

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session** at **3:30 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday, September 26, 2023**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Hal Murdock, Lance Cox, Owen Spencer, and Alison Webb. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Recorder, Patty Simard. City Attorney Justin Wayment appeared electronically. Public present were Jackie and Mark Whittlesey,

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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Murdock motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the minutes from the **September 12, 2023**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BILLS APPROVAL

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Webb motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the proposed bills for **September 25, 2023**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

No conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

IN GOD WE TRUST RESOLUTION:

City Manager Jason Brown explained that there was a group that shared a presentation entitled “In God We Trust” at the ULCT conference he attended. This group requested placing “In God We Trust” in the Council Chambers. The Beaver City Attorney, Wayment, commented on some of his research on this proposed ordinance and explained what he found to the City Council. He said there have been lawsuits made on this statement, and none have prevailed. He didn’t have a problem with the adoption of this resolution. A motion to adopt Resolution 9-26-2023 was made by Council Member Schena and Council Member Cox seconded. Council Members Murdock, Spencer, Webb, Cox, and Schena voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BEAVER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mayor Robinson explained that Jen Wakeland, Beaver County Strategic Development Director, met with him and City Manager Brown, about some memorandum agreements that had been drafted in the past. Some questions arose whether these agreements were fully executed or not. County indicated that invoices for these agreements were not generated. Mayor Robinson and City Manager Brown also met with Beaver County Commissioner, Brandon Yardley, regarding these agreements. This situation was discussed, and they came to an agreed solution. Beaver City will pay \$40,000 and that will bring the city current and then requested to have a new agreement drafted and fully executed. The new Interlocal Agreement for Beaver County Economic Development states that this agreement will be for a three-year agreement and reviewed

annually. Beaver City will pay \$10,000 annually, starting in January 2024. A motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Beaver County Economic Development was made by Council Member Webb and Council Member Murdock seconded. All voted in favor. None opposed.

AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer, Stacey Phelps showed a power point presentation reviewing August 2023, fiscal year 2024 financial statement. The electrical fund balance is a concern due to the increase in power purchase costs. Manager Brown indicated that he sent out a late email this afternoon. Showing the forecast that 75% of the year will be short for load requirements. He felt we should increase the price cost adjustment to help offset these shortages. Trying to soften the blow in the winter months. This discussion will be continued at the next council meeting. Treasurer Phelps indicated that she and City Manager Brown met with the PHEP insurance representatives. They indicated that there will be only a 2% renewal increase.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATE

City Manager Brown wanted to make sure that the council are aware that the final approvals of subdivisions are no longer going to the City Council. He also wanted to make the council aware of two developments that Planning and Zoning are currently working on. These are, Hal Lessing's Simple Subdivision on Oake Tree Lane/525 East (splitting off one lot) and Collard RV Park (Manderfield HWY). Manager Brown also indicated that the City's subdivision ordinance will need to be updated by January 1, 2025, to be in compliance.

SALES OF DOWDLE PUZZLE ARTWORK DISCUSSION

An email discussion with Samantha at Dowdle was received. She indicated that she would be ordering the three framed prints as indicated in our previous contract negotiations and she will follow through with Jim to get the credit issued on the damaged puzzles. Council Member Webb indicated that she will be visiting with local merchants to see if they are interested in selling the Beaver City Dowdle Puzzles. She is hopeful that this will be win for the City and Win for the Merchants. Also, it was suggested that we start to advertise again on Facebook in November to encourage some possible Christmas sales of the Dowdle Puzzle.

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 4:28 p.m. and moved out at 4:53 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 4:55 p.m. The next scheduled Council meeting will be held October 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED: M. Robinson

MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

PATTY SIMARD
CITY RECORDER