

**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, July 21, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order were City Council Tom Marman, Sarah Ross, Lynn Swanson-Puckett, Bev Wolff, Andy Zachmann, Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, Office Assistant Lea Massado, Engineer Zac Ranisate, Holden Hammerlund, guests Gary Howard, Spc. Brian Miller, MDU Ops. Supr.-Electric Jeff Jirges, MDU Field Operations Coordinator Brad Roller, Eugene Padilla, Justin and Robin Wiseman, Roger Barkland, and Joe and Sue Finneman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. City Council John Stonehocker was absent.

**Additions or Corrections to the Agenda and Approval**

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.

**Public Participation**

MDU Ops. Super.-Electric Jeff Jirges and MDU Field Operations Coordinator Brad Roller outlined the details of the project, including the scope and timeline, to tie the City's two substations together. Jirges confirmed that the permits are secured and the contractor, Extreme Underground, will install the primary electrical facilities. Jirges and Roller stated that they had contacted all of the affected MDU customers. Jirges and Roller handed out maps of the project route and their direct contact information. Ross commented that several residents had inquired about crossed power lines, to which Jirges responded that concerned residents should call 1-800-MDU-FAST and MDU will address calls as they come in and correct any hazards.

Spc. Brian Miller, military liaison with the North Dakota Army National Guard, introduced himself to Mayor Losinski and City Council as the new recruiter for the southwestern area of the state. Spc. Miller provided his contact information.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the meeting on July 7, 2025 were presented. Zachmann moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

**Engineer's Report**

Engineer Ranisate reviewed his written report. **2025 Street and Utility Project** - Watermain and service line installation is projected to be completed by that night or by the next morning. AE2S will complete their punch list, including addressing the stockpile on the north side of Central Avenue and the sump pump located in the water hole at Central Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, before issuing payment. The project is \$1.95 million under budget. There is \$300,000 left with the Bank of North Dakota. **2025 Chip Seal** - Ranisate presented the Proposal for Chipseal from Asphalt Preservation Company, Inc. APC will begin the project in mid-August and will chip seal everywhere that watermain has been installed. Swanson-Puckett moved to approve the Chip Seal Quote of \$83,515 presented by AE2S, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. **Drainage**

**at Finnemans' Property** – Discussion on solutions to the drainage issue at Joe and Sue Finnemans' property. Ranisate reviewed the survey data, and due to liability concerns, concerns about impeding the flow of water, and the expensive underground infrastructure, cannot recommend building up the approaches higher than the ditch bottoms and cannot construct a 12" culvert. Joe Finneman requested that Ranisate look at the storm drains and the flow of water from the West Plains lot on the north side of Hwy 10, to which PWS Dietz and Ranisate agreed.

### **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Muckle was not present at the meeting. Mayor Losinski reviewed the written report. The Sheriff's Department will be testing the warning system and if a contractor must be hired to come out and fix the horn, it may be the City's financial responsibility.

### **Public Works Superintendent Report**

No written report. PWS Dietz stated that he had no action items.

### **Auditor's Report**

Massado reviewed Gaugler's written report and presented the financials. Zachmann moved to approve the financials, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

Zachmann stated that the Park Board met and discussed the 3% cap on the general fund.

Marman stated that the Zoning Board met that morning and discussed at length the proposed zoning change at the Finnemans' property. Marman stated that the Zoning Board made the recommendation to City Council that zoning not be changed and that the Finnemans must go through the permitting process. Marman stated that the Zoning Board would like to see a resolution that is satisfactory to all.

### **Unfinished Business**

There is no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

Mayor Losinski opened a Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. for comment on the proposed Renaissance Zone Renewal Plan. Mayor Losinski recommended to keep the Renaissance Zone the way it is currently due to the lack of contact from the owners of the properties constituting the two proposed half-block "islands." Swanson-Puckett agreed that the Renaissance Zone not be amended. No other verbal or written comments were received. Mayor Losinski closed the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Resolution 2025-17 A Resolution for the Renewal of a Renaissance Zone in the City of Beach was read by Massado. Zachmann moved that the proposed renewal plan be accepted as written and submitted to the North Dakota Division of Community Services for approval, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Zachmann moved to approve the Renaissance Zone Development Plan, Memorandum of Agreement and Resolution 2025-17, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RESOLUTION 2025-17**

### **A RESOLUTION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A RENAISSANCE ZONE IN THE CITY OF BEACH**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beach recognizes the need to encourage investment within a defined geographic area of its jurisdiction that needs to be revitalized, and

**WHEREAS**, the Renaissance Zone Act (North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) Ch. 40-63 authorizes cities to apply to the Division of Community Services (DCS) for the designation of an area within their respective political boundaries as a Renaissance Zone and, as a precondition of such application, to enact a resolution which provides within the exemptions, historical tax credits, and if applicable, investment tax credits in a Renaissance Fund Organization, which resolution will be contingent upon DCS approval of the application, and

**WHEREAS**, enactment of such exemptions and credits will result in improving the economic, physical, and social conditions with the proposed Renaissance Zone, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beach is participating in an application to the DCS seeking approval of a Renaissance Zone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Beach, that, contingent upon DCS approval of the city's Renaissance Zone application, the city will approve the tax exemptions and credits provided for in the Renaissance Zone Act.

**ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Beach, North Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025.

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Walter Losinski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lea Massado, Administrative Assistant

An Application for a Special Event Permit submitted by Dobre Brewhouse was reviewed. Zachmann moved to approve, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously.

An Application for a Local Permit submitted by Spirit of the West was reviewed. Two separate local permits were submitted by Spirit of the West in case one of the raffles is denied by the North Dakota Office of Attorney General. Zachmann moved to approve both local permits, pending approval by the North Dakota Office of Attorney General, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously.

A request from Spirit of the West to close a portion of Main Street and Central Avenue was discussed. Swanson-Puckett recommended amending the request to extend the times of the street closures that would include the entire weekend. PWS Dietz and Padilla discussed the usage of the City's street barricades. Swanson-Puckett moved to approve the street closures, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously.

An Application for Retail Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by Justin Wiseman was reviewed. Justin and Robin Wiseman stated that the license is for Robin's Nest and explained their business concept as a venue for private events. The Wisemans stated that they have obtained a license for food service. Ross questioned the Wisemans as to whose name the license would be under. Marman commented that because the mini mall lease does not include the mention of alcoholic beverages, the Wisemans must amend the lease. Ross moved to approve the application, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Home on the Range was read.

No other business was brought forward. Swanson-Puckett moved to adjourn, second by Wolff. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

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Lea Massado, Office Assistant