

BERESFORD CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 1, 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; Austin Felts, City Attorney; Mike & Maisie Antonson, Joanne Paulsen, Dave & Marsha Nelson, Anita Dixon, Pat Carey (Banner Assoc.), Harley Ferguson (SECOG)

Adopt Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda as amended 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 June 18, 2024, meeting was made by Tiedeman, second by Roelke. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Visitors to be Heard:

- Marsha Nelson and Joanne Paulsen informed Council of a group of citizens interested in restarting the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. A grant has been secured and they are seeking matching funds to support this event and also need to secure a location. Discussion was held regarding the use of the Bridges Event Center, potential sponsors, and recruiting volunteers for the event. Mayor Seeley and Council expressed appreciation and support for their efforts to encourage community relationships.
- Anita Dixon approached Council about the standing water in the playground at the Grace V. Nelson ballfield park. It has been unusable for some time due to the excess water. Plans to re-channel water for better drainage and obtain new playground equipment were discussed.
- Pat Carey of Banner Assoc. and Harley Ferguson of SECOG shared information about the TAPS Application and Community Access Grant Application. Funds obtained would be used to extend the existing 3rd street bike path, thus providing a safe route for those using the trail. Following explanation and discussion, Schott made a motion, second by Bickett, to authorize Mayor Seeley to sign a letter of intent to initiate the process for the TAPS Application. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Discussion was held on the Community Access Grant.

Committee/Mayor Report

Mayor Eli Seeley:

- Mayor Seeley awarded retired Fire Chief Tarzan Mullinix a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of being named VFW National Firefighter of the Year. Council thanked Mr. Mullinix for his continued commitment and service to the Beresford Community.
- Mayor Seeley provided an update on the Child Care Task Force recently formed. A survey will be sent to community members to assess childcare needs and determine potential short- and long-term solutions to address this issue.
- A digital community calendar containing information about community events was proposed. The calendar will be linked to the City's webpage and posted on other social media sites.
- Due to maintenance problems, the Alcester swimming pool has been unable to open. Mayor Seeley proposed hiring their pool staff (as needed) and to offer passes to any Alcester patrons interested in utilizing the Beresford swimming pool.

Old Business:

- Parks Supt. Kelly Haisch proposed designating an area of the pool for adults on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. and adults only in the pool from 6:30-7:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Schott made a motion, seconded by Bickett, to approve the designated times for adults only. All present Council members voted aye; motion passed.
- A draft policy for swimming pool closures was reviewed and discussed. Rohrer made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to approve the Swimming Pool Closure Policy as presented. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. The information will be posted on the City's webpage.

- A request from American Tower to the review tower lease agreement was discussed. No changes were recommended; contract negotiations will continue.

New Business:

- Resolution 2024-12: Mutual Aid Agreement with Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association. City Administrator Zeimetz explained the intent and benefits of the resolution. A motion was made by Schott and seconded by Roelke to adopt Resolution 2024-12, Mutual Aid Assistance with Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried. Rohrer made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to accept the mutual aid agreement for disaster response assistance. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-12
MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS the City of Beresford, South Dakota (“City”), operates and maintains a municipal electric system utility;

WHEREAS, City wishes to cooperate with other cities which own and operate utility systems and other publicly owned utility organizations (“Publicly Owned Utilities”);

WHEREAS, City is a member of the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (“MMUA”) and MMUA has developed a program to encourage and foster mutual aid between and among Publicly Owned Utilities in the event of disasters and emergencies;

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) has established a rule which provides that FEMA will reimburse mutual aid costs for a particular disaster or emergency only if mutual aid participants have signed a written agreement prior to that disaster or emergency;

WHEREAS, prudent and appropriate charges should be established from time to time which may be paid to City for its provision of mutual aid services and which may be paid to other Publicly Owned Utilities which may provide mutual aid assistance to the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BERESFORD:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the MMUA Mutual Aid Agreement (attached hereto) and such other documents and agreements as may be necessary to implement City’s participation in the MMUA Mutual Aid Program and to qualify for FEMA reimbursement of mutual aid costs.
2. The managing staff of the City’s utility system shall establish reasonable rates for reimbursement of its labor and equipment costs as contemplated in FEMA rules, and periodically revise such rates as necessary.
3. City will provide mutual aid assistance to other Publicly Owned Utilities if management determines (a) that the reliability and performance of City’s utility system and the public health and safety of City resident and customers will not be materially and adversely affected, (b) the other Publicly Owned Utility has executed the MMAU Mutual Aid Agreement (or an agreement substantially similar in form and content) and (c) the other Publicly Owned Utility has established rates for reimbursement of City’s labor and equipment costs which are reasonably comparable to those established by City.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY OF BERESFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA, JULY 1, 2024

Eli Seeley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine Johnson
Finance Officer

- Rohrer made a motion, second by Tiedeman, to accept the mutual aid agreement for disaster response assistance. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
- Pay Request #4: A motion was made by Tiedeman, second by Rohrer, to approve Pay Request #4 from Siteworks in the amount of \$316,187.43 for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
 - Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Upon recommendation from Mayor Seeley, Tiedeman made a motion to re-appoint Brad Muller to the Planning and Zoning Commission for another 5-year term. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
 - Test Boring for 7th Street Utility Improvements: City Administrator Zeimetz recommended to Council that test borings be performed for the 7th Street utility improvements and the Parks/Golf maintenance shed site. Schott made a motion to hire Geotek Engineering and Testing Services to perform test borings for the 7th Street utility improvements and the Parks/Golf Maintenance shed site at a cost of \$4500.00. The motion was seconded by Tiedeman, and all present Council members voted aye; motion carried.
 - Step-Pay Increase: Schott made a motion, second by Roelke, to approve a step-pay increase for Street/Sewer/Water Dept. employee Tanner Knutson from \$25.97/hour to \$26.65/hour. All present Council members voted aye; motion carried.

Discussion & Information Items

- The annual fireworks display will be held at dusk at Cortland Carnes Field on July 4. In case of inclement weather, the fireworks display may be moved to Old-Fashioned Weekend (July 26-28).
- Due to flooding, Dakota Valley will not be able to host the VFW 14U State Baseball Tournament July 26-28. Beresford has offered to host the event with BBSA doing the majority of the work. This is also when Old-Fashioned Weekend will be held but shouldn't cause problems for either group.
- Roo's Sanitation will be picking up garbage on Thursday, July 4.

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.

Aaron's Window Cleaning, service, \$70.00; AFLAC, insurance, \$2283.26; Amer Sports, golf merch, \$234.44; Badger Comm., resale, \$33.56; Baker & Taylor, books, \$780.37; Banner Assoc, engineering, \$12,293.41; Beal Dist., beer, \$754.90; Hunter Beeson, refund, \$11.92; Beresford Cablevision, billing, \$330.50; BMTC, billing, \$2508.69; Beresford Mun Utilities, billing, \$18,733.31; Border States Elec, supplies, \$1003.14; Cengage Learning, books, \$151.15; Center Point Large Print, books, \$86.01; Chesterman, resale, \$844.60; CHS Inc, fuel, \$4533.73; Colonial Life, insurance, \$31.04; Core & Main, meter, \$1405.84; Dakota Bev., beer, \$2001.55; Brandi Fedderson, refund, \$32.29;

Fiesta Foods, supplies, \$58.81; Flowers by Bob, memorial, \$45.00; Galls, supplies, \$32.99; Goldfield, routers, \$2912.74; Graham Tire Co., tires, \$584.00; Groves Emergency Lighting, parts, \$226.20; Aaron Hadley, refund, \$113.53; Hawkins, pool chemicals, \$2174.67; Jerry's Chevrolet, repair, \$77.78; Johnson Bros. Famous Brands, resale, \$1429.96; Roxy Johnson, refund, \$97.50; Lenovo, equipment, \$2641.40; L&C Rural Water, water, \$29,470.55; Locators & Supplies, flags, \$141.54; Lumen, toll settlement, \$97.14; Judy Lundberg, refund, \$24.85; Midwest Tape, DVD, \$26.24; Judy Miller, refund, \$198.53; MRES, hydro/sup power, \$176,801.73; Mr. Golf Car, leased cars, \$4350.00;

Muller Auto Parts, repair, \$278.07; My Place Hotel, fire school lodging, \$4568.00; National Cable Television, affiliate fees, \$23,057.06; Nucor Rebar Fab, rebar cages, \$4000.00; ODP Business Sol, supplies, \$472.77; Olson's Ace Hardware, supplies, \$2298.65; Olson's Pest Tech., service, \$285.00; Overdrive, ebook, \$117.09; Performance Foodservice, food, \$2459.46; Proform Fabrication, scoreboard parts, \$8810.08; Ben Reiter, supplies, \$42.88; Sandman & Assoc., scoreboard foundation, \$3800.00; SD Epath, E911 surcharge, \$421.25; SD Dept. of Revenue, sales tax, \$33,505.59; SD Public Health Lab, water/sewer labs, \$412.00; SD State Treas, telecom relay service, \$35.60;

Bill Sebern, refund, \$13.30; Siteworks, WWTF SAGR system, \$316,187.43; Southeastern Elec., electricity, \$298.98; Srixon/Cleveland Golf, golf merch, \$645.00; Stuart C Irby, CT, \$1888.00; Sturdevant's, parts, \$56.75; Sheridan Swee, refund, \$145.17; The Tessman Co., chemicals, \$341.19; Calmer Thompson, refund, \$38.11; Total Stop Conv, fuel, \$2523.14; Milo Twedt, refund, \$33.03; UPS, shipping, \$131.60; Vantage Custom Classics, uniforms/golf merch, \$1339.07; Cameron Voegeli, clothing, \$63.70; WESCO Dist., transformer, \$53,052.00; Wholesale Supply Co., supplies, \$343.60.

June 2024 Payroll Totals:

Finance \$6244.80; Gov't Bldg. \$152.59; Police \$30,240.48; Street \$13,787.74; Parks \$11,642.91; Water \$9145.44; Electric \$29,284.19; Sewer \$8683.07; Telephone \$33,696.60; Rubble/Recycling \$2325.34; Planning & Zoning, \$1125.00; Library \$10,446.13; Swimming Pool \$28,634.79; City Admin \$9217.60; Golf Course \$11,288.67; Clubhouse \$16,184.63; Event Center \$89.99.

Adjournment: Having no further business, Mayor Seeley adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Elaine Johnson, Finance Officer
Recorded by Kathy Stuessi