

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF BEULAH REGULAR MEETING JUNE 2

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JUNE 2, 2025, 6:30 PM
BEULAH CITY HALL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Beulah City Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Sean Cheatley with Council Members Gary Miller, Tim Aichele, Bill Keller, Cameron Brown, Jason Isaak, Adam Baker and Kameron Plienis present. Auston Biles absent.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, Economic Dev. Dir. Beaver Brinkman, Engineer Rebecca Berner, Cassie Plienis, Renee Carlson, Jo Hafner, Mark Hafner, City Engineer Jerod Klabunde, Beulah residents.

Pledge of Allegiance
Miller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting on May 19 and approve as provided to the Council by email. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Miller, Isaak, Baker, Brown and Keller in favor. Plienis abstained. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
Keller moved to approve the bills as presented and reviewed. Plienis seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Plienis, Miller, Isaak, Baker, Brown, and Aichele in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Vybrant Kamotion: Cassie Plienis requested July 5 be included in the days fireworks are allowed in Beulah. She requested this for 2025 only. Solem stated this will require a change to the ordinance. Discussion followed on changing the ordinance to July 3, 4 and 5 going forward. Renee Carlson requested that the ordinance not be changed from three days to four days. Isaak made a motion to amend the fireworks ordinance from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th to the 3rd, 4th and 5th. Baker seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Baker, Keller, Plienis, Miller, Brown and Aichele in favor. A Special Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 6 at 5:00 pm for the first reading of the new ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ORGANIZATIONS
Jo Hafner, President of the Beulah Senior Citizens Center, commented on the activities of the Senior Center. She also shared the expenses and repairs that were made to the restroom. They receive State Aid from the city and request to continue to receive the State Aid. The only other form of revenue is from the Thrift Store.

Mark Hafner with the Mercer County Fair shared that the dates for the Fair are earlier this year as to not conflict with Country Fest. It will be June 25-29. These dates allowed for a better carnival as well. He commented on projects they have planned. The State Legislature approved a county fair grant fund. Mercer County will contribute a match of \$25,000 if the Fair receives the grant. The Fair Board would like to have better restrooms, an air-conditioned bunny barn, and a grandstand for the arena. They would like to put concrete in the show barn or the sheep barn and add restrooms and showers. They would also like to insulate it so they can use it all year round. Since they do not own the property, they need to have a plan before the improvements are done. Plienis made a motion to approve the Special Event permit for Nite Owl Bar to serve alcohol at the Fairgrounds June 25-28, 2025. Brown seconded. Roll call vote

found Plienis, Brown, Miller, Isaak, Baker, Keller and Aichele in favor.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS
Mayor Cheatley

Keller made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit for the Main Bar to serve alcohol at Riverside Park for the Roughrider Bash on June 21, 2025. Baker seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Plienis, Miller, Isaak, Baker, Brown and Aichele in favor.

Isaak made a motion to approve the Site Authorization for Dakota Junior Golf Association at the Beulah Municipal Golf Course/ Black Sands from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Baker seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Baker, Keller, Plienis, Miller and Brown in favor.

Aichele abstained. Motion passed.
Cheatley appointed Moore Engineering as the City Engineer for Beulah and the design engineer for Phase II of Main Street, and he appointed AE2S as the City Engineer for the Water Department. Isaak moved to approve the appointments. Brown seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Brown, Keller, Plienis, Miller, Baker and Aichele in favor.

Cheatley stated he, Isaak and Biles will be reviewing concerns of P&Z actions and conduct unbecoming of the P&Z Commission. They will have a report at the next meeting.

Council Member Miller
Miller moved to approve the variance for Tyrel Sorensen at 1824 Blackstone Loop E. Isaak seconded. The neighbors were notified and did not have an issue. Roll call vote found Miller, Isaak, Keller, Plienis, Baker, Brown and Aichele in favor.

Chris Renner has resigned from the P&Z Commission.

Council Member Aichele
The Main Street hanging baskets are ready, but the brackets are back-ordered.

