The **Beaver City Council** met in a <u>regular session</u> at <u>5:00 p.m</u>. in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday**, **July 8**, **2025**. The following Members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Randy Hunter, Lance Cox, and Owen Spencer. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Patty Simard. Public present: Alexia White, Michael Simon, Lesa Brown, Paula Spencer, Brennon Hutchings, Vance Randall, Danny Evans, Teresa Wood, Beverly Carter, Julie Davis, Randy Davis, Les Williams, Marilee Eyre, LeeAnn Franklin, Marianne White, and Mark Whittlesey. Council Member Alison Webb appeared electronically.

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

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 Hunter motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the proposed bills for **July 7, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

DAY OF SERVICE DONATION REQUEST, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Mr. Randy Davis provided council members an update on the committee's plans for the upcoming 9/11 Day of Service. He mentioned that the ceremonies would be held on the football field. Several community members have volunteered to put up flags. These will be placed on Main Street by football field and on the main street park.

Mr. Davis outlined the program, which would include a dinner at 7 PM, opening remarks by the student body president, a moment of silence, and a song. A blood drive has been scheduled for 9/11, which Davis noted as a good way to do service. He also mentioned cleaning the interchanges as a potential service project for volunteers to help with. He announced that there is another day of service planning meeting on Tuesday, July 29th at 7 PM at the city office. Mr. Davis asked if the city would like to take over the organization of the event in the future. It was the consensus of the city council that the city would handle the dinner, including food, drinks, and supplies. Mr. Davis thanked the council for their support and involvement.

UAMPS UPDATE:

Mr. Les Williams provided an update on UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) activities. He discussed the Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM), which UAMPS will be joining in

May 2026. Mr. Williams explained that this new program would pool all resources and require Beaver City to be resource adequate for its needs.

Mr. Williams also mentioned the possibility of UAMPS implementing an all-requirements project, which would mean members would take their pro-rata share of any project they join. He emphasized that this was still in the early stages of consideration.

Mr. Williams gave updates on several ongoing projects:

- 1. Power County Base Load project in American Falls, Idaho, which looks promising.
- 2. Miller County Peaker project near Holden, which is also progressing well.
- 3. Fremont Solar project, which is starting to look better. Now it is in a second restudy 2 for transmission.
- 4. Rodatherm project, which is struggling due to financing issues.
- 5. Cove Fort Geothermal Project, which is waiting to enter the transmission queue.
- 6. Uinta Wind project, which has slowed down and may or may not proceed.
- 7. Fervo project, which Williams described as unresponsive, likely due to their focus on data centers.

Mr. Williams announced that the UAMPS annual meeting would be held from August 17th to 20th. He also mentioned potential meetings with congressional representatives in the near future.

CJC FRIENDS BOARD DONATION REQUEST AND PROGRAM UPDAE DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Teresa Wood, director of the Children's Justice Center (CJC) for Beaver and Garfield Counties, thanked the Beaver City Council for their ongoing support. She shared examples of service projects done for the center, including grounding stones and blankets. Mrs. Wood provided an update on the center's statistics, noting that numbers were on track with previous years. She expressed gratitude for the partnerships with law enforcement, child protective services, therapy services, the school district, and other community entities. Mrs. Wood, along with other members from the CJC Friends Board requested the donation of waived green fees for their golf tournament.

Motion to approve the donation to waive the green fees for the CJC golf tournament was made by Council Member Hunter and seconded by Council Member Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

SANDSTONE PSYCHOLOGY PRESENTATION:

Mr. Brennon Hutchings from Sandstone Psychology presented the mental health services his company offers. He explained that Sandstone is focused on providing services to rural areas of Utah. Mr. Hutchings outlined their mission to support and empower individuals in achieving mental wellness through high-quality therapy services, community education, and proactive outreach. Hutchings discussed the possibility of providing an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for Beaver City, which would include therapy services for employees and their families, critical incident stress management, medication management, group therapy, and mental health presentations. The council discussed the potential implementation of such a program, with the mayor noting that it could likely be considered as part of the city's benefits package in the future.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEMBER RATIFICATION:

City Manager Jason Brown recommended Tanya Gillis as a new member of the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion to approve Tanya Gillis as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board was made by Council Member Cox and seconded by Council Member Schena. The motion passed unanimously.

FEE SCHEDULE DISCUSSION & RESOLUTION:

City Manager Jason Brown presented a proposed fee of \$100 per month for up to 24 animals to be housed at the rodeo grounds. The council discussed various aspects of this proposal, including:

- 1. The possibility of dividing the holding pen to accommodate more livestock.
- 2. How to handle multiple livestock owners using the facility
- 3. The need for a reservation system and user agreement
- 4. Potential conflicts with scheduled events
- 5. Liability concerns

The council agreed that a more comprehensive policy and user agreement should be developed. They also discussed the need for signage and better management of the facility's use.

WATER AND SEWER RATE DISCUSSION:

This item was tabled for a future meeting, when study is completed.

1% HOSPITAL TAX CONTINUATION DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

Mayor Robinson informed the council that the hospital board meeting had been postponed until the following day. He planned to discuss the 1% hospital tax continuation with the board and bring their input back to the city council for consideration at a future meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 07-08-2025, BEAVER CITY SUPPORTING AMERICA250 UTAH:

The council discussed the resolution to support America250 Utah, which would allow the city to receive a \$1,500 donation for an event. They clarified that the resolution would establish a committee, which could initially be the city council itself. A motion to adopt the Resolution of Beaver City supporting America250 Utah, with the Beaver City Council serving as the initial Beaver City, Utah 250 community committee, was made by Council Member Schena and seconded by Council Member Cox. Council Members Spencer, Cox, Schena, Webb and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

CITY COUNCIL 24TH PARADE ENTRY:

The council discussed their participation in the upcoming 24th of July parade. They decided to use two golf carts for their entry and agreed to have candy available for distribution during the parade.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A local business owner, Mr. Vance Randall, mentioned his real estate agent suggested that he inquired about with council the process for selling his establishment, the Renegade Lounge. He was concerned about potential issues due to the business's proximity to the high school. Mayor Robinson

and council members clarified that the city does not regulate private business sales, and any licensing issues would be handled at the state level.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Manager Brown:

Jason provided an update on the penstock pipeline projects, showing photos of the work being done at various locations including the East Fork intake. He noted that the project was progressing in a timely manner.

Mayor Robinson:

Matt raised concerns about the dead trees on Main Street. Jason explained that many of the trees were dying due to restricted root growth and lack of water. The council discussed potential long-term solutions, including a Main Street enhancement project, 6th north to 3rd South, but agreed that for now, the focus would be on removing or trimming the dead trees before the 24th of July.

Council Member Schena:

Tyler mentioned that he had a member of the school district reach out to him and inquired about water restrictions for maintaining sports fields. Jason requested that the school district contact him or Brett Black directly to discuss this issue.

Council Member Webb:

Alison mentioned that the Beaver City's Birthday celebration is in February, and ask that the America 250 committee be involved with this celebration as well.

Council Member Owen Spencer:

Owen reported that he was called about the city deer problem and inquired about if a letter was sent to the Division of Wildlife regarding councils' decisions toward the deer problem.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

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 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 6:58 p.m. and moved out at 7:48 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 Manager, Jason Brown.

ADJOURNMENT:

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 7:48 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held August 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED:	M.121.	ATTEST:	

MATTHEW ROBINSON MAYOR

PATTY J. SIMARD CITY RECORDER