

Beresford City Council
Monday, May 18, 2020

The Beresford City Council met in regular session in City Council Chambers on May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Nathan Anderson presiding, Troy Boone, Steve Cain (via Zoom), Gerald Dahlin, Troy Doeden (via Zoom), Art Schott and Teresa Sveeggen.

Also Present: Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer; Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; and Tom Frieberg, City Attorney.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Dahlin to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Sveeggen and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Boone and seconded by Dahlin, to approve the May 4, 2020 meeting minutes. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Visitors to be Heard

- **Beresford Baseball and Softball Assn:** Beresford PRCE Director Scott Klungseth presented the BBSA Action Plan (due to COVID 19) which outlines tentative plans for area softball/baseball leagues. Council thanked Klungseth for the update.
- **Gun Club Concerns:** Beresford residents Curt Johnson and Tarz Mullinix approached Council with concerns about a recent increase in the noise level from the Beresford Gun Club. Gun Club members Frank Denton, Larry Lewison, Tom Erickson and Arlyn Abrams were also present. Discussion was held on recommendations that include changing hours for utilizing the Gun Club, updating signage, and enforcement of Gun Club rules.
- **Tractor Pull:** Chris Anderson approached Council with a request to utilize the Beresford Saddle Club grounds for a tractor pull later this summer. He was directed to talk with Electric Supt. Antonson to work out details.

Committee/Mayor Reports: Councilperson Schott informed Council of the Chamber of Commerce's intent to oversee the annual City-wide rummage for June 5-6, 2020. The Chamber also plans to move forward with the Old-Fashioned Weekend scheduled for July 31-August 2.

Department Head and City Administrator Reports

Ben Reiter – Manager, Bridges Clubhouse and Event Center:

- **Parking Lot:** Quotes for parking lot improvements were shared with Council. A motion to accept the quote of \$5532.34 from SoDak Striping was made by Schott and seconded by Sveeggen. Following discussion, Schott withdrew the motion. The Parks, Pool, Rec & Ed Committee (Boone, Schott and Sveeggen) will meet with Reiter to discuss options for repair of the parking lot. Reiter also informed Council of procedures in place for re-opening the Clubhouse and Event Center.

Elaine Johnson – Finance Officer:

- **April 2020 Financials:** Johnson highlighted pertinent information from April, 2020 financial reports. The motion to accept April, 2020 financial reports was made by Schott and seconded by Sveeggen. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Council thanked Johnson for early compilation of the financial reports.

Jerry Zeimetz – City Administrator

- **COVID 19 Update:** Zeimetz apprised Council on the status of City-owned properties as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the repeal of Ordinance 2020-01. Department heads were available to share their plans for re-opening their department. Different scenarios were considered and discussed at length. Following discussion of parks and the pool, a motion was made by Sveeggen to hire Isaiah Richards at \$9.30/hr. and Ashton Tjaden at \$9.55/hr. as seasonal employees for the Parks/Pool Department. The motion was seconded by Schott and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

- **Beresford Municipal Liquor Store:** A motion to approve purchase of a Point of Sale System from Toast in the amount of \$2037.55 for the Beresford Municipal Liquor Store was made by Schott and seconded by Boone. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Volunteers:** A motion was made by Schott to recognize Ginny Gustad, Jeff Loof, and Kelly B. Knutson as volunteers for watering flowers in the downtown area. The motion was seconded by Sveeggen and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Funding for Police Dept. Hire:** Zeimetz presented several scenarios for funding an additional full-time police officer, as this position was not included in the 2020 budget. Potential expenses, overtime costs, utilization of part-time employees and pending expenses were reviewed and discussed. Several options were discussed at length and given consideration.

Old Business:

- **Name NE Ballfield:** A motion to name the east ball diamond at the Grace V Nelson baseball field in memory of Jack Lawrence was made by Boone and seconded by Sveeggen. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

New Business

- **Full-Time Police Officer:** Upon recommendation by Police Chief Schurch, Sveeggen made a motion to authorize hiring Michael Meinzer at \$21.19/hour as a full-time police officer. The motion was seconded by Boone and Council members voting aye were Boone, Dahlin, Cain, Schott and Sveeggen. Voting nay was Doeden; motion carried.
- **Wage Increase:** Electric Supt. Antonson informed Council that Tucker Foxhoven has completed all requirements for Journeyman status. A motion was made by Schott, and seconded by Dahlin, to increase Tucker Foxhoven's wage to Journeyman Lineman rate of \$31.72/hr. The motion was seconded by Dahlin and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **East Substation Access Road Pay Request #1:** A motion was made by Schott, and seconded by Boone, to approve Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$77,493.32 to 605 Companies, Inc. for construction of the East Substation Access Road. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Authorize Bid Advertisement:** A motion to authorize advertisement for bids for 115 kV Transmission Line Construction was made by Boone and seconded by Doeden. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Malt Beverage License Renewal:** A motion was made by Schott and seconded by Cain to approve the following malt beverage license renewals: Bridges at Beresford, Casey's General Store, Total Stop, Jet Truck Plaza, Bertz Beer Garden and Dollar General Store. All present Council Members voted aye; motion carried.

Payment of Bills: A motion to pay the following bills was made by Boone and seconded by Dahlin. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

605 Companies, Inc., east substation access road, \$77,493.32; Alliance Comm. Corp., toll settlement, \$359.08; American Eng. Testing, gravel gradation, \$115.00; Baker & Taylor, books, \$331.14; Banner Assoc., east substation access road, \$4275.05; Batteries Plus, battery backup, \$24.95; Beal Dist., beer, \$1296.45; Beresford Fire Dept., reimburse 2000 Chevy Silverado, \$6000.00; BMTc, surveillance system, \$150.00; Border States Elec. Supply, east substation/dist. lines, \$18,671.89; Cadd Eng. Supply, office supplies, \$216.00; CenturyLink, 911 circuit, \$91.60;

Certified Testing Svc, east substation soil testing, \$748.50; Chesterman Co., resale, \$741.90; CHS, fuel, \$1302.86; City of Beresford, malt beverage renewal, \$150.00; City of Vermillion, tipping fees, \$5815.81; DAD's Auto Repair, repair, \$177.54; Dakota Beverage, beer, \$1194.25; Express Comm., toll settlement, \$3181.23; FARR Technologies, engineering fees, \$34,899.66; Fiber Ring, pooling fees, \$6170.08; Fiesta Foods, resale, \$27.45; Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP, city attorney, \$3341.50; Heartland Payment Systems, CC fees, \$465.72; Hillyard, operating supplies, \$52.72;

Diane Hofer, boulevard flowers, \$168.60; iconective, LLC, operating expense, \$47.20; Intense Graphics, park signs, \$200.00; Interstate TRS, TRS fund, \$541.43; Iowa Information, advertising, \$159.95; James McCulloch Law Office, east substation legal fees, \$1505.00; KCL Group Benefits, life ins, \$142.80; KVHT/KVTK, advertising, \$50.00; Lewis & Clark RWS, water, \$19,265.63; Madison Group, FTTH/ONT housing, \$16,340.00; MidAmerica Computer Corp., billing fees, \$2610.51; Midwest Tape, DVDs, \$114.94; Midwest Turf & Irr., equip. repair, \$1033.54;

Missouri River Energy Serv., supplemental power, \$131,766.71; Mr. Golf Car, Inc., lease cars, \$6075.00; Nexstar Broadcasting, affiliate fees, \$620.65; Office Depot, office supplies, \$96.81; Pomp's Tire Service, tires, \$55.00; Quill Corp., supplies, \$8.52; Ben Reiter, mileage, \$36.80; Republic Nat'l Dist., liquor, \$1262.00; SD Dept. of Rev., malt bev. renewal, \$150.00; SDN Comm., internet access, \$2158.09; Stuart C. Irby Co., gloves, \$126.00; Sturdevant's Auto Parts, battery, \$246.69; The Tessman Co., chemicals, \$5412.32; Total Stop Conv. Store, fuel, \$1015.33;

US Bank St. Paul, trustee fee, \$1500.00; Vantage Point, CALEA, \$160.00; Vast Broadband, service, \$51.88; Walt's Homestyle Foods, resale/food, \$472.25; Washington Nat'l Ins., ins., \$234.85; Wellmark BC/BS of SD, health ins., \$35,006.24; WESCO Dist., distribution line material, \$88.56; Wholesale Supply Co., supplies/resale, \$175.80; Zimco Supply, chemicals, \$3200.00.

Executive Session – Personnel and Legal: A motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters was made by Boone at 10:00 p.m., and seconded by Doeden. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Mayor Anderson declared the Council out of Executive Session at 10:29 p.m.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer
Recorded by Kathy Stuessi