

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 **Monday, March 24, 2025**. The following Members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members, Randy Hunter, Alison Webb, Tyler Schena, Lance Cox and Owen Spencer. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Patty Simard. Public present: James Carter, Bob Bissitt, Mark Whittlesey and Jackie Whittlesey.

Council Member Cox offered the opening prayer, pledge and thought.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Cox motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the minutes from **March 10, 2025**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

No conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

BILLS APPROVAL:

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Spencer motioned, and Council Member Webb seconded to approve the proposed bills for **March 10, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

TANNER DITCH DISCUSSION:

City Manager, Jason Brown explained that the Tanner Ditch company is planning to pipe the ditch on 300 North from 400 East down to I-15 this coming fall. The proposal includes upsizing the pipe from 24 to 30 inches and adding inlet boxes at intersections to catch stormwater. The city would be responsible for the cost of upsizing the pipe and installing the inlet boxes, estimated at around \$75,000. James Carter, representing the Westfield Irrigation Company also known locally as the Tanner Ditch, confirmed they were agreeable to allowing the city to upsize the pipe as long as the city pays for the upgrade. The council discussed the benefits of partnering with the company on this project to address drainage issues. They agreed it was the most efficient way to proceed. Motion to approve in concept the upsizing of the pipe from 24 to 30 inches and working with the Tanner Ditch company to install water inlets, pending future price confirmations, was made by Council member Cox and seconded by Council member Webb. The motion passed unanimously.

FEE SCHEDULE DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

City Manager, Jason Brown presented two items for discussion regarding the fee schedule:

1. Rounding the impact fees to the nearest dollar or \$5 increment for easier use.
2. Offering a \$50 discount on season golf passes for veterans.

The council discussed whether a public hearing would be required for these changes. They decided to have City Attorney, Justin Wayment, draft a resolution for both items and inquire if a public hearing is necessary for offering a veteran discount or rounding fees.

The council also discussed potentially adjusting the current policy of offering free passes. Council Member Hunter suggested considering a half-price discount instead of a full waiver to reduce the financial impact on the city while still showing appreciation. The council agreed to gather more information on the number of free passes currently used and the potential financial impact of any changes before making a decision.

CITY CENTER WATER DAMAGE DISCUSSION:

Kyle Blackner, Beaver County Building Inspector, discussed his findings on the condition of the older section of the City Center building. He reported that the building has multiple types of construction and materials, making it structurally unsound and expensive to retrofit to current seismic standards.

After considering the costs and challenges associated with remodeling, the council agreed that demolishing the building and constructing a new single-level city center facility would be the best option. They discussed the possibility of including an updated council chamber, meeting space, and additional public and office space in the new building. Mayor Robinson proposed moving forward with demolition plans and scheduling a call with the insurance company to discuss rebuilding options. The council agreed to this approach.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Manager Brown:

Jason provided updates on the industrial park development. The sewer work is completed in phase 2 (south side of Airport Road). Adding a secondary 12-inch water line from the jail to the existing cattle guard. Enbridge Energy's proposal for a 6-inch gas line to the Unitech building has been accepted and water, power, and sewer are already available at the Unitech building site. Water Bottling plant has water, power and sewer on site. He also gave update on RFQ for penstock pipeline and pipe bids, final approval on plant #2 FERC, final inspection with Tushar contracting for the City Center ADA project.

City Attorney Wayment:

Justin discussed his review of the personnel policy, highlighting areas that need adjustment such as appeals processes, sick leave reimbursement, and comp time limits. Matt mentioned that he would like to meet with Justin and Jason to review the policy first, then get with the council before presenting it to staff. Justin also provided updates on various legal matters, including the completion of the Messenger road (900 East) lawsuit, he continues to work on Riverside Lane Road and received two new claims against the city.

Council Member Cox:

Lance reported that the golf cart stall drawing went smoothly, with seven couples present for seven available stalls.

Council Member Webb:

Allison mentioned she attended the Prevention Coalition meeting today and they discussed the upcoming Easter event.

City Recorder Simard:

Patty reminded council members of the upcoming election filing period to declare candidacy for the mayor and two council seats, which will be from June 2nd to 6th.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Council Member Webb 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 Hunter, Webb, Spencer, Schena and Cox voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The council moved into closed session at 5:52 p.m. and moved out at 6:28 p.m.

Present in above closed session: Mayor, Matt Robinson, Council Members Lance Cox, Alison Webb, Owen Spencer, Randy Hunter, City Manager, Jason Brown, City Attorney, Justin Wayment and City Recorder, Patty Simard.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Spencer motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held April 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.



APPROVED: _____	ATTEST: _____
MATTHEW ROBINSON	PATTY J. SIMARD
MAYOR	CITY RECORDER