

**CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**PUBLISHED SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING BODY'S REVIEW AND REVISION**

A regular meeting of the Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Jeanne Larson on September 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order was City Council Nick Hegel, Tim Marman, Lynn Swanson-Puckett, Sarah Ross, Bev Wolff, Andy Zachmann, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Sheriff Dey Muckle and guests Mark Benes, Walt Losinski and Scott Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. All members were present.

Mayor Larson called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Swanson-Puckett request adding to Unfinished Business - Discussion on increasing the city sales tax.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on September 7, 2021 were presented. Wolff moved to approve the minutes, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Muckle reviewed his written report for the month of August consisting of 65 calls, 3 citations and 4 written warnings.

**Auditor Report**

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Gaugler reviewed the financial statement for the month of August. Zachmann moved to approve, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously. Gaugler reported on sessions attended at the North Dakota League of Cities Annual Conference.

**Engineer's Report**

Engineer Klein's written report was reviewed. **2021 6<sup>th</sup> Street Watermain Improvement Project:** Elite will be completing the punch list items this week. Project closeout will commence once punch list is complete. **2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project:** Project is complete. Assessment process is ongoing. A successful public hearing was held and the assessment committee recommendation will be provided to the council. **NDDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Project:** In July 2020, the city was awarded \$200,000 in funding to proceed with the next phase of multiuse trail. NDDOT was expecting this project to be constructed in 2022. City's estimated match is \$110,000 for construction and engineering. NDDOT is willing to extend the bid date to October 2022 with construction in 2023. The extension would provide the City a little more time to seek additional matching funds for the project.

**Committee Reports**

**Zoning**

Wolff reported an Application for Building a garage at 271 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE was approved at the Zoning Board meeting held earlier in the day.

**Police**

Prairie Patriot Firearms Training (PPFT) will be held September 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am in the Community Center.

**Unfinished Business**

Discussion on increasing the City Sales Tax – Swanson-Puckett recommended if the City is going to propose at the next election an increase to the sales tax, an inventory of completed and future projects be compiled. An illustration of benefits to property owners should be made available. Marman moved to prepare a resolution referring to the qualified voters the question of amending and increasing the municipal sales, use and gross receipts tax, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

At 7:30 pm, a Public Hearing was held for comment on the Budget for the Year Ending December 31, 2022. Swanson-Puckett moved to open the Public Hearing, second by Ross. No written or verbal comments were given. Swanson-Puckett moved to close the Public Hearing, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Swanson-Puckett moved to approve the Budget for the Year Ending December 31, 2022, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Walt Losinski, owner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Liquor request City Council consider the following;

- 1.) Consolidate the applications for liquor and beer licensing into one application.
- 2.) No longer require licensees to purchase the \$150 Sunday license since the State no longer charges for a Sunday license.
- 3.) All licensees pay the same fee whether holding a license for On Sale, Off Sale, or On & Off Sale Beer and Liquor. Marman moved to seek legal counsel opinion on the request, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

Special assessments for mowing, sidewalk replacement, water line replacement, and street improvement 2017 were reviewed. Marman moved to approve the assessments presented, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously.

No other business was brought forward. Zachmann moved to adjourn, second by Wolff. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jeanne Larson, Mayor

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Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor