

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **special session** at **8:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Monday, July 21, 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.

Mayor Robinson welcomed and called the meeting to order.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the minutes from **June 24, 2025**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

No other conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

BILLS APPROVAL:

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Spencer, and Council Member Hutner seconded to approve the proposed bills for **July 18, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

1% HOSPITAL TAX CONTINUATION DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinson provided an update on the 1% hospital tax. After an in-depth evaluation and long conversation amongst the hospital board, it was recommended to allow the 1% hospital tax to expire. The mayor explained that the hospital is currently not in need of the funds. The tax will remain in effect through September 30, 2025, after which it will expire. If future capital needs arise, the municipal building authority could decide to implement it again, which would require an election.

Mayor Robinson clarified that this is a 1% tax on prepared food, primarily paid by the transient population passing through Beaver City. He also mentioned plans to write an article for the local journal about the history of the tax and the decision not to renew it at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 07-21-2025 ANTI-DISPLACEMENT POLICY:

The council discussed Ordinance 07-21-2025 regarding an anti-displacement policy. There was some confusion about the specifics of the ordinance, particularly regarding the number of low-income housing units it pertained to. After clarification, it was understood that the policy would come into effect if 50 or more low-income housing units were to be displaced. The council noted that Beaver City currently does not have that many low-income housing units, making the ordinance largely inapplicable at present. A motion was made by Council member Cox to approve Resolution number

7-21-2025. Council member Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote. Council Members Spencer, Cox, Schena, Webb and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Robinson:

Matt reported that Dawn G Black had reached out to him regarding employee meals and a possible discount at Golf Course. The council agreed to allow golf course employees to receive a 50% discount on one meal per shift while working. This decision was made to align with practices in other food service industries and to support the current staff who are working hard to cover shifts. Matt also mentioned the Southern Utah Amateur Tournament. The council decided to proceed with the Southern Utah Open golf tournament despite the poor condition of the greens. They agreed to notify all participants about the course conditions, particularly the greens, allowing them to make an informed decision about participating. Matt also discussed with council about organizing a summer appreciation event for city employees and their families. A tentative plan is to schedule this event for late August or early September, avoiding conflicts with the county fair and other commitments.

Council Member Webb:

Alison discussed some of her safety concerns and inquired about other safety measures that have been taken for the upcoming rodeo. Council members agreed to have Brandon board up the doors of the old concession stand with plywood for safety reasons. The building was deemed unsafe for use due to ongoing construction. The council also noted that there were issues with screws on the ground that needed to be cleaned up before the event. Alison also mentioned that there is an outdoor recreation grant due on August 4th. The council briefly discussed the possibility of applying for this grant to fund improvements at the rodeo arena, such as new chutes.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Council Member Hunter motioned, and Council Member Webb 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 8:07 p.m. and moved out at 8:15 p.m.

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

Council Member Hunter motioned, and Council Member Schena seconded to move into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council Members Spencer, Cox, Schena, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Webb was excused. The motion passed with a majority vote. The Council entered the closed session for the above reason at 8:15 p.m. and moved out at 9:18 p.m.

Present in the above closed session: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Owen Spencer, Lance Cox, Tyler Schena, Alison Webb and Randy Hunter, and City Attorney Justin Wayment.

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 9:30 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held August 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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