

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 President Andy Zachmann on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order was City Council Tom Marman, Lynn Swanson-Puckett (via telephone), Sarah Ross, John Stonehocker, Bev Wolff, Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Massado, Sheriff Dey Muckle, and guests Corlene Olson, Adam Smith, Brian Sime, Peter Schmeling and Gary Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. Mayor Losinski was absent.

President Zachmann called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Wolff moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on November 4, 2024 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 October which consisted of 47 city calls, 4 written citations and 9 warning citations.

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz mentioned PW Employee Thomas Littlecreek's resignation was effective as of November 15th. Marman moved to offer Thomas Littlecreek an additional \$3/hr in pay as incentive to continue employment, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. Advertising for the Solid Waste Manager will begin with wage being \$20-25/hr. depending on experience.

Preliminary design of the 2025 Street & Utility Improvement Project includes installing new water main from the intersection of N Central Avenue and 6th Street going east to 1st Avenue NE. The purpose of the new water main is to improve water quality in this area by looping the water system. Due to the street being vacated in 1960, a utility easement would need to be obtained from Beach School District. The other adjoining property owner, J. & K. Hanson, are interested in selling their property. Ross moved to purchase the Hanson property (Lot 1 & N/2 of Lot 2 Block: 1, Richard's 1st Addition) for \$15,000 contingent on obtaining a utility easement from the Beach School District and that Beach School District understand this property is within the special assessment district, second by Marman. Ross-yes, Swanson-Puckett-yes, Marman-yes, Wolff-yes, Stonehocker-no. Motion carried.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Gaugler reviewed the financial report for the month of October. Wolff moved to approve the financial report, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Correspondence from the ND Community Foundation was read. Ross moved to

deposit the \$7,500 grant from the Community Foundation to the Fire Department Reserve Fund until the air cylinders are purchased next year, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Park Board – Zachmann reported the Park Board met on November 11th. The new pool covers arrived and will be installed before next season.

Zoning – Marman reported the Zoning Board met today and approved one Application for Building. The Board is requesting the City Council consider adopting an ordinance to address use of storage (shipping/cargo) containers in residential areas.

New Business

Brian Sime, Peter Schmeling, and Adam Smith representing Farmers Union Oil Company of Beach attended the meeting to initiate conversation on utility options for their land north of Interstate 94. A preliminary plat of the Hathaway Industrial Park Subdivision was provided for reference. Consensus of the conversation was working towards an agreeable plan that will help the company grow with their demand, which in turn will provide community growth and allow for beneficial development north of the interstate.

Correspondence was read from Southwest Water Authority stating there would not be a water rate increase passed along to the customer in 2025.

There being no other business, Wolff moved to adjourn, second by Ross. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Andy Zachmann, President

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor