

BERESFORD CITY COUNCIL

Monday, March 3, 2025

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, Pat Bickett, Will Roelke, Larry Rohrer, Art Schott, Mike Tiedeman

Members Absent: Sarah Antonson

Also Present: Finance Officer Elaine Johnson, City Administrator Jerry Zeimetz, City Attorney Tom Frieberg, Electric Supt Mike Antonson, Librarian Jane Norling, Evan Leebens (Missouri River Energy Serv), Skyler Counterman (SC Specialties), HRC members, several community members.

Adopt Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Tiedeman, second by Rohrer. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Approve Minutes: Tiedeman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 18, 2025, seconded by Rohrer. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Community Recognition: Mayor Seeley recognized Beresford HS wrestler Dexton Miller for his success as Region 2A wrestling champion and earning the Outstanding Wrestler Award.

Public Hearing: A request to rezone Lots 10-11-12 Blk 24 Original Beresford City from Single-Family Residential (R1) to Multi-Family Residential (R2) (111 W Elm St) was presented. Mayor Seeley invited Skyler Counterman of SC Specialties to explain his request for rezoning and plans for a townhome. Several community members shared their concerns and support; discussion was held on the proposed project.

- Following the public hearing, the first reading of Ordinance 2025-04, a Zoning Amendment for the City of Beresford, was held and placed on file at City Hall.

Visitors to be Heard

- Evan Leebens, a senior rate analyst from Missouri River Energy Services, provided a presentation on the 2025 Electric Rate Study and shared recommendations for future rates. This report reviewed historical and projected energy usage and associated costs and revenue requirements.

Committee and Mayor Reports:

Mayor Seeley

- **Republic Drop Box at Beresford Library:** Librarian Jane Norling shared her concerns with Council regarding the request from The Republic to place a drop box at the Library. Other options were considered.
- **Strategic Planning Session:** Mayor Seeley proposed a strategic planning session on May 23 at the Bridges to collaborate on strategic priorities and invite stakeholders to share ideas on how to grow businesses, expand services and enhance quality of life in Beresford. Mayor Seeley will gather more information and provide an update at a future meeting.

Parks Committee – Mike Tiedeman

- **Opening Ceremony for the New Ballfield Complex:** Councilman Tiedeman shared tentative plans for an opening ceremony at the new ballfield complex at the Grace V. Nelson ball fields, to be held on April 6 (April 27 in case of inclement weather).

Department Head and City Administrator Reports

Elaine Johnson – Finance Officer

- **2024 Year-End Transfers:** Finance Officer Johnson explained at the end of 2024 two funds had negative balances. She proposed using Second Penny funds to bring the balances back to zero. Tiedeman made a motion to transfer \$73,369.15 from the Second Penny fund to the Debt Service Clubhouse/Event Center and \$246,636.20 from the Second Penny fund to the Bridges Golf Course. The motion was seconded by Rohrer and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

- **Hearing Date:** A motion was made by Rohrer, second by Tiedeman, to set March 17 as the hearing date for the transfer of the Retail (On-Sale) Liquor License from Fiesta Foods to Sunshine Foods. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

New Business:

- **Ordinance 2025-03 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance:** Following explanation by Finance Officer Johnson, the first reading of Ordinance 2025-03 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance, was read and placed on file at City Hall.
- **2025 Street Sweeping Contract:** Schott made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to approve the 2025 street sweeping contract with SD DOT, pending the correction of \$100.00 per hour to \$150.00 per hour. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Old City Hall and Council Chambers:** Following discussion of the recent appraisals, a motion was made by Rohrer, second by Tiedeman, to set the sale prices at 5% over the appraised value. Upon further discussion, Rohrer amended the motion to set the sale price of the City building at 101 N 3rd St at \$120,000 and 103 N 3rd at \$156,500. Tiedeman seconded the amended motion and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Pay Request #12:** Tiedeman made a motion, second by Roelke, to approve Pay Request #12 from Siteworks in the amount of \$53,000 for the Beresford WWTF Improvements SAGR Units. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.
- **Change Order #4:** A motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Rohrer, to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$3500 for the Beresford WWTF Improvements. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Pay Request #4:** A motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Rohrer, to approve Pay Request #4 from Gil Haugen Construction in the amount of \$107,602.34 for the Bridges Clubhouse Patio Addition. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Resolution 2025-04: Recreation Trails Program Application Sponsorship:** Zeimetz explained a grant is available to help fund construction of a walking/bike path around the new ballfield complex. Rohrer made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to approve Resolution 2025-04: Recreation Trails Program Application Sponsorship. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

**CITY OF BERESFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA
RESOLUTION 2025-04**

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM APPLICATION SPONSORSHIP

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota has authorized the making of grants to public bodies to aid in financing the availability and maintenance of recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized use;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Eli Seeley, Mayor of Beresford, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Beresford, South Dakota, with the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish & Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation, for a Recreational Trails Program grant to aid in financing the Recreational Trail for the City of Beresford, South Dakota, and its Environs.

That Eli Seeley, Mayor of Beresford, South Dakota, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks may reasonably request in connection with the application which is hereby authorized to be filed.

That the City of Beresford shall provide a minimum of 20% of the total cost of the project; and will assume all responsibility in the operation and maintenance of the project upon completion of construction, for the reasonable life expectancy of the facility.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2025, by the City Council of the City of Beresford, South Dakota.

Eli Seeley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine Johnson
Finance Officer

• **Municipal Subsidy Drawdown Requests:**

- A motion was made by Rohrer to approve the budgeted 2025 subsidy drawdown request of \$10,000 from the Beresford Baseball/Softball Assn. The motion was seconded by Tiedeman and all present Council members voted aye; motion passed.
- Tiedeman made a motion, second by Rohrer, to approve the budgeted 2025 subsidy drawdown request from Beresford Parks, Recreation, Community Education in the amount of \$27,500. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

- **Part-Time Hires:** Upon recommendation by Bridges Mgr Ben Reiter, Tiedeman made motion, second by Schott, to hire Grace Rasmussen as clubhouse attendant at \$11.50/hr and David Holmberg as bartender at \$11.50/hr. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

- **Surplus Property:** A motion was made by Schott, second by Roelke, to declare the following items from the Police Dept as surplus property for disposal: an LG monitor, 2 Panasonic Toughbooks and a dog kennel. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Discussion & Information Items:

Local Review Board Notice: Council was informed that they will meet as the Local Review Board to review and correct tax assessments on Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. Requests for appeals must be submitted by March 13, 2025.

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

- SDMEA Tech Conference – Watertown, April 1-3, Antonson, Knutson
- Street Maintenance Spring Training – Box Elder, March 17-19, Heidebrecht

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

A&B Business, copier, \$2499.99; Aaron's Pro Window Cleaning, service, \$65.00; Acushnet Co, golf merch, \$1183.80; AFLAC, insurance, \$2036.34 & \$801.18; Amazon Capital Ser, supplies, \$586.47; Baker & Taylor, books, \$86.98; John Beeler, refund, \$81.42; Beresford BB Assn, 2025 subsidy, \$10,000.00; Beresford CATV, billing, \$347.50; Beresford Com Ed, 2025 subsidy, \$27,500.00; BMTC, billing, \$2266.13; Beresford Mun Util, billing, \$17,359.35; Avis Blumer, refund, \$77.00; Border States Elec, resale, \$1143.00; Capital One Trade Credit, supplies, \$455.96; Carlson's Body Shop, service, \$175.59; Center Point Large Print, book, \$49.66; Cengage Learning, book, \$27.99;

Chesterman, resale, \$203.50; Colonial Life, insurance, \$510.08; Consortia, consulting, \$3900.00; DAD's Auto, repairs, \$412.77; DeRaad H&C, repair, \$439.59; Diesel Mach, gearbox, \$731.90; EFTPS, Federal excise tax, \$437.20; ELO Prof Serv, audit, \$17,635.09; Erickson H&C, repair, \$698.29; Eladio Escobar, refund, \$41.20; Fiber Ring Rev, pooling fees, \$4114.80; Fiesta Foods, food, \$39.90; Geotek Eng, testing, \$345.00; Gil Haugen Const, clubhouse patio, \$107,602.34; Grainger, equipment, \$426.11; Heartland Pymt Systems, CC fees, \$171.21; Interstate TRS, TRS fund, \$332.16; Lenovo, USB dock, \$162.99; L&C RWS, water, \$24,924.88; Library of Congress, copyright fee, \$387.34;

Lumen, toll settlement, \$112.53; MidAmerican Energy, natural gas, \$4600.33; Midwest Tape, DVD, \$26.99; Muller Auto Parts, repair/supplies, \$300.47; Nat'l Cable Tel, affiliate fees, \$20,209.63; New Century Pr, publishing, \$101.92; ODP Bus Sol, supplies, \$276.82; Omni-Pro Software, support, \$3794.56; Michelle Perry, refund, \$13.21; Red Wing Bus Adv, safety boots, \$157.24; Reel Sharp, repair, \$3024.44; RSA, Clubhouse add'n, \$595.00; Konnor Schaap, refund, \$20.11; Mike Schurch, clothing, \$47.74; SD Dept of Rev, sales tax, \$28,719.77; SD DMV, utility trailer, \$26.70; SD Epath, E911 surcharge, \$639.00; SD Mun Street Maint Assn, training, \$50.00;

SD Public Health Lab, labs, \$230.00; SF Two-Way Radio, battery, \$49.99; Siteworks, WWTF SAGR System, \$53,000.00; Southeastern Elec, electricity, \$170.23; Sturdevant's, parts, \$37.91; Total Stop Conv, fuel, \$2309.29; United Tel Supply, supplies, \$287.76; USAC, schools & libraries, \$1791.02; US Bank, SRF, \$27,792.93; Utilismart, contract, \$1537.50; Vantage Point, CALEA, \$160.00; Verizon, cell phones, \$966.83.

February 2025 Payroll Totals:

Finance \$6492.80; Gov't Bldg. \$199.37; Police \$34,156.69; Street \$12,903.41; Parks \$4708.80; Water \$9418.43; Electric \$28,674.28; Sewer \$9637.26; Telephone \$36,698.90; Rubble/Recycling \$1031.56; Library \$11,544.78; City Admin \$9502.40; Golf Course \$4516.80; Bridges' Clubhouse \$7419.85; Event Ctr \$433.01

Adjournment: Having no further business, Mayor Seeley adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer
Recorded by Kathy Stuessi