

## BERESFORD CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 5, 2024

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 presiding, Sarah Antonson, Pat Bickett, Will Roelke, Larry Rohrer, Art Schott, Mike Tiedeman

**Also Present:** Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer; Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; Tom Frieberg, City Attorney; Jeff Heidebrecht, S/W/S Supt; Jane Norling, Library Director; Players and Parents of 12U baseball team; Troy Larson, L&C Regional Water System Director

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

**Approve Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024, meeting was made by Tiedeman, second by Rohrer. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

**Committee/Mayor Report:** Due to the weather-related cancellation of the Jack Lawrence ball tournament, Mayor Seeley invited the Beresford 12U baseball team to attend the Council meeting for the presentation of the 2024 "Spirit of Jack" award to Kelson Peterson.

### **Visitors to be Heard:**

**Adult Softball Tournament:** Kelsey Voegeli was present to request permission to use #1 and #2 ballfields and consume alcohol at the Grace V. Nelson ballfields during the co-ed softball tournament. A motion was made by Schott, second by Roelke, to approve the request to consume alcohol at the Grace V. Nelson ballfields on Sept. 21, 2024, for an adult co-ed softball tournament. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

**Lewis & Clark Regional Water System:** Troy Larson, Executive Director of Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, gave a presentation regarding the current water system and potential plans for future expansion.

### **Department Head/City Administrator Reports**

**Summer Reading Program Update:** Library Director Jane Norling shared statistics and outlined some of the events of the summer reading program. Council thanked Mrs. Norling for the information and her dedication to the continued success of the Beresford Public Library.

**2023 Audit Report:** As copies of the audit were not available, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

**FRRPA Equipment Purchase/Investment:** City Attorney Frieberg explained the requirements for sole source procurement of equipment over \$50,000 in lieu of the bidding process. Following justification for the purchase, Rohrer made a motion, second by Schott, to approve the purchase of/investment in FRRPA equipment from SDN Communications for the BeresfordTel Central Office at a cost of \$158,464.53 through sole source procurement as documented. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

### **Documentation of Sole Source Procurement**

Pursuant to SDCL 5-18A-8, the Beresford City Council hereby authorizes the purchase of FRRPA equipment from SDN Communications, for the purchase price of \$158,464.53. This purchase is not being bid in that City Council specifically finds that the equipment to be purchased must integrate into the fiber ring being managed by SDN. No other equipment will meet the criteria. SDN has negotiated the pricing to be the most advantageous for the City. The City Council finds that the sole source procurement exception to public bidding is applicable. A copy of the Council's findings as set forth in these minutes shall be placed in the contract file to comply with SDCL 5-18A-8, the sole source exception to public bidding requirements.

## **New Business:**

**Consider Resolution 2024-13: Initiated Measure 28.** Discussion was held on proposed Resolution 2024-13 regarding IM 28, which will be on the General Election Ballot in November. This measure proposes to remove state, municipal and tribal taxes on all items sold for human consumption except alcohol and prepared food. It was decided to revise the resolution to clarify the impact this measure would have on the City's budget and to convey the seriousness of the issue, without telling the voter how to vote. Adoption of Resolution 2024-13 will be considered at the August 19, 2024, meeting.

**MRES Electric Rate Study Proposal:** City Administrator Zeimetz presented a proposal from Missouri River Energy Services for a retail electric rate study. The purpose of the study is to determine whether current rates will provide sufficient cash flow, evaluate the adequacy of cash reserves, evaluate the costs of each customer class, provide information in areas such as cash reserves, transfers, line loss and rate design, propose rates that reflect the costs of providing service, and compare rates with other area utilities. A motion was made by Tiedeman to authorize the MRES Electric Rate Study Proposal. The motion was seconded by Rohrer and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

**Library Board:** Upon recommendation from Library Director Norling, a motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Schott, to approve the reappointment of Ashley Halvorson to the Beresford Public Library Board for a 3-year term (expires June 2027). All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

**SD Hwy 46 Expansion:** Due to the SD Hwy 46 expansion project, the Electric Dept. has been notified about moving electric facilities along E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. and SD Hwy 46. Discussion was held regarding timing and cost of the project.

**Alcohol at Company Picnic:** Rohrer made a motion, second by Schott, to approve a request from Sioux Corporation to allow consumption of alcohol for a company picnic at the Lions' Club Shelter in Bulow Park on Aug. 8, 2024, from 3-9 p.m. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.

**Sioux Metro Growth Alliance Membership:** City Administrator Zeimetz explained the purpose of the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance and benefits of membership. Following discussion, a motion was made by Schott, second by Antonson, to approve membership in the SMGA. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

**Pay Request #5:** A motion was made by Schott, second by Rohrer, to approve Pay Request #5 from Siteworks in the amount of \$1,257,497.38 for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

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

- SD Library Association Annual Conference, Aberdeen, Sept. 25-27, Norling
- SD Telephone Association Annual Conference, Deadwood, Aug. 18-20, Hansen

**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-1 Portable Toilets, rental, \$150.00; Aaron's Pro Window Cleaning, service, \$70.00; AFLAC, insurance, \$2746.17; AMC Concrete, curb/gutter, \$571.20; Amer Sports, golf merch, \$144.27; American Solutions, golf merch, \$576.00; Nathan Anderson, refund, \$12.41; Appera, service, \$786.14; Azar Comp Software Sol, digital service center, \$250.00; Badger Comm, resale, \$147.52; Baker & Taylor, books, \$684.86; Bally Sports North, affiliate fees, \$2306.46; Banner Assoc, engineering, \$31,413.10; Beal Dist., beer, \$2524.50; Beresford Cablevision, billing, \$330.50; BMTC, billing, \$2420.97; Beresford Mun Utilities, billing, \$19,645.39; Big 10, affiliate fees, \$83.40; Reiny Bittner, refund, \$57.35;

Border States Elec, supplies, \$6255.42; Bumblebee-Gibson, dust control, \$6100.00; Cengage Learning, book, \$58.38; Center Point Large Print, book, \$27.27; Chesterman, resale, \$1471.60; CHS Inc, fuel, \$4140.51; Colonial Life, insurance, \$31.04; Consortia, consulting fees, \$3900.00; Core & Main, equipment, \$58,681.40; Dakota Bev, beer, \$3822.21; Dakota Fluid Power, repair, \$6249.56; Dakota Riggers, parts, \$110.95; DeRaad H&C, service, \$384.91; Victor Mendoza Diaz, refund, \$19.87; EFTPS, Federal excise tax, \$456.56; ELO Prof LLC, audit, \$15,415.73; Fiber Ring Revenue, pooling fees, \$4325.00; Fiesta Foods, food, \$516.81; First Dakota Nat'l Bank, cash mgt fee, \$4.00;

Frieberg, Nelson & Ask, city attorney, \$2018.75; Goldfield, switches, \$4927.90; Grossenburg Imp, repair, \$304.21; GT Golf Sup, golf merch, \$176.41; Hawkins, pool chemicals, \$1499.13; Heggies Pizza, food, \$82.70; Jack's Uniforms, clothing, \$83.44; Johnsen H&C, service, \$473.28; Johnson Bros Famous Brands, resale, \$758.75; Journey Gr Const, refund, \$98.00; Justice Fire & Safety, service, \$809.00; Lawson Prod, supplies, \$461.91; L&C Rural Water, water, \$30,442.29; Lumen, toll settlement, \$97.13; Midwest Ready Mix, blocks, \$1200.00; Midwest Tape, DVD, \$26.24; MN Mun Util Assoc, safety program, \$4519.90; MRES, hydro/sup power, \$255,858.00; annual support fee, \$5013.66;

Mr. Golf Car, leased cars, \$4350.00; Muller Auto Parts, repair, \$477.57; Natl Cable Tel, affiliate fees, \$22,656.74; New Century Press, publishing, \$114.24; NY Life, insurance, \$42.75; Nexstar Broadcasting, affiliate fees, \$3131.88; Olson's Ace Hardware, supplies, \$1839.27; Elmar Perez, refund, \$84.44; Performance Foodservice, food, \$5218.29; Ben Reiter, mileage, \$42.88; Republic Natl Dist, liquor, \$545.91;

Gary Roan, bldg inspector, \$652.98; Rovi Guides, guides, \$744.32; Sanitation Prod, repair, \$377.93; SD Epath, E911 surcharge, \$417.50; SD Dept. of Revenue, sales tax, \$33,959.41; SD Library Assoc, conference, \$215.00; SD Public Health Lab, water/sewer labs, \$669.00;

SDN Comm, FRRPA MPLS upgrade, \$158,464.53; Showtime, affiliate fees, \$16.32; Sioux Falls Two-Way Radio, radios, \$543.96; Siteworks, WWTF SAGR system, \$1,257,497.38; Southeastern Elec, electricity, \$268.29; The Tessman Co., chemicals, \$534.00; Total Stop Conv, fuel, \$2802.87; Tritech Software, annual fee, \$6023.72; UPS, shipping, \$164.50; US Bank St Paul, admin fee, \$2500.00; Utilismart Corp, contract, \$4601.50; Vantage Custom Classics, uniforms, \$255.83; Vantage Point, CALEA, \$160.00; WESCO Dist., meters, \$1004.00; Wholesale Supply Co., supplies, \$1134.70.

**July 2024 Payroll Totals:**

Finance \$6244.80; Gov't Bldg. \$238.66; Police \$28,217.41; Street \$15,185.83; Parks \$11,679.62; Water \$9856.12; Electric \$29,312.21; Sewer \$8719.48; Telephone \$33,616.07; Rubble/Recycling \$2052.66; City Council \$7019.45; Library \$11,026.37; Swimming Pool \$26,881.23; City Admin \$9217.60; Golf Course \$11,962.44; Clubhouse \$17,104.62; Event Center \$147.21.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, Mayor Seeley adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer

Recorded by Kathy Stuessi