

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, September 23, 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: David Martin, Beaver City Electrical Superintendent, Mark and Jackie Whittlesey, Jake Lapsys, Ben Coray with Sunrise Engineering, Marcus Keller with Crews and Associates, Les Williams, Kyle Blackner, and Matt Sterzer.

Mayor Robinson offered the opening prayer, pledge and thought.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Hunter motioned, and Council Member Webb seconded to approve the minutes from **September 9, 2025**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

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 **September 16, 2025, and September 22, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

No other conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

HUB INSURANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Mr. Bill Phelps and Mrs. Shellie Cox with HUB, joined the meeting virtually to present the city's insurance renewal. Mr. Phelps reported that the renewal is coming in at a 4.9% increase, which is lower than PEHP's average pool rate increase of 5.5%. He noted that some municipalities are seeing increases as high as 7.2%, making Beaver City's rate favorable. Mr. Phelps reminded the council that for the past 10 years, they have received annual rebates based on available surplus in the pool. He estimated this year's rebate would be approximately 1% of the annual premium. Mr. Phelps shared that the 4.9% increase equates to \$23,049, with the city's 90% contribution amounting to \$21,130. He noted that other insurance components (dental, vision) have minimal increases. Mr. Phelps recommended staying with PEHP for another year, expressing confidence that it is the best option for the city. Comparable rates from other providers will not be available for a few weeks, but he was confident PEHP would remain the best choice.

Motion to approve the insurance renewal as recommended by Mr. Bill Phelps made by Council Member Schena, seconded by Council Member Cox. All voted in favor. None opposed.

UAMPS and IPA ELECTRIC UPDATES:

Mr. Les Williams provided updates on several electric utility matters:

EDAM (Extended Day Ahead Market): Les explained that EDAM will be implemented in May 2026, which is a significant process requiring Beaver City to secure necessary resources to avoid penalties. He emphasized that having resources in place is critical.

All Requirements Project: UAMPS is considering both project-based and all-requirements approaches. Mr. Williams indicated that the all-requirements approach might benefit smaller communities like Beaver. More research is being conducted, with a decision expected by December.

Margin and Deficit: Mr. Williams reported that Beaver's margin for 2024-2025 was \$85,586, which the city elected to place in their pool fund. This brings the total pool fund to approximately \$193,000, which can be used for emergencies.

Power Bills: Mr. Williams warned that power bills will be high for the next couple of months due to:

1. Hydro plants being down all summer, demonstrating the importance of hydro power to the city.
2. IPP power that was called back in December to cover the hydro shortfall, which increased in price before starting in April.

Projects Update:

- Power County (Idaho) - Progressing well as a base power project with no major obstacles identified.
- Millard County Power Project (west of Holden) - Land acquired and project moving forward, though the town of Holden has some concerns about growth impacts.
- Rodatherm and Cove Fort Geothermal - Moving slowly but expected to eventually proceed, with Rodatherm working on securing financing.
- FERVO - No longer being considered as prices have increased substantially and they are selling to large users at higher prices.

IPA Updates:

- Mr. Williams stated that he has attended three meetings as the Beaver City IPA representative and is working to secure a board seat in the December election.
- Unit 3 conversion to natural gas is nearing substantial completion by the end of September, with COD (Commercial Operation Date) expected October 29
- Unit 4 will reach COD in December.
- Regarding the coal plant, there are issues between the State of Utah and IPP, with discussions about keeping one coal unit operational at minimum levels while seeking a buyer.

Mr. Williams mentioned that market power prices have been better than anticipated this summer.

Annual Report: Mr. Williams reminded the City Recorder that the annual report for UAMPS is due at the end of September and emphasized its importance for planning purposes.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREEMONT SOLAR PPA PROJECT TRANSACTION SCHEDULE UNDER THE MASTER FIRM POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH UAMPS:

Mr. Les Williams presented information about the Fremont Solar project, which includes a 99-megawatt solar facility with battery storage. The project provides:

- Solar power at \$35.45 per megawatt-hour
- Battery storage at an additional \$13.50 per kilowatt-month, providing about 4 hours of power after solar generation declines.
- A 25-year contract with a target completion date of December 27th

The project is being built northwest of Paragonah, just south of the rest area, with construction already underway. Mr. Williams explained that the combined cost would be approximately seventy cents per kilowatt, which is favorable compared to current rates. The battery component enhances the value of the solar project by providing extended power availability.

Motion to approve Resolution 9-23-2025A authorizing the Fremont Solar PPA project transaction schedule under the master firm power supply agreement with UAMPS and related matters made by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member Spencer. Council Members Spencer, Cox, Schena, Webb, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed with a majority vote.

CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025:

Mr. Marcus Keller from Crews and Associates presented information regarding the sewer bond parameters resolution. He explained that the original bond parameters from January that were for \$3.5 million, but project costs have increased due to unexpected issues with clay liners in the lagoons that were supposed to be in place but were not found during testing.

The city has submitted a supplemental funding request to CIB (Community Impact Board) for approximately \$1.2 million. If approved with the same grant/loan ratio as the original funding (which was part grant, part loan), the new loan amount would be approximately \$3,289,000. However, if CIB gives the full amount as a loan, the total would be about \$4,043,000.

Mr. Keller explained that the parameters resolution sets the maximum amount at \$5 million to prepare for any scenario after the CIB decision on October 1st. The resolution would also call for a public hearing on October 14th. He noted that with the larger loan amount, the city would still be

within debt service coverage requirements but would have less flexibility for future sewer capital projects without potential rate increases.

Mayor Robinson and City Manager Hawkins agreed to attend the CIB meeting on October 1st to explain the situation and support the supplemental funding request.

Motion to adopt Resolution 9-23-2025-B authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$5,000,000 aggregate principal amount of sewer revenue bonds, series 2025 was made by Council Member Webb, seconded by Council Member Hunter. Council Members Spencer, Cox, Schena, Webb, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed with a majority vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION MOU WITH KYLE BLACKER:

Mr. Kyle Blackner, Beaver County Building Inspector, discussed the concept of a Land Use Enforcement Officer position to help enforce city ordinances. He explained that while they had initially discussed a building inspector position, certified building inspectors are in high demand and difficult to hire (with starting salaries around \$60,000 elsewhere).

Mr. Blackner suggested that a land use enforcement officer would be more feasible. This position would:

- Check compliance with city ordinances.
- Issue notifications for violations, followed by potential fines (typically \$299 per day) if compliance is not achieved.
- Help with development by providing clear information on regulations upfront.
- Reduce the workload on the city manager who currently handles these matters reactively.

The council discussed whether this would be a full-time position. Mr. Blackner indicated that in his opinion, a zoning administrator would be full-time, but if there was an enforcement officer, they could focus on basic ordinances, which might require about 40-50% of a position.

City Manager Hawkins confirmed that this role would be part of the proposed executive assistant position, along with several other responsibilities. The council discussed the enforcement process, including the Sheriff's willingness to serve citations and the prosecutor's willingness to prosecute violations.

Mr. Blackner also mentioned that he could coordinate another training session for planning and zoning members, city council, and staff on land use laws, similar to ones he had conducted in previous years. This would help fulfill the state requirement of four hours of training on land use issues.

CENTER STREET AND 100 WEST DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS UDOT BID AWARD DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

City Manager Hawkins discussed that this item was previously discussed, needed to be put on agenda for approval. He reported that the city had received approximately ten bids for the Center Street drainage improvements project. The bids were opened, and the rating was completed by Jones & DeMille Engineering; Tushar Contracting had the lowest bid. Mayor Robinson declared a conflict of interest as Tushar Contracting is owned by his brother. City Manager Hawkins noted that this project will improve drainage at 100 West Center Street and that UDOT has awarded the city \$120,000 for this project, which will cover 100% of the costs.

Motion to approve awarding the bid to Tushar Contracting per the review and recommendation of City Manager Hawkins was made by Council Member Schena, seconded by Council Member Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

BEAVER CITY FINANCIAL UPDATE:

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting as the city is currently having their audit and there are adjustments being made.

CITY CODE ORDINANCE REVIEW DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinson explained that the council would restart the process of reviewing city code ordinances. After the first of each month, the council will receive a reminder about which section of the city code they will be reviewing. Council members will have from the first of the month through the second Tuesday of each month to review and prepare for discussion. The review will take place during the second meeting of each month, where they will discuss potential recommendations for changes. This process will begin in October.

MAIN STREET POLE BANNER QUOTE DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

City Manager Hawkins presented a quote from American Made Painting Incorporated for \$4,909 to paint the Main Street poles. There was discussion about whether to solicit additional bids, but since the amount was under the \$10,000 threshold requiring multiple bids, the council decided to proceed with the current bid given the approaching winter weather and the upcoming Christmas decorations that will be installed in early November.

Motion to accept the American Made Painting bid was made by Council Member Webb, seconded by Council Member Schena. Motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING BEAVER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinson discussed plans for Beaver City's 170th birthday celebration on February 6, 2026. This will be a major celebration, as the city does minor acknowledgments in years 1-4 and major celebrations every fifth year. Since there is currently a basketball game is scheduled in Kanab that evening and considering the winter weather, the council discussed holding the celebration on Saturday, February 7th, in the middle of the day to make it more accessible for citizens.

Ideas for the celebration included a community dinner, program, cake, and honoring special citizens. The council agreed to form a committee that would include some council members and citizens to plan the event. Council Member Webb and Council Member Schena volunteered to lead this effort, and suggestions were made to include other citizens that are more knowledgeable about Beaver's history.

Reports, Updates, Old Business Follow Up: Elected Officials and Staff

City Manager Hawkins:

Monte provided an update on urban deer management, noting that DWR had recently concluded trapping operations with eight deer removed, and is considering an urban deer hunt around the beginning of the year. He reported on city backpacks, with prices ranging from \$85-100 each, and a list of thirty-five eligible employees (working at least 20 hours/week) including council members. Monte shared a letter from Mr. Mike Rosenlof regarding tarps for golf course greens, in which Mr. Rosenlof stated that he had already purchased \$12,000 worth of tarps with \$3,000 donated by Mr. Troy Black, and he was requesting the City's portion cover the additional \$3,000. The council agreed to contribute the \$3,000 and discussed additional recognition for Mr. Rosenlof and Mr. Black, possibly including season passes, food tabs, or other benefits. Monte mentioned receiving carpet bids for city hall totaling approximately \$53,000, with discussion about whether to proceed now or wait for potential future remodeling. Monte reported that the Durango has been moved to the airport and mentioned plans for a covering and new furniture for the airport waiting room.

Mayor Matt Robinson:

Matt provided information about the swimming pool money from the county, explaining that it is recreation allocation from Beaver County's general fund based on a formula that has been used for decades. He noted that while historically intended for swimming pools, the memorandum simply designates it as recreation funding. Matt explained that discussions were underway among Beaver, Milford, and Minersville about potential reallocation of the funds, with Beaver City advocating for a larger share based on usage statistics. Before adjournment, Matt mentioned that Steven Huntsaker had submitted a proposal for two additional training sessions at a total cost of \$13,000. This would include a session with the council followed by a session with council and city employees to address perceived gaps between the council and employees. The council informally expressed support, with formal approval to come at the next meeting.

Council Member Spencer:

Owen reported on the Christmas parade and confirmed that the candy canes for the Santa visit have

been ordered. He stated that he missed the last ULCT LPC webinar but reviewed materials, noting that housing legislation and road user fees were major topics.

City Recorder Simard:

Patty shared a draft flyer for the upcoming events including Trunk or Treat, Santa Visit and Christmas Parade. She also reported that the road closure for Trunk or Treat has been completed. Patty also noted that the financial disclosures for election candidates are due October 6th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were recorded.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Council Member Spencer motioned, and Council Member Cox 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 Spencer, Cox, Schena, Webb, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed with a majority vote. The Council entered the closed session for the above reason at 8:14 p.m. and moved out at 8:27 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 Monte Hawkins, City Recorder Patty Simard, and City Attorney Justin Wayment.

Council Member Cox motioned, and Council Member Webb seconded to move into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Council Members Schena, Webb, Spencer, Cox, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 8:27 p.m. and moved out at 8:32 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 Monte Hawkins, City Recorder Patty Simard, and City Attorney Justin Wayment.

Council Member Hunter motioned, and Council Member Spencer 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, Webb, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. The motion passed with a majority vote. The Council entered the closed session for the above reason at 8:33 p.m. and moved out at 9:15 p.m.

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

ACTION:

No actions resulting from the closed session discussions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Webb motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held October 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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