

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025**. The following Members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Alison Webb, Tyler Schena, Randy Hunter, Lance Cox, and Owen Spencer. Also, present were City Manager Monte Hawkins, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Patty Simard. Public present: Parker Vercimak, Jones & DeMille Engineering, Mark and Jackie Whittlesey, Aaron and Julie Richardson, Randy Davis, Kim Davis, Von J. Christiansen, Peter Burke, Skyler Shepard, Cody Black, Wiley Hughes, Wendy Draper, Eric Draper, Clay Draper, Lonnie Olsen, Krypton Smith Megan Smith, Josh Webb, Brayden Smith, Max Moffett, Rawley Hussey, Porter Hussey, Trigg Hussey, Gibbs Hussey, Griffin Wood, Jamie Hussey, Allie Moffett, Kavrick Olsen, Peter Parker and Clark Kent.

City Recorder Patty Simard offered the opening pray and thought and BSA Scout Troop #323 presented the flags and led the pledge.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting and special canvass meeting** were presented. Council Member Cox motioned, and Council Member Schena seconded to approve the minutes from **August 12, 2025, and August 19, 2025**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

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 **June 26, 2025, August 13, 2025, and August 25, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Council Member Webb indicated that her son was part of Agenda Item Number 9. The Donation for Livestock Booster Club. No other conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

AARON RICHARDSON EVENT CENTER IMPACT FEE DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

Mr. Aaron Richardson presented plans for the Beaver River Ranch, an event center. He explained that after moving to Beaver about five years ago, they frequently received requests to host weddings at their property. They have decided to build a wedding venue and are nearing completion of the approval process, having obtained zoning approval from the county and providing a water share to the city. Mr. Richardson requested the city consider helping with all building fees for electricity and water. He noted they anticipate hosting 2-3 events per month and would not need culinary water for landscaping as they have irrigation water. He mentioned the venue would bring economic benefits to the city through hotel stays and other spending.

City Manager Hawkins explained that staff have been calculating the appropriate fees by finding comparable properties. The Council discussed that the water acquisition fee had been covered by the water share provided. The remaining fees would include electric connection, electric meter, electric

impact fee, water connection, water meter, and water impact fee. The Council discussed whether to provide assistance with the fees, with some members expressing hesitation about setting a precedent. Mayor Robinson instructed the city manager to collaborate with the appropriate staff to determine the costs and follow up with Mr. Richardson.

SKATE PARK PROPOSAL AND DISCUSSION – CLAY DRAPER:

Mr. Clay Draper presented a proposal for a skate park in Beaver City. Mr. Draper explained that he grew up in Beaver riding skateboards, BMX bikes, and scooters without a dedicated facility. He emphasized that a skate park would benefit the community by providing a safe place for youth activities, especially for "latchkey kids" whose parents work during after-school hours. Mr. Draper presented data showing that Beaver is growing and noted that many nearby communities of comparable size have skate parks, including Moab, Kanab, Ivins, Delta, and Price. He highlighted how alternative sports are becoming more popular in Utah, mentioning that the state hosted the 2025 Summer X Games. He discussed how skateboarding teaches resilience and helps youth overcome obstacles in life, referencing author Jordan Peterson who wrote about the benefits of skateboarding. Mr. Draper emphasized that the park would benefit youth mental health by getting them active and outdoors rather than spending time on electronic devices.

Proposed locations included an area near the Pioneer Park or by the four-plex volleyball area. Draper mentioned potential funding through the Utah Department of Outdoor Recreation, which offers an 80/20 grant where the city would pay 20% of the cost, which could include donated land, groundwork, and planning. The grant could cover up to \$500,000.

Council Member Webb shared that she had led a similar successful initiative in 2006 to create the children's park by the swimming pool. She expressed support for the skate park concept.

Mayor Robinson and Council members discussed potential locations, with some suggesting the area by the City Center where the play area is or replacing the underutilized sand volleyball court at the fourplex. There was general support for the concept, with the understanding that funding would need to be secured. Mayor Robinson directed that the skate park be included in future discussions with Matt Sterzer, Commission Coordinator. Mayor Robinson indicated they would need to determine a strategic location within the city and allocate budget or secure grants. He suggested that the next step would be to have Mr. Draper introduce Dave Duftin, a skate park builder, to the mayor and city manager to learn more about costs and designs.

RODEO COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Mr. Wiley Hughes and Mr. Lonnie Olsen from the rodeo committee provided an update. They thanked the city for their help with the 24th of July rodeo, noting there had been more effort put into the facility this year than in recent past. They reported that while attendance was lower than expected on the first night, the second night had standing-room-only attendance. They anticipated continued growth in attendance as the rodeo moves to weekend dates in coming years.

The committee presented several priorities:

1. Water taps - They requested a water tap on the west side of the new concession building for participants to fill water buckets for horses. They also noted an existing frost-free hydrant on the southeast corner of the facility that is not working.
2. Bleachers - They proposed adding elevated bleachers on the north end of the arena to increase seating capacity.
3. Maintenance - They plan to provide a winter maintenance list for the city by October, including leveling and securing the existing bleachers which are currently unsafe.
4. Equipment pricing - Wiley mentioned he had met with the Prefert representative to get pricing on replacing the bucking shoots and other equipment. He would provide the city with these estimates when available.
5. Grant opportunities - The committee is exploring grant opportunities with Michelle Evans and Matt Sterzer.
6. Additional events - They're working on bringing more events to the facility.

The watering issue in the center of the arena was discussed with Mr. Hughes noting that despite the booster pumps working, there's insufficient coverage. Council Member Schena raised concerns about the facility's location and parking limitations, suggesting that if substantial investments are to be made, a better location should be considered. Discussion ensued about the challenges of the current site, including limited parking and difficult access during events. Mayor Robinson emphasized that the rodeo grounds is a city facility that should receive regular maintenance like other city parks, rather than periodic bursts of attention followed by neglect.

DONATION FOR LIVESTOCK BOOSTER CLUB DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Mr. Josh Webb and other youth representatives from the Beaver County Livestock Booster Club requested a donation from the city. Mr. Webb reported that this year they have eighty-five participants showing 110 animals at the Cedar show. In return for the donation, the participants would clean up areas around the fairgrounds and in front of the hospital. Council Member Webb confirmed that a service project was scheduled for this upcoming Friday at 1:30 PM, where participants would clean several areas around town. Motion to donate \$1,000 to the Livestock Booster Club was made by Council Member Schena, seconded by Council Member Spencer. All voted in favor. None opposed.

300 NORTH CITY PROJECT DISCUSSION:

Parker Vercimak with Jones and DeMille Engineering discuss with City Council the potential next steps regarding the pipe replacement and associated asphalt work near the city parking lot. There was general consensus on the importance of addressing the issue soon due to public safety concerns and the deteriorating condition of the lot, especially in inclement weather. Council expressed support for moving forward with engaging the irrigation company. Mr. Vercimak and City Manager Hawkins will begin coordinating with the irrigation company and their engineers to assess project scope, options for NRCS funding, and the possibility of leveraging matching funds. Key considerations

include whether paying for the first block of work could enable the irrigation company to fund and complete the second block concurrently. Council acknowledged the estimated project costs, approximately \$85,000–\$90,000 for the pipe replacement and \$75,000–\$100,000 for the asphalt, totaling around \$150,000–\$175,000. It was noted that if needed, the project could be phased, with pipe replacement prioritized this fall and asphalt resurfacing potentially delayed until next year or combined with other future improvements. The engineering and design coordination will be completed in the coming weeks. Mr. Vercimak will get a contract and scope of work for Council review, including approximately \$10,000 for design, bidding administration, and limited construction management. The council will review and approve the project prior to going out to bid. The target timeline includes initial coordination with the irrigation company in September and project design review for NRCS funding.

DONATION OF GOLF GREEN TARPS DISCUSSION:

City Manager Hawkins introduced a discussion about community members offering to donate tarps to protect the golf course greens during winter. He explained that he was approached about this donation and wanted to understand the process for accepting such donations. The Council discussed the pros and cons of tarping the greens. Council Member Spencer noted that if the greens were tarped, the course would need to be closed during winter months, but this would allow the greens to recover. Mayor Robinson mentioned that consistently hearing from others that keeping people off the greens during cold weather is essential to making progress on their condition. The Council considered the possibility of creating temporary greens in front of the main greens during winter to allow limited play. There was discussion about potentially keeping the driving range open even if the course was closed, giving golfers an option for practice during good weather days. The Council agreed to accept the donation of tarps for all nine greens, estimated to cost between \$6,000-\$15,000.

UPCOMING INCREASE FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION:

This item was briefly addressed, with the Council acknowledging they were aware of the upcoming increase from Waste Management. No formal action was required.

2240 N 400 W PROPERTY WALK THROUGH:

At 7:42 p.m. the Council traveled to 2240 N 400 W for a walk through of property and returned at 8:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Recorder Simard:

Patty said she received a request for the Beaver High School yearbook committee and a request from the BHS basketball team for advertising. This item will be added to the next agenda for discussion and approval. Patty followed up on a discussion item that was requested several months ago. She

presented quotes for the needed replacement pole decorations for Main Street, estimated at \$362-\$521 each, with a need for thirty-two of the pole lights. Patty also reported that the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant for the plaza project completion has been extended to be completed by September 2026

Council Member Spencer:

Owen reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting, highlighting SB 80, which allows the state drinking water agency to charge a fee on water usage starting July 1, 2026, and the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) is still being developed.

Council Member Webb:

Alison proposed purchasing 85-inch TVs for the meeting rooms instead of a Smart Board. She reported that the BIG Chamber Meet the Money resource event is scheduled for tomorrow. She would also like to explore the possibility of designating Main Street as a historic district to qualify for grant funding. Alison said she approached Mr. Will Thompson to get a bid on painting the light poles on Main Street and reported that Mr. Thompson offer to paint the poles for free if he could also paint the grandstands at the racetrack.

City Manager Hawkins:

Monte discussed with council the golf course staffing. He recommended adding a manager position to oversee both clubhouse and grounds operations. Monte also raised his concerns regarding the Golf course irrigation system - the control panel is 30+ years old and obsolete, with bids ranging from \$50,000-\$72,000 to replace it. He noted that School District employees approached him to discuss a type of district partnership. The school district reported that they purchased an ice machine and requested that the city provide the mini split for the fourplex concessions, collaboration on the ball field maintenance, and discuss the removing of several trees along main street that are blocking the high school's new marquee. Monte also reported that currently there are two security camera systems in place around the city. The older system is outdated, and the viewing is difficult. He made a recommendation to consolidate the two different camera systems onto one platform at a cost of \$250-\$400 per camera. He also discussed working with South Central Communications to potentially get fiber optic service for city facilities. Monte proposed to form a committee to review and update the new employee policy manual to address contradictions and improve clarity. Monte also mentioned that another member is needed for the Planning and Zoning Board and needed clarification on the process.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to move into closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property. Council Members Schena, Cox, Webb, Spencer, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. The Council entered closed session for the above reason at 9:10 p.m. and moved out at 9:31 p.m.

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