

BERESFORD CITY COUNCIL
Monday, December 4, 2023

The Beresford City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Mayor Nathan Anderson presiding, Troy Boone, Will Roelke, Art Schott, Eli Seeley, Mike Tiedeman

Absent: Larry Rohrer

Also Present: Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer; Tom Frieberg, City Attorney; Mike Antonson, Electric Supt.; Jeff Heidebrecht, Sewer/Water/Street Supt., Michael Schurch, Police Chief

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

Approve Minutes: Tiedeman made a motion, second by Boone, to approve the November 20, 2023 meeting minutes. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. A motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Roelke, to approve the meeting minutes from the November 28, 2023 special meeting. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Executive Session: At 7:02 p.m., a motion was made by Boone, second by Tiedeman, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and proprietary matters. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

At 7:36 p.m., Mayor Anderson declared Council out of executive session. No action was taken.

Visitors: Eric McDonald of BitHome, LLC, was present for discussion and questions. No action was taken. Nicholas Gengler updated Council on a proposal to add an electric vehicle charging station near the building he owns at 100 N. 3rd St. Following discussion, Council agreed a charging station would be beneficial and thanked Gengler for pursuing this project.

New Business

- **2024 Part-Time and Seasonal Wages:** Finance Officer Johnson presented the proposed wage schedule. After explanation, Schott made a motion, second by Seeley, to approve the 2024 part-time/seasonal wage schedule as presented with the exception of swimming pool salaries, which will be discussed at a later date. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Police Dept. Promotion:** Following Beresford Police Chief Michael Schurch's recommendation, a motion was made by Schott to promote Officer Tyson Bullis to Sergeant, effective December 11, 2023, at a salary of \$29.80/hour. The motion was seconded by Seeley, and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Step-Pay Increase:** Upon recommendation from Finance Officer Johnson, Seeley made a motion, second by Roelke, to approve a step-pay increase for Finance Assistance Rachel Johnson to \$19.73/hour, effective December 6, 2023. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Loader Purchase for Street Dept.:** Schott made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to approve the purchase of a Volvo L70H2 GPE Wheel Loader from Transource Truck & Equipment through the Sourcewell Contract #011723-VCE, with no trade in, for \$204,363. The current loader will be listed for sale on the Purple Wave. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Discussion & Information Items:

- Finance Officer Johnson informed Council that the two police vehicles recently listed for sale on the Purple Wave were sold. \$5,900 was received for the 2015 Dodge Ram and \$2,250 for the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria.
- The Beresford Rubble Site will switch to winter hours on December 5 (Saturdays 9 AM-1 PM).

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

AFLAC, insurance, \$2160.28; Appeara, service, \$776.06; Baker & Taylor, books, \$498.08; Beal Dist., beer, \$105.70; Beresford Cablevision, CATV, \$196.50; BeresfordTel, phone bill, \$1907.22; Beresford Mun. Utilities, utilities, \$13,466.22; Cengage Learning, book, \$147.14; City of Beresford, employee recognition, \$3450.00; Colonial Life, insurance, \$31.04; Consortia, consulting fee, \$3900.00; Core & Main, transmitters, \$4860.00; D&R Electric, repair, \$884.19; Dakota Beverage, beer, \$241.25; Caleb Dale, refund, \$25.09; ECHO Group, resale, \$951.35; EFTPS, Federal excise tax, \$480.77;

Ed Erickson, refund, \$77.00; Fiber Ring Revenue, pooling fees, \$4801.50; Fiesta Foods, food, \$52.04; Jeff Heidebrecht, clothing, \$156.25; HM Cragg, new battery plant, \$43,282.03; IState Truck Center, repair, \$125.36; Lands' End, clothing, \$607.23; L&C Rural Water, true-up 2 of 4, \$56,155.49; Lumen, toll settlement, \$97.13; Midwest Tape, DVD, \$22.49; Midwest Turf & Irr., parts, \$677.89; Music Service, refund, \$149.39; Nat'l Cable Tel., affiliate fees, \$23,661.38; New Century FS, propane tank rent, \$30.00; New Century Press, library ad, \$302.60; Jay Nygaard, painting, \$943.50;

Olson's Ace, supplies, \$1092.89; Performance Foodservice, food, \$705.59; Petty Cash/Imprest, refill Imprest fund, \$157.07; Quill Corp., supplies, \$298.78; SD Dept. of Rev., sales tax, \$32,162.48; SD Epath, E911 surcharges, \$450.00; SD Public Health Lab, water/sewer labs, \$244.00; SDN Comm, lease line exp., \$1227.13; Southeastern Electric, electricity, \$305.47; Southern Glazers, liquor, \$27.55; Sturdevants, parts, \$467.27; The Tessman Co., chemicals, \$610.00; Total Stop Conv. Store, fuel, \$2365.79; UPS, shipping, \$120.00; US Bank Nat'l Assn., CW DW SRF loans, \$27,792.93; US Bank St. Paul, COP/golf course, \$111,100.00; Utilismart Corp., service contract, \$1531.50; WESCO, supplies, \$4354.00.

Adjournment: Having no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer
Recorded by Kathy Stuessi