

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 November 20, 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, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Massado, Engineers Jasper Klein, Zac Ranisate, Sheriff Dey Muckle, and guest Gary Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. All members were present.

Mayor Losinski called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Gaugler request adding an Engagement Letter from Independent Auditor's Schmitz-Holmstrom, CPA. Zachmann moved to approve the agenda with addition, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on November 6, 2023 were presented. Wolff moved to approve the minutes, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Dey Muckle reviewed his written report for the month of October consisting of 66 calls, 7 written warnings and 1 written citation.

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz' reviewed his written report.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Zachmann moved to approve the financial report for the month of October, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. Zachmann moved to approve that the Designated Medical Provider for the City of Beach employees is Beach Medical Clinic, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Klein and Ranisate reviewed their written report. **2024 Street &Utility Improvements**
The Preliminary Engineering Report has been sent to USDA for review. **Beach Dam Project**
When bore samples were taken near the dam, the crossing was damaged. Ranisate has coordinated with the contractor to repair the damages to the crossing. **DOT Flex Fund** Klein proposed a mill and overlay project on Main Street from Hwy 16 S to Central Avenue and Central Avenue to Hwy 16 (4th Street N). The Council request Klein provide a cost estimate at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Park Board – Zachmann reported the Beach Park Board received a \$3,000.00 grant from the City of Dickinson.

New Business

Correspondence was read from Southwest Water Authority stating all of their water rates would remain the same from 23 to 2024. Zachmann moved to approve an increase of .95 to the city base rate effective January 1, 2024, second Lynn Swanson. Motion carried unanimously. Base rate will be \$19.85.

Correspondence was read from Jill Schatz, President of First Lutheran Church, requesting the city cost share a sewer repair that was needed at the parsonage while the AmeriCorp Team resided there September 16-October 16th. Zachmann moved to approve paying \$350.00, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was read from the Golden Valley County Community Foundation on grants awarded in 2023.

Mayor Losinski recommended a decision be made in the near future if the City Council is going to switch to one meeting per month. Zachmann moved to continue with 2 meetings per month, to be held on the first and third Mondays of the month, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was read from Schmitz-Holmstrom, CPA regarding an audit proposal for the years 2022-2024. Fee for audit years are as follows; 2022 - \$21,000.00, 2023 - \$21,800.00 and 2024 - \$22,700.00. Zachmann moved to approve the audit engagement letter, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously.

No other business was brought forward. Zachmann moved to adjourn, second by Wolff. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor