

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 April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance at the meeting was City Council Nick Hegel, Tim Marman, Lynn Swanson-Puckett (via telephone), Sarah Ross, Bev Wolff, Andy Zachmann, Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, guests Lori Holkup, Mathias Holkup, Deb Dietz, Pam Bragg, Adam Smith, Rebecca Smith, GV County Tax Director Pat Davis, Stacey Swanson, and Duane Martian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. All members were present.

Public Participation

In conjunction with City Government Week, April 4 - 8 the City held an essay contest for Grades 3 and 7. Mathias Holkup (3rd Grade) and Shaelyn Harlan LaBelle (7th Grade) were first place winners in the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. Students were congratulated and awarded a certificate along with \$25 in Beach Bucks.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on March 21, 2022 were presented. Wolff moved to approve the minutes, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

Vouchers were reviewed for payment. Zachmann moved to approve the vouchers presented, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

22444 AE2S 3,646.55
22445 Beach Area Chamber of Commerce 120.00
22446 Beach Food Center 54.25
22447 Beach Park Board 3,164.07
22448 Beach Tech 25.00
22449 Beach Volunteer Fire Department 1,214.84
22450 BOSS Office Products 42.95
22451 Buzzy Café 240.00
22452 Civic Plus, LLC 2,010.14
22453 CNH Industrial Capital Prod. Plus 611.45
22454 Cooperative Legal Services PLLC 1,900.00
22455 Core & Main 5,498.53
22456 Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc 100.50
22457 G&G Garage, LLC 1,200.00
22458 Golden Valley County 8,922.80
22459 Jill Schatz 54.95
22460 Kimberly Gaugler 75.14
22461 Lewis Zielsdorf 150.00
22462 Loren Martian 45.00

22463 Marman Plumbing & Construction 1,600.00
22464 MDU 6,840.13
22465 One Call Concepts 17.65
22466 Polar Trucking & Excavation 3,655.00
22467 Prairie Lumber Company 12.98
22468 Pump Systems, LLC 545.65
22469 Randall Dietz 436.48
22470 Rohan's Hardware 157.40
22471 RTC Networks 347.64
22472 Schmitz-Holmstrom, LLP 3,000.00
22473 SoloTek, Inc. 2,453.14
22474 Southwest Water Authority 11,371.48
22475 Southwestern District Health Unit 200.00
22476 Stockwell Cleaning/Nancy Stockwell 275.00
22477 The Badlands Patriot, LLC 700.44
22478 Thomas Littlecreek 45.00
22479 Valli Information Systems 25.00
22480 Verizon Wireless 169.88
22481 Vision West ND 500.00
22482 Wild Vines Market 56.00
22425-22427, -88176-88174, 22435-22442, -88172-88163 Wages for March 28,421.23
22428 City of Beach 336.44
22429 Unum Life Insurance 49.95
22430 Blue Cross Blue Shield 6,637.60
22431 Kimberly Gaugler 85.00
22432 Visa 1,340.03
22433 USPS 399.23
22434 USPS 265.00
22443 City of Beach 283.60
-88173 First State Bank of Golva 2,700.58
-88162 First State Bank of Golva 3,356.13
-88161 ND PERS 3,885.10
-88160 Office of State Tax Commissioner 644.17

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reviewed his written report. Marman moved to approve BEK Consulting, LLC repairing a gate valve at the intersection of 5th Avenue SE and 4th Street S if it is warranty work, if the repair is not covered under warranty then PWS Dietz is to hire a local contractor to make the repair, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Equalization

At 7:30 p.m., Marman moved to adjourn as the Beach City Council and meet as Board of Equalization, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting on April 5, 2021 were approved. Golden Valley County Tax Director Pat Davis along with mentor Stacey Swanson provided information on increases/decreases in true and full valuation of property, eligible property tax exemptions and sales ratio analysis. Total

True & Full Valuation for 2022 in the City of Beach is \$80,142,450, a decrease of \$2,315,650 from 2021. Overall, Commercial Lots decreased \$59,200, Commercial Structures decreased \$2,253,850, Residential Lots increased \$78,200, and Residential Structures decreased \$80,800. Based on Sales Ratio Study for the 2020 assessments, the average price for a residential structure is \$109,382 and average price for a commercial structure is \$206,244. Twenty eight applicants are tax exempt under Non-Profit, Religious Organization, Veterans and Blind Persons. Twenty-five applicants qualified for Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons Tax Credits. Davis and Swanson mentioned the Payment in Lieu of Tax for Golden Valley Ingredients, LLC Parcel Number 5341500 is under investigation for accuracy.

Mayor Larson opened the meeting for public comment or questions. Duane Martian request the value of Lot 9 in Parcel Number 05012000 be reduced because it is in the Floodplain. Marman moved to lower the value of Lot 9 in Parcel Number 05012000 from \$6000 to \$3,000, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously. Gaugler mentioned in 2021 they built a garage on the lot adjacent to their residential dwelling. The new structure located in Parcel Number 05296000 is classified as commercial property. Gaugler request the classification of Parcel Number 05296000 be changed from commercial to residential. Marman moved to approve changing the classification of Parcel Number 05296000 from commercial to residential, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. No other public comments were received.

Wolff moved a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and we find them proper as corrected and noted in the minutes, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously. Zachmann moved that a finding be made that we have reviewed all Exemptions and find them proper as presented and understand Golden Valley Ingredients, LLC Parcel Number 5341500 is under investigation for accuracy, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Hegel moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the City of Beach for 2022 has been reviewed and find it proper as corrected and noted in the minutes, with corrections being made to Parcel Number 05012000 and 05296000, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. Ross moved based on preceding findings, we declare the Assessment Roll for 2022 for the City of Beach equalized, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. At 8:15 pm, Wolff moved to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Beach City Council, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Zachmann moved to approve transferring \$21,281.00 from the sewer operating fund to the sewer restricted fund to make the payment on USDA loan 92-02, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Report

Police Committee – The Golden Valley County Sheriff's Office provided a recommendation of guidelines to be followed regarding the use of a fire pit. Sheriff Muckle will be present at the next meeting to answer any questions on the guidelines being recommended.

Community Liason – Marman provided pictures of 11 intersections that have steps at the end of the sidewalk rather than an ADA curb. Marman moved to use Sales Tax Funds to replace 3 or 4 of these steps each year due to the liability the City could inquire. Motion dies for lack of second.

New Business

Correspondence was read from NDIRF regarding the annual meeting on May 19th in Bismarck.

Correspondence was read from Hunter Farnstrom regarding yard work services he is providing.

An Application for License to Sell Fireworks submitted by Double V Fireworks was reviewed. Hegel moved to approve the application, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

No other business was brought forward. Zachmann moved to adjourn, second by Marman. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jeanne Larson, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor