

BERESFORD CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 19, 2024

The Beresford City Council met in regular session in City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Mayor Eli Seeley presiding, Sarah Antonson, Pat Bickett, Larry Rohrer, Art Schott, Mike Tiedeman

Members Absent: Will Roelke

Also Present: Finance Officer Elaine Johnson, City Administrator Jerry Zeimetz, City Attorney Tom Frieberg, Librarian Jane Norling, Electric Supt. Mike Antonson, Street/Water/Sewer Supt. Jeff Heidebrecht, players and family of 14U baseball team, summer reading program participants and parents, The Republic reporter Anita Dixon

Adopt Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda as amended was made by Tiedeman and seconded by Schott. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the August 5, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Tiedeman and seconded by Rohrer. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Community Recognition:

- **Summer Reading Program:** Mayor Seeley and Librarian Jane Norling recognized the winners of the Beresford Summer Reading Program. Council congratulated all participants and thanked Norling for organizing another successful program.
- **Sportsmanship Award:** Mayor Seeley shared background information about the 14U Black Sox baseball team and their opportunity to host the SD VFW 14U State Tournament. The Beresford Black Sox placed third in the tournament and received the Louie Thury Sportsmanship Award. Council congratulated the coaches and team for this recognition.

Visitors to be Heard:

- **Beresford Chamber of Commerce:** Local business owners Shania Rozeboom, Makayla Johnsen, Michelle Bendt and Chelsea Fitzgerald informed Council of their intent to reactivate/reform the Chamber of Commerce. They explained the purpose, goals, and some upcoming events. Following discussion, Mayor Seeley shared information about other organizations that may be interested in assisting the Chamber and asked them to bring ideas for a billboard to Council.
- **Beresford FFA:** The Beresford HS Ag Issues Team will be representing South Dakota at the National FFA Convention. They shared their presentation on the pros and cons of Eminent Domain from different viewpoints. Council complimented them and thanked them for the presentation.

Committee and Mayor Reports: Mayor Seeley gave a report on the following items:

- **AED Reassignment:** An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is currently located at the Bridges Golf Course and another one is designated for the north ballfield complex. As the north ballfield is not being used at this time, the AED will be used by the Beresford Ambulance staff.
- **Child Care Task Force Updates:** The recently established Child Care Task Force has developed a survey that will gather pertinent information about childcare needs in our community. They plan to meet with the Foundation that includes the Beresford Area Foundation to ascertain what grants may be available to assist with beginning costs for daycares. He will provide updates as available.
- **Beresford School District Strategic Planning Session:** Supt. Degen invited Council to participate in part of the Beresford School District's strategic planning session on Sept. 23. Mayor Seeley would like two Council members to join him at this session.

Department Head and City Administrator Report: Finance Officer Johnson presented the following:

- **2023 Audit Report:** A letter of acceptance of the 2023 audit was received from the SD Dept. of Legislative Audit. She noted there were no findings; the report will be posted on the City of Beresford website. Schott made a motion, second by Antonson, to accept the 2023 Audit. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

- **July 2024 Financial Report:** Johnson highlighted some out-of-the-ordinary expenditures for the month. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Schott, second by Tiedeman, to accept the July 2024 financial report. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Furniture for City Hall:** Council reviewed the proposal for office furniture for the new City Hall building. Schott made a motion to purchase office furniture from Innovative Office Solutions for the new City Hall building through the State of South Dakota's State Contract #17549, at a price of \$65,217.65. The motion was seconded by Bickett, and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Resolution 2024-13 – Initiated Measure 28:** Following review and discussion of three versions of the proposed Resolution, a motion was made by Rohrer, second by Schott, to approve version #2 of Resolution 2024-13 – Initiated Measure 28. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

CITY OF BERESFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA
RESOLUTION 2024-13

WHEREAS Initiated Measure 28 was certified for the November 2024 General Election Ballot by the South Dakota Secretary of State;

WHEREAS Initiated Measure 28, if passed, would remove state, municipal and tribal taxes on all items sold for human consumption except alcohol and prepared food;

WHEREAS The City of Beresford estimates annual lost revenue of \$190,000 as a result of its passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Beresford, that if Initiated Measure 28 is passed by voters in South Dakota, the city council would need to find other revenue to make up for the short fall and/or cut expenses accordingly.

Dated this 19th day of August 2024

ATTEST:

Eli Seeley, Mayor

Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer

- **Dakota Mainstem Application:** Zeimetz reviewed the proposal from Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System. Following discussion, with input from S/W/S Supt. Heidebrecht, Council will not take any action at this time in regard to membership.
- **Capital Improvement Plan Proposal from ISG:** Zeimetz reviewed the CIP proposal that was presented by Steve Watson of ISG at the July 15, 2024 meeting. Following discussion, Council agreed to consider the proposal at a later date to allow for budgeting anticipated costs.
- **Proposed Bake Path:** Zeimetz met with Pat Carey (Banner Engineering), Brian Rogness (DOT transportation planning engineer) and Greg Rothschild (Yankton Area DOT engineer) to discuss options for extending the bike path along South 3rd St. to South 7th St. After assessment of the area and consideration of several options, they concluded engineering this project will be challenging and stressed the importance of community support. Following discussion of feasibility of the project, a motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Antonson, to support application for a grant request. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **SD Hwy 46 Expansion:** Due to the SD Hwy 46 expansion project, the City has been notified they need to move electric facilities along East 13th St. and SD Hwy 46 by Spring of 2025. Electric Supt. Antonson shared a map of the area and outlined what needs to be done for this project.

New Business

- **L&C Regional Water System True-Up Payment:** Zeimetz explained that true-up payments to Lewis & Clark Regional Water System continue to increase due to indexing. To avoid additional costs, he recommended the City make the final payment. Schott made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to

pay L&C Regional Water System \$136,308.32 for the final true up for water. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

- **Change Order #2:** Zeimetz summarized the issue with one of the four SAGR beds for Beresford Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project that requires repair before proceeding. Schott made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for the Beresford Wastewater Treatment Facility improvements at a cost of \$39,687.60. Bickett seconded the motion, and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Hire for Bridges Clubhouse:** A motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Antonson, to approve hiring Megan Buom as a part-time bartender/server at the Bridges Clubhouse at \$11.20/hour. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Resignation:** Schott made a motion, second by Rohrer, to accept the resignation letter from Beresford Library employee Jennifer Clever. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **City Hall Building/Council Chambers:** Discussion was held regarding options for City Hall and City Council Chambers once they are vacated. Council will review options at a future meeting.

Discussion and Information Items

- An invitation to tour the L&C Regional Water System treatment plant and wellfield was shared.
- The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 3 due to Labor Day holiday.

Approval of Travel Requests: A motion was made by Schott, second by Antonson, to approve the following travel requests. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

- SDML Annual Conf., SF, Oct. 8-11, Johnson, Zeimetz, Schurch, Seeley, Antonson, Heidebrecht
- Law Enforcement Training Center, training, Aug. 20-23, Pierre, Defries

Payment of Bills: A motion to approve payment of the following bills was made by Bickett and seconded by Tiedeman. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

A-1 Portable Toilets, rental, \$150.00; Aaron's Pro Window Cleaning, \$70.00; AFLAC, insurance, \$2283.26 & \$915.39; Altec Ind, annual inspection, \$2684.77; Azar Computer Software, digital service center, \$250.00; Baker & Taylor, books, \$237.86; Bally Sports North, affiliate fees, \$2297.64; Beal Dist, beer, \$1397.90; Bierschbach Equip, equipment, \$408.00; Big 10, affiliate fees, \$83.22; Book Systems, hosting fee, \$1905.00; Border States Elec, hardware/equip, \$1317.46; Capital One Trade Credit, buildings & imp, \$6480.39; Cengage Learning, book, \$65.58; Center Point Large Print, books, \$113.98;

Chesterman Co, resale, \$1045.75; City of SF, tipping fees, \$6413.55; Core & Main LP, repair, \$6849.31; DAD's Auto, repair, \$655.00; Dakota Beverage, beer, \$2163.40; Dakota Fluid Power, supplies, \$89.29; Dexter Pump Serv, repair, \$1400.00; Eastway Auto, repair, \$289.84; Eide Bailly, Office 365, \$210.50; Express Comm, settlement, \$1121.40; FARR Tech, server work, \$947.50; Flowers by Bob, memorial, \$80.00; Frantzen Reporting, transcription fee, \$46.50; Geotek Eng & Testing, utility extension, \$4500.00; GT Golf Supplies, golf merch, \$17.50; Hawkins, pool chemicals, \$1742.32;

Heartland Payment Systems, CC fees, \$2955.00; Heggies Pizza, food, \$82.70; Jeff Heidebrecht, supplies, \$188.78; iconective, annual operating expense, \$325.63; Interstate TRS, TRS fund, \$332.16; Johnsen H&C, AC unit, \$1530.62; Johnson Bros. Famous Brands, liquor, \$447.61; K&M Tire, tires, \$972.00; KCL Group Benefits, insurance, \$142.50; Menards, supplies, \$151.91; Michael Todd & Co, hydrant markers, \$650.18; Mid America Computer Corp, billing fees, \$3615.56; MidAmerican Energy, natural gas, \$499.18; Midwest Tape, DVDs, \$103.71; Motion Picture Lic Corp, license, \$191.86;

Mr Golf Car, 30 leased cars, \$4350.00; New Century Press, publishing, \$89.60; Nexstar Broadcasting, affiliate fees, \$3103.40; Olsen's Pest Tech, service, \$285.00; Overdrive, books, \$668.42; Performance Foodservice, food, \$1323.65; Quill, supplies, \$331.89; Ben Reiter, mileage, \$42.88; Rivista, magazine subscriptions, \$1237.50; Roo's Sanitation, disposal service, \$9954.19; Rovi Guides, guides, \$744.32; SDN Comm, internet access, \$3469.92; Showtime Networks, affiliate fees, \$16.32; Simplot Grower Sol, sewer lagoons, \$428.41; Sturdevant's Auto Parts, parts, \$28.98;

Temple Ag & Auto Supply, supplies, \$182.98; The Fillin' Station, repair, \$41.50; Twite Const, bond, \$20,505.00; US Bank, 2014 & 2016 Clean Water SRF, \$27,792.93; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service, \$970.99; Washington National, insurance, \$84.30; Wellmark BC/BS, health insurance, \$41,641.80; Wells Fargo, credit card charges, \$3768.35; Wholesale Supply, supplies, \$880.75; Zabel Steel, supplies, \$120.32.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, Mayor Seeley adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.