

Beresford City Council
Monday, October 18, 2021

The Beresford City Council met in regular session in City Council Chambers on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Nathan Anderson presiding, Troy Boone, Troy Doeden, Will Roelke, Art Schott

Members Absent: Teresa Sveeggen and Mike Tiedeman

Also Present: Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer; Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; Tom Frieberg, City Attorney, Police Chief Michael Schurch

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the October 4, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Doeden, second by Boone. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Department Head and City Administrator Reports

Mike Schurch – Police Chief

- **Non-Certified Officer:** Schurch informed Council that the majority of recent applicants for police officer have not been certified. Due to this lack of certified applicants, he proposed that the City establish a wage scale for non-certified officers and draft an agreement that will assist these officers in the certification process in exchange for a commitment to maintain employment with the City of Beresford. After discussion it was agreed to pursue this and City Attorney Frieberg will prepare an agreement and Union representatives will be contacted about a wage scale.
- **Six-Month Trial Period Review:** Upon recommendation from Chief Schurch, a motion was made by Schott acknowledging Sergeant Michael Meinzer has successfully completed the 6-month trial period for Sergeant; no salary increase is applicable at this time. The motion was seconded by Roelke and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Police Dept. Vehicle:** Several options for purchase/lease of a new patrol vehicle were discussed. Due to the condition of current vehicles and difficulty in obtaining new vehicles, Council directed Chief Schurch to obtain quotes as soon as possible for purchase of a patrol vehicle.

Elaine Johnson - Finance Officer

- **September 2021 Financial Report:** Johnson highlighted certain expenditures and revenues from the September, 2021 financial reports. Schott made a motion, second by Boone, to accept the September, 2021 financial reports. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- **Employee Assistance Program:** Following an inquiry, Johnson researched information on the possibility of offering an Employee Assistance Program to City employees. Johnson reported that a plan is available through our current life insurance carrier. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Schott to approve participation in the Employee Assistance Program offered by Kansas City Life Insurance for \$162/year. The motion was seconded by Boone and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Old Business

Park Christmas Decorations: Finance Officer Johnson reported that Christmas lights for the City Park have been ordered and are scheduled to be delivered later in the week.

New Business

Resolution 2021-09: Doeden made a motion, second by Schott, to approve Resolution 2021-09 – A Resolution in Support of the American Rescue Plan Funding Request Made by the Lewis and Clark

Regional Water System for its Expansion to 60 million Gallons Per Day. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-09
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING
REQUEST MADE BY THE LEWIS & CLARK REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM
FOR ITS EXPANSION TO 60 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY

WHEREAS, the City of Beresford is a member of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System (L&C); and

WHEREAS, the L&C "base system" is being constructed to deliver 44.19 million gallons a day (MGD), but the long-time plan has been to expand the System to 60 MGD; and

WHEREAS, in mid-2020 discussions began on moving forward with the expansion, which culminated in all 20 members indicating an interest in late 2020 to participate in the 15.81 MGD expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Expansion Commitment Agreement was sent to the members on August 4, 2021 with a January 3, 2022 deadline for approval and payment of a non-fundable deposit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beresford set a new water use record this summer, and in several cases, members exceeded their base system reserved capacities from L&C; and

WHEREAS, the high water use as a result of the drought, stronger than expected growth, as well as the members' expectations that the base system would have been completed about 15 years ago, made it clear the importance of completing the expansion as soon as feasible; and

WHEREAS, completing the expansion as soon as feasible, which will take several years or more, is meant to address "current needs" upon completion and not "future growth"; and

WHEREAS, the entire cost of the expansion is the responsibility of the members; and

WHEREAS, it was thought a couple years ago the members would have more time to save money to help cover their respective share of the expansion cost; and

WHEREAS, the realization that the expansion is needed sooner than originally thought means the members will need to pay for their share of the expansion sooner than originally thought; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the expansion will directly impact through rates the households and businesses who purchase water from L&C's members; and

WHEREAS, those households and businesses in many cases are still feeling the adverse financial impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to help reduce the cost of the expansion and thereby keep the rate increases from being overly onerous, L&C is requesting American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding from South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota for the portions of the expansion infrastructure in the borders of those states that can be awarded by the end of 2024 and completed by the end of 2026; and

WHEREAS, even if all three states approve L&C's ARP funding requests the vast majority of the expansion cost, which including inflation indexing, is estimated to top \$117 million, will still need to be covered by the members; and

WHEREAS, the water rate increases to the households and businesses served by L&C's members will not need to be as high if the ARP funding requests are approved; and

WHEREAS, the members of L&C are prepared to cover the non-state cost shares should the ARP funding requests be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the City of Beresford strongly supports the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System's American Rescue Plan funding request to the State of South Dakota for \$44.7 million and respectfully urges approval be granted.

Date Adopted: October 18, 2021.

Nathan Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer

Discussion & Information Items:

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

- Advanced search and seizure class, Pierre, Oct. 31 to Nov. 5, Meinzer
- SDN Network Manager Committee Meeting, Nov. 4-5, Pierre, Laurvick

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Boone and seconded by Roelke to pay the following bills. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

A-1 Portable Toilets, portable toilet rental, \$65.00; Aaron's Pro Window Cleaning, service, \$95.00; Alliance Comm., toll settlement, \$406.84; AmericInn, lodging, \$98.00; Michael Antonson, SDML conf., \$69.00; Avera Heart Hospital, AED update, \$95.00; American Water Works Assn., renewal, \$79.00; Baker & Taylor, books, \$474.55; Banner Assoc., WW planning, \$8150.00; Beal Dist., beer, \$2153.55; Beresford Republic, publishing, \$172.50; Beresford Vet Clinic, animal care, \$159.76; Border States Elec., new construction, \$5682.00; Brosz Eng., engineering fee, \$5242.00; CDW Gov't, batteries, \$240.64;

CenturyLink, 911 circuit, \$103.05; Chesterman Co., supplies, \$66.00; Don Christensen, tree trimming, \$4200.00; CHS, fuel, \$5073.56; Core & Main, meters, \$3101.15; D&D Door, door repair, \$394.20; Dakota Beverage, beer, \$855.30; Echo Group, resale, \$700.92; Express Comm., toll settlement, \$2205.64; FARR Technologies, engineering fees, \$3002.50; Frieberg, Nelson & Ask, city attorney, \$5065.00; Goldfield Telecom, maintenance, \$856.10; Growmark, propane tank rental, \$30.00; Heggies Pizza, resale, \$281.75; Jeff Heidebrecht, SDML conference, \$64.00; Jack's Uniforms, clothing, \$550.14;

Johnson Bros. Famous Brands, liquor, \$2894.39; Elaine Johnson, SDML conference, \$528.40; KCL Gr. Benefits, ins., \$137.70; Anthony Laurvick, clothing, \$302.62; L&C Rural Water, lobby fees, \$914.00; Locators & Supplies, first aid, \$34.84; Menards, supplies, \$424.16; MH Equip. Co., supplies, \$156.22; Mid America Comp. Corp., billing fees, \$2736.74; MidAmerica Books, books, \$433.10; MidAmerican Energy, natural gas, \$428.03; Midwest Alarm, service, \$462.00; Minnesota Mun. Util. Assn., safety program, \$1612.50; Nexstar Broadcasting, affiliate fees, \$143.15; Olson's Pest Tech., service, \$228.00;

Pedersen Machine, switch, \$66.18; Power & Tel, transmission equip., \$428.67; Quadiant Finance, postage stickers, \$18.47; Quill Corp., supplies, \$290.96; Reinhart, food, \$1763.96; Ben Reiter, mileage, \$35.84; Roo's Sanitation, disposal serv., \$4800.00; Rosenbauer Aerials, equipment repair, \$9033.22; Rovi Guides, guides, \$627.05; SDN Comm., FRRPA equip., \$15,168.83; Southern Glazers, liquor, \$1075.21; Norma Stene, refund, \$328.52; Toast, CC fees, \$222.03; USAC, schools & libraries, \$2697.01; Vast Broadband, service, \$53.00; Washington N'tl Ins., insurance, \$84.30; Wellmark BC/BS, insurance, \$32,821.73;

Wells Fargo, CC charges, \$3469.88; WESCO Dist., new const., \$468.60; Wholesale Supply, resale, \$971.84; Jerry Zeimetz, SDML conference, \$522.40.

Executive Session: At 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Doeden and seconded by Boone to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Mayor Anderson declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer
Recorded by Kathy Stuessi