explanation, Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to accept the Resolution 8-29-2023, the creation of the Utah Inland Port Authority area in Beaver City. Council Member Murdock, Spencer, Webb, Cox and Schena voted yea by voice vote. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FEE SCHEDULE ELECTRIC RATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

Recorder, Anona Yardley, presented the fee schedule to reflect the new electric rate structure changes. Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to accept Resolution 8-29-2023A, Fee Schedule as presented. Council Member Murdock, Spencer, Webb, Cox and Schena voted yea by voice vote. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CRUSHER IN THE TUSHAR

City Manager Brown shared a video presentation from Lifetime Events that highlighted the 2023 Crusher in the Tushar event. The recap report indicated that there were 816 registered riders. 83% male 17% female, average age is 41. 55% were from Utah and 45% from outside of the state. There were 623 participants that started the race, and 577 participants completed the race.

CITY CENTER OUTDOOR PLAZA AND CDBG CITY CENTER ADA PROJECT DISCUSSION

City Manager Brown explained that he previously sent out a straw poll vote and needs to finalize it to get Jones and DeMille to do a TOPO map of the city center block. Council Member Webb motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve TOPO study by Jones and DeMille. All voted in favor. Motion carried with a majority vote. Manager Brown and Council Member Webb met with James Dotson to briefly discuss some landscape designs. Council Member Webb shared some of the Go Canva.com products made of old windmill retired materials to create functional art.

SALES OF DOWDLE PUZZLE ARTWORK DISCUSSION

It was reported that 1/3 of the puzzles have been sold so far. Discussion on selling the artwork to see if there is an interest in purchasing the prints. It was decided to continue the discussion for the next agenda to get more information from Samantha at Dowdle at prices and what items that are available for purchase.

CONSENT ITEMS: Donations – Beaver Co. Livestock Boosters \$400, BHS B-Steps \$200, Primary Children’s Hospital / Beaver Festival of Trees \$400 and BHS Cheerleaders to purchase advertising banner for \$200. Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the donation requests. Council members Webb and Cox recused themselves. All other members voted in favor. Motion passed with a majority vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Member Lance Cox: Lane reported that he talked to CJC and they were very appreciative for city’s support for their fundraiser. They are in the planning process to set the date for next year. Robert Kersiek said he will come up with something for next year’s

flowers. Lance also indicated that he has received a lot of positive feedback that the benches on main street look nice.

Council Member Owen Spencer: Owen mentioned that the Halloween Trunk or Treat will be on a Tuesday this year. He said he will have a sample flyer ready for next council. He requested the JR Council's help get permission slips again this year. Owen stated that on September 5th there will be an ULCT online meeting to discuss a few proposed resolutions. He asked council members to look at the proposed resolutions now, so that those be able to vote will be informed.

Council Member Alison Webb: Alison related that the Beaver County BIG hired Shawna Eyre as a part time employee at 10 hours a week. Alison reported that the next meeting Aug 31 here at city center. Another in Oct 17th will be a larger meeting. Jen has a meet the money to invest in entrepreneurs. Small businesses are encouraged to attend.

Council Member Hal Murdock: Hal indicated that Rodeo was successful. He said the first night of rodeo had a smaller turnout, but the 2nd night's attendance was good. Rodeo committee asked for help again with paying for the port-a-potty they rented again. Hal mentioned that Jodi indicated that if we need a place, we could place big puzzle on east wall of the library. Hal stated that the hospital board meeting that was held in St. George was informative, the renovations and progressing.

Council Member Tyler Schena: Tyler indicated with public safety; he does not have much to report. He said he did sit down with Randy Hunter at the high school and they talked about the one-way street at the intersection and possibly putting a gate there. Maybe put temp barriers with water and chain off. Tyler indicated that the Sheriff would like to see it closed year-round to allow more parking for winter events. Tyler asked if the electrical department and south-central communications could do some in-kind work and possibly tunnel electricity from the bus parking lot to the scoreboard at the soccer field. So, they are not having to use extension cords and having the scoreboard cut out several times during the games.

City Manager Jason Brown: Jason announced that the employee appreciation dinner starts at 4:30 with plans to eat at 6:00. The venue has changed to the golf course. He reported that the library renovations grant has been completed for \$6600. Jason reported that FERC has issued a notice of intent for the environment assessment to be completed for Plant #2. We are now waiting now for the 45-day comment period. He reported that the road project bid that was projected for \$400,000 received 2 bids and they came in at \$765,000. He indicated that he was going to look at a couple funding options to see if there are grants available or maybe re-bid next spring. The water project in the grove has started, they are currently moving dirt and putting pipe in the ground. City crews have been busy doing blue stakes and there was also a big PI break that they have been working on.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Member Schena motioned and Council Member Cox seconded to move into closed session to hold a strategy 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 majority vote. The Council entered closed session for the above reason at 7:43 p.m. and moved out at 8:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Member Murdock motioned and Council Member Spencer seconded to move into closed session to discuss purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or 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 majority vote. The Council entered closed session for the above reason at 8:15 p.m. and moved out at 8:48 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to move into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; Council Members Schena, Cox, Webb, Spencer and Murdock voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Council entered closed session for the above reason at 8:48 p.m. and moved out at 9:28 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 9:30 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held September 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.



APPROVED: _____
MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ANONA S. YARDLEY
CITY RECORDER