

BERESFORD CITY COUNCIL
Monday, December 16, 2024

The Beresford City Council met in regular session in City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Mayor Eli Seeley presiding, Sarah Antonson, Pat Bickett, Will Roelke, Larry Rohrer, Art Schott, Mike Tiedeman

Also Present: Finance Officer Elaine Johnson, City Administrator Jerry Zeimetz, City Attorney Tom Frieberg; entering at 7:00 p.m. S/W/S Supt. Jeff Heidebrecht, Elec. Dept. Supt. Mike Antonson, Judson Sopoci

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

Approve Minutes: Rohrer made a motion to approve the December 2, 2024 meeting minutes, second by Tiedeman. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Executive Session: At 5:31 p.m. a motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Schott, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Mayor Seeley declared Council out of Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. No action was taken.

Visitors to be Heard: Mayor Seeley introduced Judson Sopoci, the new owner of Roo's Sanitation. Mr. Sopoci shared his background and assured Council he is committed to providing dependable garbage service, as well as prompt communication with customers and City staff. Council thanked him for attending the meeting.

Department Head & City Administrator Reports:

Bridges General Manager Ben Reiter

- Great Life Lease Renewal: This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Finance Officer Elaine Johnson

- November 2024 Financial Report: Johnson highlighted some atypical expenses for the month. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Schott, second by Bickett, to approve the November 2024 financial report. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 2024-21 – 2025 Electric Rate Increase: Zeimetz discussed the proposed resolution that authorizes a 3% increase in electric rates. The rationale for the rate increase was discussed, and the Purchased Power Cost Adjustment was explained. The results of the Missouri River Energy Services rate study will be shared when available, which may also affect rates. Information on the increase will be published in the paper, as well as included in the January bill, and posted on social media. Rohrer made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to adopt Resolution 2024-21, Electric Rates. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

Resolution 2024-21 (Published Separate of Minutes)

Code Enforcement: Zeimetz summarized the Independent Contractor Agreement with Joel Johnson, President of Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC. Following brief discussion, Rohrer made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC, effective Jan. 1, 2025. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

SD OEM and FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities Grant Program: Zeimetz explained the commitment letter requested by SECOG in order to obtain funding to assist in the cost of updating the Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) plan. Schott made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the SD OEM and FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities Grant Program letter of commitment. The motion was seconded by Rohrer, and all present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

2025 Farm Ground Lease: Discussion was held on the farm ground lease on land owned by the City. No action was taken at this time.

Subsidy Draw Down Request: A motion was made by Schott, second by Roelke, to approve the 2024 budgeted subsidy drawdown request in the amount of \$6000 from the Beresford Community Bus. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Rubble Site Fee Reduction Request: A request for a reduction in rubble site fees from Bill Boyer of Boyer Sand & Rock was discussed. He has paid half of the bill and requested Council consider options in lieu of payment for the remaining amount due. City Attorney Frieberg will prepare a document for this purpose.

Year-End Special Meeting Date: A motion was made by Rohrer, second by Schott, to hold a special meeting on December 30 at 4:00 p.m. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Discussion and Information Items

Zeimetz notified Council that the Community Access Road grant application for the Extension of S. 7th St. to W. Maple St. has been denied. Discussion was held on how to proceed with the project.

Approval of Travel Requests: Schott made a motion, second by Rohrer, to approve the following travel request. All present council members voted aye; motion carried.

- Joint Utility Training School, Sioux Falls, January 21-23, Thompson, Antonson

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

A&B Business, copier contract, \$88.44; Amazon Capital Serv, supplies, \$1033.11; M Antonson, clothing, \$207.63; Appear, service, \$374.40; Azar Comp Software, digital serv center, \$250.00; B&T's BBQ, food, \$707.50; Baker & Taylor, books, \$226.52; Bally Sports North, affiliate fees, \$2249.16; Banner Assoc., engineering, \$39,641.37; Beresford Com Bus, 2024 subsidy, \$6000.00; Big 10, affiliate fees, \$85.90; BW Ramkota, conference, \$1749.86; CHS Inc, fuel, \$1793.32; Cengage Learning, books, \$29.59; City of SF, tipping fees, \$3907.41; Core & Main LP, fittings, \$1272.01; D&D Door, remotes, \$94.20;

Dakota Beverage, beer, \$516.17; Dakota Data Shred, service, \$164.27; Dan Hansen, duct cleaning, \$1163.00; Danko Emergency Equip, equipment, \$107.44; DEMCO, supplies, \$91.78; DeRaad H&C, service, \$6403.07; Eastway Auto, repair, \$26.63; ECHO Group, resale, \$55.80; EFTPS, federal excise tax, \$454.45; Eide Bailly, Office 365, \$216.50; Electronic Recycling Services, recycling, \$490.00; Express Comm, CBOL/express settlement, \$1134.99; FARR Tech, server work, \$775.00; Flowers by Bob, planters, \$255.95; Frieberg, Nelson & Ask, city attorney, \$2057.80; Goldfield Telecom, routers, \$7340.43;

Heartland Payment Systems, CC fees, \$1034.08; iconective, LLC, service provider, \$450.00; Interstate TRS fund, telecom relay service, \$332.16; Jensen Agency, insurance, \$11,600.00; Johnsen H&C, repair, \$3020.41; KCL Group Benefits, insurance, \$142.50; Joe Knutson, clothing, \$168.49; Tanner Knutson, clothing, \$69.15; KVHT, advertising, \$170.00; Lands' End, clothing, \$223.55; Matheson Tri-Gas, supplies, \$220.41; Mid America Computer Corp, billing fee, \$4047.51; MidAmerican Energy, natural gas, \$745.42; Midwest Tape, books, \$26.99; Mobile Mechanic, service, \$1512.75;

New Century Press, publishing, \$178.12; Nexstar Broadcasting, affiliate fees, \$2977.12; Jay Nygaard, painting, \$484.50; Olsen's Pest Tech, service, \$235.00; Overdrive, books, \$47.44; Petty Cash/Imprest Fund, refill imprest fund, \$236.98; Pfeifer Implement, repair, \$43.40; Pheasantland Ind, receipts, \$164.77; Playaway Products, book, \$41.24; Gary Roan, building inspection, \$951.92; Roo's Sanitation, disposal service, \$9966.67; Rovi Guides, guides, \$1533.30; RSA, clubhouse addition, \$650.00; SDN Comm, internet access, \$3585.73; Eli Seeley, flags, \$262.74; Sew Storm, clothing, \$324.00;

Showtime Networks, affiliate fees, \$48.96; Siteworks, WWTF SAGR system, \$2,241.041.71; Sturdevants, parts, \$35.99; Teresa Sveeggen, review financials, \$32.50; The Penworthy Co, books, \$354.45; Productivity Plus Acct, hydraulic oil, \$112.63; USAC, schools & libraries, \$1787.51; Ver-Tech, wire, \$1592.69; Verizon Wireless, cell phone service, \$966.64; Cameron Voegeli, clothing, \$336.30; Washington Nt'l, insurance, \$84.30; Wellmark BC/BS, health insurance, \$43,079.29; Wells Fargo, credit card charges, \$4159.04; WESCO Dist, new construction, \$4755.60

Executive Session: At 7:50 p.m., Tiedeman made a motion, Schott seconded, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Mayor Seeley declared Council out of Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, Mayor Seeley adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.