

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, April 14, 2025**. The following Members of the Council were present: Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Schena, Council Members, Randy Hunter, Alison Webb, Lance Cox, and Owen Spencer. Mayor Robinson appeared electronically. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Patty Simard. Public present: Kiley Eyre, Chasey Eyre, Mitch Gillins, Shari Gillins, Joshua Silver, Krista Boone, Haley Lewis, Sandi Arnberg, Dorla Wight, Shelley Ashworth, Dacie Derbidge, Bob Bissitt, Mark Whittlesey, and Jackie Whittlesey.

Mayor Pro Tem Schena offered the opening prayer, pledge and thought.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Webb motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the minutes from **March 24, 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 Hunter motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the proposed bills for **March 24, 2025**, and **April 7, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

HYDRO PLANT #4 PENSTOCK PIPELINE MATERIAL AWARD APPROVAL:

City Manager Brown, introduced Parker Vercimak from Jones & DeMille Engineering, the engineer for the hydro power plant penstock replacement project. Two bids were presented: one for materials and one for construction installation.

Parker recommended approving Mountain Land Supply as the supplier for the project. He noted that the bids were incredibly close, with only a \$94 difference between them.

Motion to approve Mountain Land Supply as the supplier for the Hydro Plant #4 Penstock Pipeline project was made by Council Member Cox and seconded by Council Member Hunter. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members expressed hope that the company would hold their price and not submit a large change order later. They also discussed the possibility of unforeseen issues due to the mountain location and rocky terrain.

HYDRO PLANT #4 PENSTOCK PIPELINE INSTALLATION AWARD APPROVAL:

Parker recommended awarding the installation contract to Rollins Construction and Trucking. The total accepted bid was \$2,110,920.

City Manager Brown provided additional details about the project, explaining that they would be

replacing a 34-inch steel pipe with a 42-inch HDPE pipe, which should be more beneficial to the power plant and water system.

Motion to award the installation contract to Rollins Construction and Trucking was made by Council Member Webb and seconded by Council Member Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOTHING CLOSET DISCUSSION:

Dacie Derbidge, representing the Clothing Closet, gave a brief history of the clothing closet and its importance to the community. She voiced concerns about the future of their space in the city building. Mayor Pro Tem Schena explained that the old part of the building where the Clothing Closet is located has structural issues and will need to be torn down. He assured the representatives that the city values their service and will work to find a solution.

Jason Brown, the city manager, mentioned possible temporary solutions, including using a classroom in the building once it has been cleared out. The council discussed various options, including partnering with the county food bank or exploring other locations.

The council committed to keeping the Clothing Closet informed about future plans and emphasized that there are no immediate plans to close the facility.

CITY CENTER DISCUSSION- MOVING FORWARD:

City Manager Brown reviewed the previous discussions about replacing the old part of the building with a single-story office complex or community center. He asked for clarification on how to proceed with soliciting architectural and engineering options. Mayor Robinson, joining remotely, suggested obtaining architectural renderings of concepts for the new building and then seeking public feedback on the plan. The council agreed to move forward with soliciting qualifications from architectural firms. Mr. Brown mentioned that the insurance company had already paid out funds to the city for the project, and any costs above the estimate would be the city's responsibility. He estimated the available funds to be around \$1 million to \$1.1 million.

300 NORTH WESTFIELD DITCH UPDATE:

City Manager Brown explained that he spoke with the North Westfield Ditch Companies Engineer, Franson Noble Engineering and it appears that there is not much value for the city to upsize from 24" to 30" pipe. City Manager Brown's recommendation was to install junction boxes at the northeast corners of intersections as previously discussed. This would save the city approximately \$40,000 to \$45,000. Council Member Spencer said he agreed with the logic, noting that the timing of water flows and storms would not significantly impact the need for a larger pipe. He also stated the importance of participating in the project's administrative costs to cover all expenses, including intangibles.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS TRAINING:

Justin Wayment, the city attorney, provided the annual open public meetings training. He covered topics including the purpose of open meetings, definitions of what constitutes a meeting, electronic meeting requirements, and rules for closed sessions. He emphasized the importance of reading and

approving meeting minutes accurately and discussed conflict of interest declarations.

CITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING UPDATE:

Jason presented the schedule for upcoming leadership training sessions with Steven Hunsaker. The training sessions are scheduled for April 22, 2025, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM and the supervisor leadership training on April 23, 2025, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Then again on June 3-4, July 29-30 and September 9-10: Additional leadership training sessions. Mayor Robinson clarified that the training sessions are primarily for city staff and that council members are not expected to attend.

CITY SPONSORED EVENT – EASTER EGG HUNT:

Mayor Pro Tem Schena discussed plans for the upcoming Easter egg hunt. Due to potentially poor weather, he proposed using the elementary school gym as a backup location. The council agreed to make a decision based on the weather forecast and to post any location changes on social media. Council members were asked to arrive at 9:00 AM to help set up for the 10:00 AM start time. They also discussed the need to arrange for a sound system and to separate candy on Friday evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chasey Eyre, addressed the Council, stating that she believes she was wrongfully terminated from her position at the golf course. She explained that she was informed she could initiate the appeals process by bringing her concerns before the City Council, and she expressed her intent to pursue that process in hopes of being reinstated.

Kylie Eyre, Chasey's father and a community member, also addressed the Council. He shared that he accompanied his daughter to a meeting at the City Office with the City Manager, Human Resources, and the Golf Course Manager. Although he was not allowed in the meeting, he remained in the hallway and stated he could hear the conversation. Mr. Eyre voiced concerns about the conduct of the Golf Course Manager during that meeting. He submitted a folder of affidavits he gathered from some current and former golf course employees to Mayor Pro Tem Schena for Council review.

Shari Gillins, a community member, expressed concern about the professional conduct of the Golf Course Manager, referencing a Facebook post she considered inappropriate for someone in a management position. She requested the Council consider adopting guidelines or bylaws to set expectations for appropriate conduct for city employees, particularly those in leadership roles.

Krista Boone, another community member, echoed the concerns raised by previous speakers regarding the Golf Course Manager's conduct. She stated that she has personally witnessed some inappropriate behaviors at the golf course and has previously voiced those concerns to the council.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Manager Brown:

Jason informed the Council of an ongoing pressurized irrigation water leak that City crews have been

APPROVED: _____ **MATTHEW ROBINSON**
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____ **PATTY J. SIMARD**
CITY RECORDER