

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 Monday, April 15, 2024 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 Supt. Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Massado, Engineer Jasper Klein, Sheriff Dey Muckle, Golden Valley County Tax Director Carla Beeler, and guests Adam Smith, Gary Howard, Gary VanVleet, and Paul Zook.

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. Zachmann moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

Ron Tolstad and Grace Perdue of Point CPA presented the 2021 Audit Report via Zoom. Hegel moved to approve the 2021 Audit Report, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on April 1, 2024 were presented. Wolff moved to approve the minutes, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Equalization

At 7:30 p.m., Wolff moved to adjourn as the Beach City Council and meet as Board of Equalization, second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting on April 3, 2023 were approved. Golden Valley County Tax Director Carla Beeler 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 2024 in the City of Beach is \$86,959,980, a decrease of \$842,020 or 1% from 2023. Overall, Commercial Lots increased \$13,100, Commercial Structures decreased \$505,420, Residential Lots decreased \$10,300, and Residential Structures decreased \$339,400. Based on Sales Ratio Study for the 2024 assessments, the average price for a residential structure is \$141,877 and average price for a commercial structure is \$129,128. Twenty-eight applicants are tax exempt under Non-Profit, Religious Organization, Veterans and Blind Persons. Fifty-seven applicants qualified for Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons Tax Credits. Mayor Losinski opened the meeting for public comment or questions. No public comments were received.

Ross moved a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and they are proper as assessed, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. 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. Swanson-Puckett moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for the City of Beach for 2024 have been reviewed and find it proper as assessed, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. Zachmann moved based on preceding findings, we declare the Assessment Roll for 2024 for the City of Beach equalized,

second by Hegel. Motion carried unanimously. At 8:20 p.m., Zachmann moved to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Beach City Council, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Report

Engineer Jasper Klein reviewed his written report. **ND DOT Flex Fund** - The application submitted for reconstruction of Main Street and Central Avenue was selected and will be awarded \$4,328,000.00. The 2025 proposed timeline of the project and scope of work were discussed.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Dey Muckle reviewed his written report for the month of March which consisted of 29 calls, 5 written citations and 1 warning citation. Vehicles receiving notice to be moved off the street have complied. Sheriff Muckle provided suggestions of proposed changes to Ordinance 386 – Relating to Fireworks.

Marman moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 396, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 396

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 4.0408-4 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA RELATING TO FIREWORKS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 4.0408-4 entitled “Use and explosion of fireworks prohibited” is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

4.0408-4 Use and explosion of fireworks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to explode fireworks within the city limits of the city of Beach, North Dakota, except between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a.m. 12:00 o'clock p.m. to 11:00 o'clock p.m. from July 3rd to July 5th, and from ~~December 26th through~~ 6:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock a.m. on December 31st, and from 12:00 o'clock a.m. to 1:00 o'clock a.m. on January 1st of each year; provided, however, that the City Council may, in its sole discretion, allow for the use and explosion of fireworks within the city limits for such other special occasions and upon such other terms and conditions as the City Council may from time to time determine and establish. Any person in violation of this restriction shall be fined in an amount of at least \$25.00, and may have their fireworks confiscated.

Section 2: Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3: Severability. In the event any section of this Ordinance is held invalid by court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall extend only to the section affected, and other sections of this Chapter shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4: Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after final passage.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor
City of Beach, North Dakota

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reviewed his written report.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Gaugler reviewed the financial report for the month of March. Zachmann moved to approve the financial report, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Zachmann moved to approved payment to Bank of ND for the 2017 Infrastructure Loan in the amount \$29,945.53, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously. Hegel moved to approve transferring \$21,281.00 from the sewer operating fund to the Sewer Reserve Fund for the USDA Sanitary Sewer loan payment, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Zoning – Marman reported the Zoning Board met today. One Application for Building an addition on to an existing commercial structure was approved.

Park Board – Zachmann reported the Park Board met on April 8th. Preparations are being made for small repair projects at the swimming pool and the archway entrance at the park. Only half of the lifeguard positions are filled at this time.

New Business

Thank you correspondence was read from the Beach Future Business Leaders of America for the donation received.

A Certificate of Achievement was presented from ND Department of Environmental Quality for satisfactorily meeting requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act for the year 2023.

The 2023 Roosevelt Custer Regional Council Annual Report Supporting Southwest North Dakota was provided for review.

Correspondence was read from the Post-Graduation Planning Committee. Zachmann moved to donate \$500 from the Community Enhancement Fund, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously.

Gaugler provided a recap of projects either completed or in progress during the first quarter of the year.

There being no other business, Hegel moved to adjourn, second by Wolff. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor