CITY OF BERESFORD

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

(Updated May 5th, 2025)

Mayor (2-year term)

Eli Seeley May 2026

Council Members (2-year term) – Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays of every month in Council Chambers 7pm.

Ward I Kayla Bullis May 2027 Ward I Patrick Bickett May 2026

Ward II William Roelke May 2027 Ward II Mike Tiedeman May 2026

Ward III Sara Antonson May 2027 Ward III Larry Rohrer May 2026

President: Larry Roher

VP: Mike Tiedeman

Administration/Department Heads

City Administrator Jerry Zeimetz Parks/Pools Supt. Kelly Haisch

Finance Officer Elaine Johnson Golf Course Supt. Jason Strand

Telephone General Mgr. Austin Hansen Librarian Jane Norling

Electric Department Mike Antonson Chief of Police Michael Schurch

Street/Water/Sewer Supt Jeff Heidebrecht Clubhouse/Event Ctr. Mgr Ben Reiter

**Library Board**(3-year term)

**Goals and Role:** The Library Board ensures the Beresford Public Library meets the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the community. The representative serves as a liaison between the library and the City Council, advocating for resources, programs, and services that promote literacy and lifelong learning. Additionally, the board collaborates with library staff to develop innovative programming, secure funding, and expand access to digital and physical resources.

* **Chair:** Jane Norling, Librarian
* **Members:**
  + City Council Representative Kayla Bullis June 2027
  + Renee James June 2025
  + Natosha Schuch June 2025
  + Haley Hansen Godfrey June 2026
  + Laura Hoesing June 2026
  + Ashley Halvorson June 2027
* **Meeting Frequency:** Monthly
* **Public Access:** Annual reports and meeting notes will be published on the library website and available at the library.

**Planning & Zoning Commission (5-year term; Mayor Appt./Council Approval)**

**Goals and Role:** The Planning & Zoning Commission is responsible for reviewing and approving development plans, ensuring compliance with city ordinances, and promoting sustainable growth in Beresford. The commission also works to balance economic development with community preservation, ensuring zoning strategies align with long-term city planning goals. The mayor participates in aligning city initiatives with zoning strategies.

* **Chair:** Larry Bork June 2026
* **Vice Chair:** Chet Borah June 2025
* **Members:**
  + Stanford Peterson June 2027
  + Lenny Hofer June 2028
  + Brad Muller June 2029
* **City Liaisons:** Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; Tom Frieberg, City Attorney
* **Meeting Frequency:** Meet at 6:30 p.m. on 2nd Monday of every month in Council Chambers
* **Public Access:** Reports and meeting minutes will be posted online and archived at City Hall.

**Housing Redevelopment Commission (HRC) (5-year term)**

**Goals and Role:** The HRC facilitates affordable housing projects and revitalization efforts, working to enhance the quality of life for Beresford residents. The commission partners with stakeholders to identify and address housing needs, focusing on creating safe, affordable, and modern housing options. It also works to secure grants and funding to support redevelopment initiatives.

* **President:** Tom Diefendorf November 2029
* **Treasurer:** Gary Schaap November 2025
* **Members:** 
  + Amber Sorenson November 2026
  + Cassie Schable November 2028
  + Mike Tiedeman November 2027
* **City Liaisons:** Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator
* **Meeting Frequency:** Meet the 2nd Friday of every month at the City Council Chambers
* **Public Access:** Updates will be shared during council meetings and made available online.

**Beresford Economic Development Corporation (BEDCO) (4-year term)**

**Goals and Role:** BEDCO promotes economic growth by attracting businesses, supporting local entrepreneurs, and fostering workforce development. The committee also advocates for infrastructure improvements and works to enhance the city’s appeal to investors and residents. The mayor’s involvement ensures alignment with city policies.

* **Board of Directors (appointed by membership which includes Board of Directors and Members)**
  + **President:** Doug Allerding (Chamber Representative) October 2029
  + **Vice President:** Brad Antonson October 2026
  + **Secretary / Treasurer:** Teresa Sveeggen October 2028
  + **Jared Olson** October 2027
  + **Larry Rohrer (City Council Representative)**
  + **Eli Seeley (Mayor)**
  + **Open (term of Phil Peterson)** October 2029
* **Chamber of Commerce Representative:** Open
* **City Council Representative:**  Larry Rohrer
* **Ex-Officio Board Members**
  + **City Administrator:** Jerry Zeimetz
  + **City Attorney**; Tom Frieburg
  + **First Savings Bank**: Jamie Roth & Bret Peterson
  + **First Dakota Bank**: (\*Note) Doug Allerdings serves as the president of the Board
* **Meeting Frequency:** Annual meeting 2nd Tuesday in October; Mayor & Council members if they are on the council.
* **Public Access:** Annual reports will be presented to the council and published on the BEDCO website.

**Beresford Cablevision**

**Goals and Role:** This committee oversees the operations and management of Beresford Cablevision, ensuring high-quality and affordable cable services for residents. It also evaluates and recommends upgrades to technology and services to meet the changing needs of the community. This includes examining trends and providing direction for the future.

* **President:** Larry Rohrer
* **Vice President:** Sarah Antonson
* **Treasurer:** Elain Johnson
* **Secretary:** Kathy Stuessi
* **Members:**
  + Current City Council Members
* **City Liaison:** Austin Hansen, General Manager - BeresfordTel
* **Meeting Frequency:** Quarterly
* **Public Access:** Meeting notes and operational updates will be available through the city website.

**Annual Appointments by Mayor approved by City Council** (Appointed 1st Council Meeting in May)

City Attorney: Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP

Finance Officer: Elaine Johnson

Building Inspector: Gary Roan

Code Enforcement Officer: Joel Johnson, Code Enforcement Specialists

Lewis and Clark Regional Water Board: Jeff Heidebrecht

**Buildings & Insurance**

**Goals and Role:** This committee ensures the maintenance and safety of city-owned buildings and manages the city’s insurance policies to protect municipal assets. It also conducts regular assessments of building conditions and reviews insurance coverage to mitigate risks and reduce liabilities.

* **Chair:** William Roelke
* **Members:** William Roelke, Patrick Bickett, Mike Tiedeman
* **City Liaisons:** Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; Jeff Heidebrecht, Public Works Supervisor
* **Meeting Frequency:** Monthly
* **Public Access:** Reports and notes will be included in City Council minutes.

**Finance & Utilities**

**Goals and Role:** The Finance & Utilities Committee oversees the city’s financial health and utilities, including telecommunications, electricity, and operations. The committee ensures fiscal responsibility and utility efficiency while recommending improvements to enhance service reliability and financial transparency.

* **Chair:** Pat Bickett
* **Members:** Pat Bickett, Mike Tiedeman, Larry Rohrer
* **City Liaisons:** Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer
* **Meeting Frequency:** Bi-monthly
* **Public Access:** Budget summaries and meeting notes will be available on the city website.

**Mayoral Advisory**

**Goals and Role:** This committee advises the mayor on pressing issues, appointments, and city initiatives, serving as a sounding board for executive decisions. It provides diverse perspectives to help the mayor address challenges and opportunities effectively.

* **Chair:** Sarah Antonson
* **Members:** Sarah Antonson, Mike Tiedeman, Larry Rohrer
* **Meeting Frequency:** As needed
* **Public Access:** Notes and decisions will be shared in council meetings when applicable.

**Parks, Pool, Recreation & Community Education**

**Goals and Role:** This committee manages Beresford’s recreational facilities, including parks, the swimming pool, and the golf course, while fostering educational partnerships with local resources. It also oversees event planning and the maintenance of recreational spaces to promote community engagement and wellness.

* **Chair:** Mike Tiedeman
* **Members:** Sarah Antonson, Larry Rohrer, Mike Tiedeman
* **City Liaisons:** Ben Reiter, Golf Course Manager; Jason Strand, Golf Course Superintendent; Kelly Haisch, Parks Department Head.
* **Meeting Frequency:** Monthly
* **Public Access:** Updates and reports will be posted online and shared during council meetings.

**Policy & Procedures**

**Goals and Role:** This committee reviews city policies, ordinances, and employee manuals to ensure compliance, fairness, and efficiency. It also handles union labor negotiations, ensuring fair treatment of city employees while balancing budgetary constraints and operational needs.

* **Chair:** Kayla Bullis
* **Members:** William Roelke, Sarah Antonson, Kayla Bullis
* **City Liaisons:** Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer
* **Meeting Frequency:** Quarterly
* **Public Access:** Approved changes will be documented in council minutes and ordinances updated online.

**Public Safety**

**Goals and Role:** This committee oversees the operations of the Fire Department, Police Department, and Ambulance Service, ensuring public safety and emergency preparedness. It also works to identify and mitigate risks within the community to protect lives and property.

* **Chair:** Mayor Seeley
* **Members:** Sarah Antonson, Patrick Bickett, Mike Tiedeman
* **City Liaisons:** Mike Schurch, Police Chief; Andrew Boden, Fire Chief; Ben Fahlberg, Ambulance Service Director
* **Meeting Frequency:** Bi-monthly
* **Public Access:** Safety updates, annual reports and meeting notes will be available through the city website.

**Public Works**

**Goals and Role:** The Public Works Committee manages infrastructure projects, including streets, water, sewer, solid waste, and recycling, ensuring efficient and reliable services. It also prioritizes sustainable practices and long-term infrastructure planning to meet future community needs.

* **Chair:** Pat Bickett
* **Members:** Patrick Bickett, William Roelke, Kayla Bullis
* **City Liaisons:** Jeff Heidebrecht, Public Works Supervisor; Keith Kropuenske, Water Department
* **Meeting Frequency:** Monthly
* **Public Access:** Progress reports and meeting notes will be shared at council meetings and posted online.

**Community Bus Board**

**Goals and Role:** This Bus Board oversees the operations of the community bus program, ensuring accessible and reliable transportation for residents. It also works to identify areas of improvement and expand services as community needs evolve.

* **Members:** City Council Representative William Roelke
* **Meeting Frequency:** Quarterly
* **Public Access:** Updates will be available through the city website and at City Hall.

**Emergency Manager**

**Goals and Role:** The Emergency Manager coordinates disaster preparedness and response efforts, ensuring the safety and resilience of Beresford in emergencies. They also conduct training and collaborate with local, state, and federal agencies to enhance community preparedness. Any plans will be consistent with both Union County and Lincoln County Emergency Management Plans. Required exercises will be planned and placed onto the master schedule where multiple city departments and external agencies need to be included.

* **Appointee:** Andrew Boden
* **City Liaisons:** Mike Schurch, Police Chief; Andrew Boden, Fire Chief; Ben Fahlberg, Ambulance Service Director; Jerry Zeimetz, City Administrator; Austin Hansen, General Manager – BeresfordTel; Mike Antonson, Electric Superintendent; Eli Seeley, Mayor
* **Meeting Frequency:** As needed
* **Public Access:** Annual preparedness reports will be shared with the council and made public online.

**Health Officer (2-year term)**

**Goals and Role:** The Health Officer serves as the City’s chief public health authority, responsible for protecting and promoting the health of the community through policy leadership, disease prevention, and enforcement of public health codes. Reporting to the City Council and working in coordination with the State Department of Health, this role includes assessing community health status, managing health emergencies, advising policymakers, and coordinating with regional health partners. The Health Officer plays a critical leadership role in emergency preparedness, public education, and safeguarding public health through inspections, investigations, and response planning.

* **Appointee:** Suzanne Johnson

**Public Health Council (2-year term)**

**Goals and Role:** The Public Health Council of Beresford is a city-authorized body dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of Beresford residents through policy development, community collaboration, and public education. Comprised of appointed members from diverse sectors, the Council advises on health priorities, advocates for resources, and evaluates public health initiatives. It operates under the authority of the City Council and Health Officer, holding open meetings and seeking funding to support its efforts.

* **Members:**
  + Suzanne Johnson, Health Officer May 2026
  + Dawn Seeley May 2026
  + Brenda Hansen May 2026
  + Brittany Lyle May 2026
* **Meeting Frequency:** Quarterly
* **Public Access:** Updates will be available through the city website and at City Hall.