

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 9, 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: Mark and Jackie Whittlesey, Jake Lapsys, and Don Roberts.

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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting and special canvass meeting** were presented. Council Member Webb motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the minutes from **August 26, 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 Schena seconded to approve the proposed bills for **September 8, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

No other conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

AWARD DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL ON STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (from RFQ) FOR CITY CENTER AND DEMOLITION PROJECT:

City Manager Hawkins provided an update on the project. He reported that the next meeting for the project is scheduled for October 13 at 11:00 PM and he would be sending invitations to various city employees.

Following evaluation of the bids, a recommendation was made to award the contract.

Motion to approve the recommendation for the City Center Project and Demolition Award was made by Council Member Cox. All voted in favor, none opposed.

WEST SIDE PAVILLION OF FOUR PLEX DISCUSS AND APPROVAL:

City Manager Hawkins presented information about bids collected for the pavilion project. The recommended bid came from Big T Recreation for \$56,406, which was significantly lower than another bid from the same company for \$79,000. The lower bid used different steel material that was deemed sufficient for the project.

Discussion followed about ensuring the new pavilion would match the appearance of existing pavilions for consistency. Council members agreed this was important for aesthetic purposes.

Motion to approve Big T Construction's bid of \$56,406 for the West Side Pavilion project was made by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member Webb. All voted in favor. None opposed.

The council agreed that if there were any issues regarding the pavilion's appearance matching existing structures, the matter would be brought back for further discussion.

RESIDENTIAL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (STOP & YIELD SIGNS):

Manager Hawkins explained that during a drive-through with Dalton from the Road Department, they identified numerous intersections throughout the city that needed either stop or yield signs. The discussion originated from safety concerns, particularly about blind intersections where drivers face bright morning sun.

Manager Hawkins noted that signs are made affordably at Gunnison Prison by inmates. Dalton had formulated a two-phase plan (west side and east side of the city) to systematically address the issue.

For the west side phase:

- 22 yield signs needed at \$121 each, totaling \$2,682.90
- 16 stop signs needed at \$119 each, totaling \$1,914
- Total cost for west side: \$4,597

For the east side phase:

- 24 yield signs and 20 stop signs needed
- Total cost for east side: approximately \$5,000

Total project cost for the entire city would be under \$10,000. The quote included posts but not a post pounder tool, which would help address issues with signs being blown over due to insufficient depth.

Council members agreed the project was a worthwhile safety improvement and would provide productive work for the road department during winter months.

Motion to approve the intersection improvement project with a budget of up to \$15,000 for materials was made by Council Member Webb, seconded by Council Member Collins. All voted in favor. None opposed.

INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD DISCUSSION:

Manager Hawkins and Mayor Robinson reported on a meeting with the Inland Port Authority. Hawkins found the meeting educational and gained insight into how the Port Authority is

incentivized to help Beaver City with the industrial park project. The Port Authority aims to bring businesses to the area that would use rail shipping, reducing truck traffic on roads.

Manager Hawkins raised a question about what type of growth the city council wants for Beaver, suggesting they should be strategic about which businesses to attract.

Council Member Webb, who serves on the economic development board, emphasized the importance of having "shovel-ready" parcels of land available. She noted that many businesses over the years couldn't proceed because property wasn't ready for immediate development.

Manager Hawkins provided an update on the industrial park infrastructure:

- All utilities are now in place
- The road is closer to completion than previously thought
- The project budget was reduced from approximately \$4.3 million to \$1.5 million since infrastructure is already installed
- \$600,000 for the road is already in place, and the county has pledged an additional \$100,000
- An issue that was raised was the gas line placement, which is being worked out with Dalton and Enbridge Gas
- Fire flow pressure for fire suppression is inadequate, but meetings are scheduled to address this with the batch plant

The council discussed various types of businesses that might be appropriate for Beaver, including light manufacturing, agribusiness, and businesses that could benefit from proximity to highways I-15 and I-70.

The council discussed improving communication with economic development representatives to ensure quick responses to business inquiries. They also considered expanding the project area beyond just the industrial park to allow more businesses to benefit from funding mechanisms.

AIRPORT PAY SYSTEM, CARD READER AND GAS PUMP DISCUSSION:

Manager Hawkins noted this discussion might be premature as he didn't have research on pricing yet. He explained that the current system at the airport is antiquated and needs updates.

The council agreed to reach out to their airport consulting firm Javiation to help develop a plan to address the outdated payment system. The discussion also touched on the poor condition of the courtesy car available at the airport, with suggestions to either replace it or use an existing city vehicle like the Durango.

GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION PANEL DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Manager Hawkins reported that Brett had been working on getting bids for upgrading the golf course irrigation panel. The recommended bid from Kevin Moore Electric (Tyler) was \$35,000, significantly lower than previous quotes of \$52,000-\$72,000. Pete recommended adding a flow master piece for an

additional \$5,000, bringing the total to \$40,000.

Motion to approve the golf course irrigation panel upgrade including the flow master for \$40,000 was made by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member Spencer. All voted in favor. None opposed.

SEWER LAGOON DISCUSSION AND PROJECT UPDATE:

Mayor Robinson provided an update on the sewer lagoon project. During testing, Jones and DeMille discovered that two cells that should have had clay liners did not, despite plans indicating they were supposed to have them. This discovery added significant costs to the project.

