

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, March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order was City Council Tom Marman, Sarah Ross, Lynn Swanson-Puckett, John Stonehocker, Bev Wolff, Andy Zachmann, Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Massado, Sheriff Dey Muckle, Engineers Zac Ranisate, and Jasper Klein, guests Corlene Olson, Jenna Vine, Vanessa Ueckert, Gloria Ueckert, and 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. Zachmann moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on March 3, 2025 were presented. Zachmann moved to approve the minutes, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Engineers' Ranisate and Klein reviewed the written report. **2025 Street and Utility Project** – the pre-construction meeting was held today. A baseline construction schedule was provided. Tentative start date is April 14th. **DOT Flex Fund Project** - (Main Street and Central Avenue Reconstruction) – Updated opinion of total project cost is \$7,741,980. Grant funds available are \$4,328,400. Beach received the second highest grant funding amount in the State of ND, following the City of Fargo. The City's obligation for the project is \$3,413,580. The project scope and proposed schedule were reviewed. There was discussion on having the engineers prepare two options for assessment districts; one city wide assessment district and one direct benefit assessment district. Marman moved to focus only on the direct benefit assessment at this time, second by Zachmann. Roll call vote: Marman-yes, Wolff-yes, Zachmann-yes, Ross-no, Swanson-Puckett-no, Stonehocker-no. Mayor Losinski voted yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Muckle reviewed his written report for the month of February which consisted of 45 city calls, 1 written citation and 2 warning citations.

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reviewed his written report. Sanitary sewer pump 2 is being repaired by Dakota Pump Control. Estimated cost of the repair is \$6,130.00.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Gaugler reviewed the financial report for the month of February. Zachmann moved to approve the financial report, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Personnel – Ross and Zachmann completed the annual benefit review of health insurance plans. Their recommendation is to stay on the Classic Blue 250 plan.

Community Liaison – Stonehocker asked if there was support from City Council to establish a Community Garden west of the ice skating rink. Mayor Losinski recommended bringing a detailed plan for consideration.

Zoning – Marman reported the Zoning Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18th at 8 am.

Unfinished Business

Public Nuisance Complaints are being handled by Attorney Bouray and the Golden Valley County Sheriff's Department.

New Business

Correspondence was read from Center Stage requesting the city be the fiscal sponsor for a grant application to be submitted to the Golden Valley County Community Foundation.

Correspondence was read from USDA RD stating the annual loan payment in the amount of \$10,145.00 for the 6th Street S Water Improvement Project is due April 15th.

Correspondence was read from Golden Valley County Director of Tax Equalization, Carla Beeler, regarding the Board of Equalization Meeting set for April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Correspondence was read from ND Department of Environmental Quality Division of Municipal Services regarding the Annual Drinking Water Report that must be delivered to customers by July 1, 2025.

Correspondence was read from USDA RD stating the annual financial water and sewer reports for the year ending December 31, 2024 have been reviewed and accepted. A recommendation was given to work with Midwest Assistance Program to complete a rate study for both utilities.

There being no other business, Swanson-Puckett moved to adjourn, second by Ross. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor