

BERESFORD CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 20, 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, Larry Rohrer, Art Schott, Eli Seeley (entered at 7:26 p.m.), Mike Tiedeman

Also Present: Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer; Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; Tom Frieberg, City Attorney; Mike Antonson, Beresford Mun. Electric Supt.

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

Approve Minutes: Tiedeman made a motion, second by Roelke, to approve the November 6, 2023 meeting minutes. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Visitors: Joshua Dewitt and Eric McDonald, CEO/Co-Founders of BitHome, LLC, were present to discuss and clarify expectations of power needs for their data mining company and a potential rate agreement for future needs. They will provide more information and a tentative timeline for discussion at a future time.

Executive Session: At 7:43 p.m. a motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Seeley, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Mayor Anderson declared Council out of executive session at 10:39 p.m. No action was taken.

Department Head and City Administrator Reports:

Elaine Johnson – Finance Officer:

- Johnson highlighted some atypical expenditures and receipts from the October financial report. Schott made a motion to accept the October, 2023 financial report. Rohrer seconded the motion, and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- Following a brief explanation by Johnson, Schott made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to transfer the City of Beresford’s General Fund checking account from First Savings Bank to First Dakota Bank. Authorized signers are Finance Officer Elaine Johnson, City Administrator Jerry Zeimetz, and Mayor Nathan Anderson. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Old Business:

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2023-07: Boone made the motion, second by Roelke, to adopt Ordinance 2023-07, Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations.

CITY OF BERESFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07
2024 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City of Beresford, SD that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

Governmental Funds	<u>General Fund</u>
410 General Government	
4110 Legislative	42,911.00
411.5 Contingency	30,000.00
4120 Executive	12,306.00
4130 City Administrator	168,356.00
4140 Financial Administration	169,009.00
4150 City Attorney	26,800.00

4190 Government Building	<u>29,271.00</u>
Total General Government	\$ 478,653.00
420 Public Safety	
4210 Police	662,151.00
4220 Fire	<u>91,176.00</u>
Total Public Safety	\$ 753,327.00
430 Public Works	
4310 Highways and Streets	985,743.00
4410 Mosquito Control	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Public Works	\$ 988,743.00
450 Culture and Recreation	
4520 Parks	481,546.00
4530 Swimming Pool	174,703.00
4540 Subsidy	69,500.00
4550 Libraries	<u>323,404.00</u>
Total Culture and Recreation	\$1,049,153.00
460 Conservation and Development	
4650 Economic Development and Assistance	10,945.00
Total Conservation and Development	\$ 10,945.00
510 Other Financing Uses	
511 Operating Transfer-Out	
Total 2024 Appropriations	<u>\$3,280,821.00</u>
Total Appropriations and Accumulations	<u>\$3,280,821.00</u>

General Fund

Governmental Funds	
Unassigned Fund Balance	185,046.00
310 Taxes	1,549,200.00
320 Licenses and Permits	23,050.00
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	120,200.00
340 Charges for Goods and Services	59,500.00
350 Fines and Forfeits	100.00
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	206,725.00
390 Other Sources	<u>1,137,000.00</u>
Total Means of Finance	<u>\$3,280,821.00</u>

The following is a summary of those funds for which spending authority has been approved by the electorate:

Fund	Amount Authorized	Expended to Date	Unexpended Authorization
Bridges Golf Course	1,760,000.00	1,665,000.00	95,000.00
Community Center Bond	1,715,000.00	1,135,000.00	580,000.00
Lewis & Clark GO Bond	1,850,000.00	1,480,000.00	370,000.00
Swimming Pool Bond	2,910,000.00	155,000.00	2,755,000.00
Grace V Nelson Ballfield Complex	3,400,000.00	115,000.00	3,285,000.00
Totals	<u>\$11,635,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,550,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,085,000.00</u>

The finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the County Auditors.

General Tax Levy	\$ 845,000.00
Total	\$ 845,000.00

Mayor, City of Beresford

Attest:

Finance Officer, City of Beresford

North Ballfield Project Update: Zeimetz provided an update on progress at the new ballfield project at the Grace V. Nelson ballpark.

New Business

- **City Council President:** Schott made a motion to nominate Eli Seeley as City Council President. The motion was seconded by Rohrer, and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **City Council Committee Assignments/Appointments:** Due to vacancies created by the resignation of Councilmember Teresa Sveeggen and/or expiration of terms, a motion was made by Schott, second by Boone, to approve the following City Council Committee assignments: Planning & Zoning: Lenny Hofer (reinstated); BEDCO Board of Directors: Teresa Sveeggen, Larry Rohrer (City Council representative); Beresford Cablevision: Larry Rohrer; Finance & Utilities: Larry Rohrer; Mayoral Advisory: Larry Rohrer; Parks, Pool & Recreation: Larry Rohrer; Public Safety: Mike Tiedeman. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Solid Waste Hauling Contract:** Discussion was held on bids for the Solid Waste Hauling Contract for 2024-2026. The only bid received was from Roo's Sanitation: \$407,999.88 for a 3-year contract. Since the bid is significantly higher than current waste removal charges, options were briefly discussed. At 10:59 p.m. a motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Boone, to enter into executive session to discuss contracts. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Mayor Anderson declared Council out of executive session at 11:10 p.m. No action was taken.
- **BeresfordTel Hire:** Following recommendation from BeresfordTel Manager Austin Hansen, Boone made a motion to hire Connor Buom as a full-time Telephone Technician I at \$21.34/hour. The motion was seconded by Tiedeman, and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Surplus Telephone Equipment:** Due to replacement by Fiber-to-the-Home equipment, BeresfordTel Manager Hansen provided a list of equipment to be declared as surplus. A motion was made by Seeley, second by Boone, to declare equipment on the Zhone Equipment_Adtran Netvanta 838s spreadsheet as surplus property to be recycled. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Electric Car Charger:** Nicholas Gengler shared a proposal to add an electric car charging station near the building he owns at 100 N. 3rd St. Following brief discussion, Council requested Gengler to provide more information for further discussion at the December 4 meeting.
- **Lot 4 Block 3 Bridges 2nd Add. Tract 4 Transfer from BEDCO to City of Beresford & Reimbursement Request from Curtis Jensen for Fertilizer Applied on City Farm Property:** Following brief discussion, a motion was made at 11:10 p.m. by Tiedeman, second by Boone, to enter into executive session to discuss proprietary matters. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Mayor Anderson declared Council out of executive session at 11:25 p.m. No action was taken.
- **Swimming Pool Fees:** Finance Officer Johnson shared information regarding fees for swimming pool passes. Parks Director Kelly Haisch has recommended an increase in the cost for 2024 pool

passes. A motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Schott, to increase the cost of a family pool pass to \$135 and single pool pass to \$85 for the 2024 season. A \$10 discount will be given for passes purchased before December 30, 2023. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

- **2024 Part-Time and Seasonal Wage Schedule:** Finance Officer Johnson shared the 2023 part-time/seasonal wage schedule; the only change made was to reflect the Federal minimum wage increase of \$0.40. Council was asked to review the schedule for discussion at the next meeting.
- **SDHDA Housing Infrastructure Financing Program Grant:** City Administrator Zeimetz informed Council of the infrastructure grant awarded by SDHDA to the City in the amount of \$1,023,833. This money will help pay for infrastructure for the Bak Property Housing Development project.

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

- SD Telecommunication Association Meeting, Mitchell, Dec. 4-5, VanBallegooyen
- SD Telecommunication Association Meeting, Mitchell, Dec. 6-7, Laurvick

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

Aaron's Pro Window Cleaning, service, \$70.00; Mike Antonson, conference, \$37.00; Applied Concepts, PD car equipment, \$2350.00; Azar Comp. Software Serv., digital service center, \$250.00; Badger Comm., phone, \$237.91; Baker & Taylor, books, \$832.97; Bally Sports North, affiliate fees, \$2763.36; Banner Assoc., WWTF engineering, \$9742.55; Beal Dist., beer, \$181.10; Bierschbach Equip., air hose, \$350.00; Big 10, affiliate fees, \$133.16; Border States Elec., supplies, \$3041.17; Tyson Bullis, clothing, \$61.60; BW Ramkota, lodging, \$214.00; Carlson's Body Shop, repair, \$502.10;

Cengage Learning, book, \$119.16; CenturyLink, 911 circuit, \$122.05; City of SF Public Works, tipping fees, \$6433.19; CNH Ind. Accts., parts, \$356.00; Core & Main, equipment, \$4436.46; Dakota Beverage, beer, \$197.50; Dakota Supply Group, supplies, \$811.11; Demco, supplies, \$84.30; Eastway Auto, repair, \$32.19; Express Comm., CBOL settlement, \$1323.70; FARR Tech., map update, \$732.50; Frieberg, Nelson & Ask, city attorney, \$2146.69; Austin Hansen, meeting, \$35.00; Heartland Pymt Systems, CC fees, \$701.73; Interstate TRS, TRS fund, \$342.75; Jerry's Chevrolet, tires, \$963.56;

Elaine Johnson, conference, \$11.00; KCL Group Benefits, insurance, \$137.30; Knife River Midwest, asphalt mix, \$1444.91; Maxwell Food Equip., supplies, \$213.84; Mid America Computer Corp, billing fees, \$2993.21; MidAmerican Energy, natural gas, \$346.22; Midwest Tape, DVDs, \$95.21; MN Mun. Util. Assn., safety program, \$4519.90; New Century Press, publishing, \$139.62; Nexstar Broadcasting, affiliate fees, \$2842.38; Quadient Finance, postage, \$3000.00; Rechnagel Const., gravel, \$11,443.00; Roo's Sanitation, disposal service, \$5562.00; RSA, clubhouse addition, \$735.00;

SD DMV, fee, \$26.70; SD State Treas., telecom relay serv., \$38.90; SD Telecom Assn., conference, \$550.00; SDN Comm, internet, \$2696.02; SDWWA, membership, \$20.00; Showtime Network, affiliate fees, \$31.24; Stuart Irby Co., transformer, \$83,149.00; Trusted Media Brand, TOH annual, \$41.40; USAC, schools & libraries, \$1965.50; Vantage Point, CALEA, \$160.00; Verizon, cell phones, \$867.44; Ver-Tech, wire, \$1568.66; Wellmark BC/BS, insurance, \$44,400.19; Wells Fargo, CC charges, \$5058.39; WESCO, supplies, \$579.00; Wholesale Supply, supplies, \$232.10; Jerry Zeimetz, conference, \$22.00.

November 2023 Payroll Totals:

Finance \$6046.40; Gov't Bldg. \$163.94; Police \$28,005.54; Street \$10,939.80; Parks \$4521.77; Water \$7456.61; Electric \$30,001.73; Sewer \$8029.78; Telephone \$32,870.52; Rubble/Recycling \$2244.38; Library \$10,460.09; City Admin \$8926.40; Golf Course \$5033.13; Clubhouse \$7609.86; Event Center \$364.56.

Adjournment: Having no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:32 p.m.

Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer
Recorded by Kathy Stuessi