The original plan to pull bentonite clay from Iron County would add approximately \$1.2 million to the cost. They are investigating using clay from Beaver County pits which might reduce the cost to around \$700,000, depending on whether a 4-inch or 6-inch liner is required.

The city will need to request additional funding from the Community Impact Board (CIB). Marcus, their financial consultant, will attend the second council meeting in September to present a new parameters resolution. The CIB meeting is scheduled for October 1st, at which point they'll learn if additional funding is approved and whether it will be in the form of grants or loans.

Mr. Don Roberts, whose firm will be a subcontractor handling sludging for the project, was present. Mayor Robinson assured him that while they need to secure additional funding, the contract had been awarded and the work would proceed.

POLE BANNER DISCUSSION:

Mayor Robinson introduced the topic, noting that the city needs to refinish light poles, acquire new banners, flag holders, and flags. This project has been in consideration for approximately two years. The council discussed having the poles painted to match the color of city benches and cemetery fence (a hammered metal finish) for consistency. For the banner design, they considered either hiring a freelance graphic designer or holding a community design competition. Council members expressed appreciation for the city's existing logo that appears on council agendas, suggesting it could be used for the banners with a simple design featuring blue mountains and the Beaver City "B" on a white background.

Mayor Robinson agreed to work with Staff to develop proposals for the council's consideration.

DONATION FOR BEAVER HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK AND GYM MARQUEE DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

The council reviewed a request for \$175 to advertise on the Beaver High School basketball video board. They also discussed a request from the high school yearbook to place an advertisement in the yearbook. A motion to approve both the \$175 for the basketball video board advertisement and \$200 for a half-page yearbook advertisement (for each the golf course and the city) was made by Council Member Webb, seconded by Council Member Spencer. All voted in favor. None Opposed

DONATION FOR FESTIVAL OF THE TREES DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

City Recorder Simard reported that Mrs. Melissa Kanell had completed requested documentation requesting Beaver City's support for the Festival of Trees event. Last year, the city contributed up to \$400 to purchase containers for the event, and the same amount was requested this year. Motion to approve up to \$400 for the Festival of Trees was made by Council Member Schena, seconded by Council Member Cox. All voted in favor. None Opposed.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council Member Schena will notify the Mayor and City Recorder when the Youth City Council Members are available to be sworn in.

TINY ROBOT DISCUSSION LEASE AND APPROVAL:

City Manager Hawkins reported that Recreation Director Santi Amezcua had submitted a purchase order request for an additional "tiny robot" machine (a line-painting robot for athletic fields). The city was replacing a smaller version that was being returned, with a larger version at a more favorable price of \$29,000, which City Manager Hawkins had approved. The council discussed how these robots had been a "game changer" for the city's recreation department, saving significant time and paint when marking athletic fields. What previously took 6 hours and 6 people to complete could now be done much more efficiently. Mr. Amezcua was also researching lawn mower robots as a potential future investment.

EVENT CENTER FEE DISCUSSION:

Following up on a presentation from Aaron at the previous meeting, Manager Hawkins reported that he had contacted Aaron regarding his request to waive fees for his event center project. Hawkins informed him that setting a precedent of waiving fees would be problematic.

City Manager Hawkins provided the fee details:

- Water fees (meter, connection, impact fee): \$5,048.75
- Electrical fees: \$16,429.33
- Total fees: approximately \$21,000

The council discussed that while they support new businesses, waiving substantial fees would set a difficult precedent. They suggested the business owner might explore economic development funding through the county as an alternative.

GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION PANEL DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

City Manager Hawkins reported that Public Works Superintendent Bret Black received bids from Kevin Moore to upgrade existing sprinkler system board for \$35,000 with the added flow master part for an additional \$5000. Motion to purchase upgrade for \$40,000 for the Golf Course sprinkler system board was made by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member Spencer. All voted

in favor. None opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jake Lapsus suggested including the airport in the project area for economic development considerations. Mayor Robinson thanked them for the suggestion, noting that it was something he hadn't considered.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Robinson:

Mayor Robinson reminded everyone about the National Day of Service on September 11th. The city will be providing a community dinner starting at 6:00 PM at the armory post office pavilions, with setup beginning at 5:00 PM. Arrangements were made for hot dogs, water, chips, brownies, and condiments. The 4H Youth Council will be organizing activities including 9-square, cornhole, frisbee golf, and other games.

Mayor Robinson proposed having two additional sessions with Steven Hunsaker (the leadership trainer) that would include both the council and city staff together. He noted that while there is a perception of disconnect between the council and staff, he felt it was more perceived than real, but the sessions would be valuable to ensure everyone could "speak a common language."

City Manager Hawkins:

Manager Hawkins reported that the policy and procedure manual committee would begin meeting in October. He noted that while it would require significant work, there was optimism about the project and employees were appreciative of the direction.

City Recorder Simard:

Patty reminded council members running for election that financial reports are due on October 7th.

Council Member Webb:

Allison mentioned that the Pioneer Park sign was missing some letters, and a rock was also missing. She suggested that Park Superintendent Fails could look into fixing it.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Webb 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 7:40 p.m. and moved out at 7:49 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 Attorney Justin Wayment and City Recorder Patty Simard.

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