

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 Walter Losinski on April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order was City Council Nick Hegel, Tom Marman, Lynn Swanson-Puckett, Sarah Ross, Bev Wolff, Andy Zachmann, Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, and City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler. Others in attendance were guests Sheriff Dey Muckle, Ron Zachmann, Dale & Corlene Olson, Scott Trotter, Terry Egan, Gary and Mary VanVleet, Jon & Rosemary Dahl, Jay & Lindsey Dykins, Vern & Ellyne Tosner, Ben Nemitz, Matt Nemitz, Roger Barkland, Adam Smith, Tamra Sperry, Robert Schmeling, Pat Davis, Rory Farstveet, Henry Gerving, Carl Davis, Candice Loftsgard, Tom Puckett, Lea Massado, Steve and Pam Popiel, Bern Zachmann, Bob & Nona Niece, Al Muckle, Donna Muckle, Jack Dykins, Dan Farstveet, Sawyer Farstveet, Bentley Farstveet, Zander Farstveet, Alicia Steele, Gwen Miller and Peyton Steele.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. All members were present. Mayor Losinski welcomed all in attendance.

Mayor Losinski called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. There were no additions. Ross moved that due to inclement weather, the Engineer's Report be the first item of business on the agenda so he can present his report and be dismissed, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Klein reviewed his written report. Beach Dam Rehab Project - Klein presented Task Order #10 in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the Beach Dam Rehab Project. Funding breakdown: FEMA would provide \$315,000, State \$10,500 and City \$24,500. Swanson-Puckett moved to approve Task Order #10, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously. 2023 Street & Utility Improvements – the PAR grant application has been successfully executed. Once sewer line televising is complete, the preliminary engineering report will be finalized. Quiet Zone - Affirmation has been signed and submitted to the City of Beach. The City Auditor sent affirmation via certified mail to all respective parties. Gazebo Park – Final deliverable are anticipated to be provided on April 15th.

Public Participation

In conjunction with City Government Week, April 3-7 the City held an "If I Were Mayor" essay contest for grades 3 & 7. Winners of the 3rd grade essay contest were; 1st - Zander Farstveet, 2nd – Kambree Dietz, 3rd – Ryer Thompson. Winners of the 7th grade essay contest were; 1st - Sawyer Farstveet, 2nd – Peyton Steele, 3rd Raina Davidson. Students were congratulated and awarded a certificate along with Beach Bucks. Sawyer Farstveet and Peyton Steele were present and read their essays.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2023 were presented. Ross moved to approve the minutes, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

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

23216 Basin Safety Consulting 1,448.00
23217 Beach Area Chamber of Commerce 100.00
23218 Beach Food Center 56.12
23219 Beach Park Board 5,274.01
23220 Boss Office Products 2,664.86
23221 CNH Industrial Accounts 4,163.92
23222 Cooperative Legal Services PLLC 75.00
23223 Coral Creek Landfill 1,056.00
23224 ESRI, Inc. 550.00
23225 Farmers Union/NAPA 2,338.93
23226 Fireside Office Solutions 4,055.00
23227 Four Seasons Trophies 201.00
23228 G & G Garbage LLC 1,200.00
23229 GV County 7,862.00
23230 Home on the Range 200.00
23231 Jill Schatz 54.38
23232 Kevin Dahlen 115.50
23233 Kimberly Gaugler 359.00
23234 Lea Massado 201.25
23235 Mid-American Research Chemical 306.83
23236 MDU 6,672.32
23237 ND Department of Environmental Quality (Chemistry) 58.26
23238 ND Department of Environmental Quality (Boiler) 105.00
23239 ND League of Cities 475.00
23240 One Call Concepts 6.50
23241 Pifer's Auction 300.00
23242 Power Plan 1,004.00
23243 Prairie Fire Pottery 30.00
23244 Prairie Lumber Company 769.66
23245 Rod Oleson 45.85
23246 Rohan's Hardware 76.23
23247 Scott Trotter 60.00
23248 Southwest Water Authority 10,490.29
23249 Southwestern District Health Unit 25.00
23250 Stockwell Cleaning 275.00
23251 Team Laboratory Chemical, LLC 4,653.50
23252 Thomas Littlecreek 45.00
23253 Uline 171.13
23254 Valli Information Systems 25.00
23255 Verizon Wireless 169.60
23256 Westlie Truck Center of Dickinson 16.18
23257 RTC Networks 464.72
23192–23196, -87967- -87965, 23204–23213,-87963- -87956 Payroll for March 37,306.28

23197 City of Beach 401.09
-87964 First State Bank of Golva 3,479.23
23198 Unum Life Insurance 36.45
23199 Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND 7,023.00
23200 Scott Trotter 200.00
23201 USPS 16.26
23202 Visa 253.24
23203 USPS 385.08
23214 City of Beach 462.32
-87955 First State Bank of Golva 4,819.22
-87954 VOID
-87953 ND PERS 4,398.80
-87952 Office of State Tax Commissioner 877.00
23215 Loren Martian 136.83

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reviewed his written report.

Auditor Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report.

Board of Equalization

At 7:30 p.m. Hegel moved to adjourn as the Beach City Council and meet as Board of Equalization, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting on April 4, 2022 were approved. Golden Valley County Tax Director Pat Davis 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 2023 in the City of Beach is \$88,102,600, an increase of \$8,361,600 or 10.5% from 2022. Overall, Commercial Lots increased \$75,100, Commercial Structures increased \$2,213,700, Residential Lots decreased \$2,600, and Residential Structures increased \$6,075,400. Based on Sales Ratio Study for the 2022 assessments, the average price for a residential structure is \$127,198 and average price for a commercial structure is \$120,239. Twenty-seven applicants are tax exempt under Non-Profit, Religious Organization, Veterans and Blind Persons. Twenty-six applicants qualified for Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons Tax Credits. Gerving presented a PowerPoint on the Tax Equalization Process. Davis and Gerving addressed questions from the City Council on sales ratios, inequality of lot values, mil values and depreciation of structures.

Mayor Losinski opened the meeting for public comment or questions. Public comments were received until 9:35.

Swanson-Puckett moved a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and they are not proper as assessed, second by Hegel. Roll call vote: Swanson-Puckett-yes, Hegel-yes, Marman-no, Ross-no, Wolff-no, Zachmann-no. Motion carried. Ross moved a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and find them proper as assessed, second by Wolff. Roll call vote: Marman-yes, Ross-yes, Wolff-yes, Zachmann-yes, Swanson-Puckett-no, Hegel-no. Motion carried.

Swanson-Puckett moved that a finding be made that we have reviewed all Exemptions and find them proper as presented, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Ross moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the City of Beach for 2023 have been reviewed and find it proper as assessed, second by Wolff. Roll call vote: Marman-yes, Ross-yes, Wolff-yes, Zachmann-yes, Hegel-no, Swanson-Puckett-no. Motion carried. Ross moved based on preceding findings, we declare the Assessment Roll for 2023 for the City of Beach equalized, second by Wolff. Roll call vote: Marman-yes, Ross-yes, Wolff-yes, Zachmann-yes, Hegel-no, Swanson-Puckett-no. Motion carried. At 9:45 pm, Hegel moved to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Beach City Council, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Report

Finance Committee – Swanson-Puckett moved that no operating funds be transferred to an Instant Cash Sweep (ICS) account or into a Certificate of Deposit, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Correspondence was read from NDIRF regarding the Annual Meeting on May 10th in Bismarck.

A vacancy exists on the Special Assessment Committee. Mayor Losinski will provide a recommendation at the next meeting.

No other business was brought forward. Zachmann moved to adjourn, second by Wolff. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor