

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, May 19, 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, Andy Zachmann, Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Massado, Sheriff Dey Muckle, Engineer Zac Ranisate, Holden Hammerlund, guests Corlene Olson, Gary Howard and Deb Helpser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. City Council Bev Wolff was absent.

Mayor Losinski called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Gaugler request adding correspondence from Beach High School Future Business Leaders of America. Ross moved to approve the agenda with the addition, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

Deb Helsper inquired if there would be any improvements made to the south side of 2nd Street SW since there was a recent drainage ditch improvement made to the north side of the street. The city engineer explained the recent improvements on 2nd Street SW were made due to the road being washed out. A grant from FEMA has covered the cost of improvements to date. The city engineer will check to see if any of the remaining grant funds can be used to make improvements on the south side of the road also.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on May 5, 2025 were presented. Ross moved to approve the minutes, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Ranisate reviewed his written report. **2nd Street SW Culvert Crossing** – Culverts and flared end sections have been installed, and the surface has temporary gravel on it until the paving crew arrives. The ditch to the north has been cleaned and graded out properly. Ranisate will contact FEMA to see if cleaning out the ditch on the south side of the street could be included in the project. **2025 Street and Utility Improvement Project** – BEK has installed watermain and service connections along 3rd Avenue SE. They are working on service line verifications on Main Street, 4th Avenue SE, and Central Avenue. Planned work this week includes installing watermain and services along 4th Avenue SE. Ranisate presented Change Order #2 in the amount of \$59,828.00 to reroute 15 service lines that ran through another property or under someone else's house. Ross moved to approve Change Order #2, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously. Ranisate presented a quote from BEK Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$83,614.80 to chip seal full street width on all streets where watermain is being replaced. Approximately \$60,000 is available in contingency for non-water related improvements. Marman moved to contact Bank of North Dakota requesting to increase the loan amount if necessary for the chip sealing, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously. **2026 Main Street & Central Avenue Street Reconstruction** – No written protest

letters were submitted to City Hall. Swanson-Puckett moved to approve Resolution 2025-15, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

**A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE INSUFFICIENCY OF PROTESTS FILED
IN OBJECTION TO THE CITY OF BEACH STREET IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT 2025-01**

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Resolution 2025-12, creating the City of Beach Street Improvement District 2025-01; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 2025-14, declaring the necessity of making certain improvements within the City of Beach Street Improvement District 2025-01;

WHEREAS, notice of this resolution was published in the official newspaper of the City of Beach, providing notice to owners of property within the District of their right to protest the intended improvements by filing written objections within 30 days of the first publication;

WHEREAS the Beach City Council met at its next regularly scheduled meeting to hear and determine the sufficiency of the protests; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that owners of less than fifty percent of the property within the District have filed written protests to the planned improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Beach, North Dakota, that due to the insufficiency of the protests filed objecting to the project, the project will proceed in accordance with all relevant laws and regulations.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2025.

Walter Losinski, Mayor
City of Beach, North Dakota

ATTEST:

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Muckle reviewed his written report for the month of April which consisted of 45 city calls, 2 written citations and 3 warning citations.

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reviewed his written report. The timer on the flashing crosswalk light on 4th Street needs to be replaced. He has been in contact with Maguire Iron to access damages to the south water tower.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Gaugler reviewed the financial report for the month of April. Zachmann moved to approve the financial report, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Ross moved to amend page 24 of the Employee Manual to read "Upon successful and satisfactory completion of the introductory period, employees are eligible for health ~~and life~~ insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND and life insurance with Unum Life Insurance.", second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously. Beach's Renaissance Zone designation is set to expire on August 1, 2025. We can request an extension for an additional ten years by updating our development plan. Zachmann moved to update the development plan and request a 10 year extension, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Gaugler provided legislative changes that will affect the City, Park Board and Fire Department.

Committee Reports

Zoning – Marman reported the Zoning Board met this morning at 8 am and reviewed one application for building with a variance and one application for conditional use.

Unfinished Business

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 397 – Use of Storage Containers. Marman suggested the term temporary use permit be clarified.

New Business

Grace PerDue, Point CPA, independent auditing firm for the city, reviewed the 2022 Audit Report, via telephone. Areas reviewed include but are not limited to; Statement of Net Position, Assets, Liabilities, and Audit Findings. Swanson-Puckett moved to approve the 2022 Audit Review, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was read from ND Water Resources Districts Association regarding the Summer Meeting on July 9-10 in Devil's Lake.

Correspondence was read from the State of North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner regarding the contract for collection of city sales tax. The Tax Commission will retain \$169.00 per month of the tax collected. By no later than March 31, 2027, the city will notify the Tax Commissioner whether the tax imposed by the Ordinance is continued or terminated.

An Application for Community Enhancement Funds submitted by Golden Valley County Airport Authority was reviewed. Ross moved to donate \$500 from the Community Enhancement Fund to be used for the June 14th Fly-in Event at the airport, second by Stonehocker. Motion carried unanimously.

An Application for Community Enhancement Funds submitted by Golden Valley Manor was reviewed. Swanson-Puckett moved to donate \$500 from the Community Enhancement Fund for a beautification project, second by Stonehocker. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was read from North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund regarding the 2024 Annual Report.

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

Use of the conference calling system for meetings was discussed. Mayor Losinski mentioned preference would be for City Council members to be present at the meeting rather than calling in. Discussion. Marman moved to continue allowing call in to city council meetings when necessary, second by Ross. Marman-yes, Ross-yes, Swanson-Puckett-yes, Stonehocker-yes, Zachmann-no. Motion carried.

There being no other business, Zachmann moved to adjourn, second by Swanson-Puckett. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor