

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 28, 2025**. The following Members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Randy Hunter, Alison Webb, Lance Cox, and Owen Spencer. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Patty Simard. Public present: Mike Wardell (DWR), Chamaya Kia, Mark Whittlesey, and Jackie Whittlesey.

Mayor Robinson offered the opening prayer, pledge and thought.

#### **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:**

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting and special council meeting** were presented. Council Member Webb motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the minutes from **April 14, 2025, and the Special Meeting April 23, 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 **April 23, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

#### **WILDLIFE CONCERNS:**

City Manager Brown introduced Mike Wardle from the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR). Mr. Wardle presented information on wildlife concerns within city limits, focusing on deer populations. He shared data from GPS collar studies conducted since 2018, showing deer movement patterns in and around Beaver. Mr. Wardle explained the difference between migratory and non-migratory deer, highlighting that resident deer in town are not exposed to the same natural limiting factors as those in the mountains. This can lead to population growth issues in urban areas.

He presented several options for managing urban deer populations: DWR removal (historically used but now more difficult due to public sentiment and legislative changes), public archery doe hunt (successful in other cities), urban deer control permits for the city, and individual landowner trapping and euthanasia.

Council members discussed these various options, with a focus on the public archery doe hunt. The council agreed to move forward with exploring a public archery doe hunt for 2026. The council agreed to draft a letter stating their interest in implementing this option within city boundaries.

Council members also expressed interest in potentially tailoring the program to benefit local youth. Mr. Wardell agreed to gather more information on this possibility and bring it to the appropriate channels within the DWR.

### **BEAVER CITY PRIVACY POLICY STATEMENT DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:**

The council reviewed the Beaver City Privacy Policy Statement. A motion to approve the Beaver City Privacy Policy Statement was made by Council Member Schena and seconded by Council Member Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

### **AUDIT DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:**

The council discussed the proposed 5-year audit schedule from Kimball & Roberts. City Manager Brown explained that the firm has been doing a good job and recommended continuing with them. The council discussed the benefits of maintaining consistency with the current auditors versus switching to get fresh perspectives. A motion to approve the proposed 5-year audit schedule with Kimball & Roberts was made by Council Member Hunter and seconded by Council Member Schena. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **City Manager Brown:**

Jason provided an update on ongoing discussions regarding the design and layout of the 600 North Recreation Facility and the Beaver City Center. Mayor Robinson recommended hiring an architect to assist with planning, including new council chambers, public spaces, and office renovations. The council also reviewed potential funding sources, such as bond proceeds and insurance reimbursements.

#### **Council Member Webb:**

Allison presented information she received on restroom facilities for the rodeo grounds. She shared quotes on some prefabricated restroom units, with prices ranging from \$150,000 to \$400,000 depending on size and features. The council discussed various options, including the DK4 model with four individual stalls and the possibility of adding a concession stand. They considered the placement of the new facilities, potential expansion in the future, and the need to work with existing infrastructure. Alison mentioned that the lead time to get these installed is 90 to 120 days. That timeframe means that we will need to get the portable restrooms for the 24<sup>th</sup> of July Rodeo again this year. Questions were asked about the current location of the septic system and where the new bathrooms needed to be placed. City Manager Brown indicated that he will contact Southwest Health Department to see if any plans were filed with them. Council Member Spencer inquired if it would be possible to purchase one unit and then budget for another unit next year and continue to add to them over time.

#### **Council Member Schena:**

Tyler reported that he will need the scholarship money for the awards assembly for the three seniors on the Youth City Council. JayDee Schena, Gentry Brown and Elsie Hollingshead.

Lance reported that Wylie Hughes contacted him today and asked if we could get the arena ripped. He also asked about the bathrooms for the arena.

APPROVED:    *M. Robinson*    ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**MATTHEW ROBINSON** **PATTY J. SIMARD**  
**MAYOR** **CITY RECORDER**