There is a request for a blinking light pedestrian crossing on Highway 49 and Front Street. Aichele moved to purchase a solar blinking light for approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500. Keller seconded. The NDDOT would need to be contacted. Isaak stated the batteries in those need to be replaced every two years. Aichele moved to withdraw his motion. Plienis seconded. Roll call vote found Aichele, Plienis, Keller, Miller, Isaak, Baker and Brown in favor. Cheatley appointed Aichele, Plienis and Baker to a committee to look into options for a crossing light and will bring information to council in July.

Public Works has completed road maintenance in Country Club Estates. Since it rained they were able to add gravel by the intersection and maintain it with the blade, they also filled in the washboard and pothole areas. A couple people contacted Aichele and said it was very good. Miller stated the information Aichele gave to the CCE contact in charge has not been provided to anyone in the addition. With all the work the city has put into this over the years, there has been no action by the residents of CCE. They should have had a meeting to see what should be done. It ends up being discussed by City Council and a lot of time and money is spent on it, and then the residents in CCE don't approve it or they don't hear about it. Aichele stated Public Works has done a good job, so the city has fulfilled its responsibility. Miller stated they can only blade the road when it rains.

Main Street Phase II – Brinkman

stated the city received a grant for the design. The design needs to be submitted before the end of December to possibly qualify for a grant to pay for construction. The council will decide whether to move forward with a project depending on if a grant is received. Aichele requested that the council be involved with input in the design process. Moore Engineering will provide information to the council.

Council Member Brown
The Library is starting its Summer Reading Program. There are forty-three events planned for the summer months. Brown commented on the need for a larger library space for events. There was discussion on joining the regional library in Dunn County. Miller stated the old nursing home could be a location for a new library. Brinkman commented on a partnership with UND for a new innovation technology center and the possibility of it being combined with a library/day-care if funding is available.

Council Member Isaak
American Foundation for Wildlife gaming application was approved at the last meeting. Isaak stated he was contacted by a member of the organization and he was told they donate earnings from gaming to WARC.

CITY PERSONNEL
Economic Development
The city submitted for a grant for the Public Works building to provide energy efficiency improvements by insulating with spray and updating the heating system and fans. The grant is \$149,000 and was approved for \$107,266.67. The city is responsible for a percentage of the project cost and has submitted a grant application to the CVB for assistance with funding this remaining amount.

The #408 rear-load garbage truck was put up for bids online and the bid received is \$5,100. It is not a desired truck so could not be traded in. Keller made a motion to accept the bid for \$5,100. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Plienis, Miller, Isaak, Baker, Brown and Aichele in favor.

M Construction put in a quote for work to be done on 12th Street. The Beacon put the dollar amount in the paper, so it skewed the bidding process. It was requested to move forward and receive bids. It was stated the city would be required to accept the lowest responsible bid.

The city's audit states that the city needs to put a procurement policy in place. A draft was presented.

The abstract for the area of the fairgrounds was received and the information will be completed soon.

Brinkman met with the ND Attorney General's office last week regarding rare earth mineral extraction. Talon had a meeting with the Governor and State Senators and Representative last week in Beulah.

Jerod Klabunde of Moore Engineering shared information on their company. He introduced Carl Jackson, Regional Leader of the western ND offices. Klabunde grew up in the Garrison area and lives in Bismarck. He has been with Moore for nineteen years. He has a lot of experience as a City Engineer and works closely with funding sources.

City Attorney
Baker moved to approve Resolution 2025-02 Setting the Auditor's Bond Limit. Plienis seconded. The bond limit is for \$2,000,000 and is set by resolution each year. Roll call vote found Baker, Plienis, Keller, Miller, Isaak,

Brown and Aichele in favor.

Miller moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 461. Isaak seconded. Baker questioned if a letter can be sent on a violation initially before there is an infraction. Solem stated it usually does not come to his office until there have been attempts to solve the problem. Roll call vote found Miller, Isaak, Keller, Plienis, Baker, Brown and Aichele in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.
Sean Cheatley, Mayor
Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in May:
Check Range: 47496 to 47588, -99618 to -99616
Payroll Check Range: -71701 to -71575, 47571, 47600

NDPERS 457	1207.00
Employees	148905.98
HEALTH INS	40283.93
METLIFE	1664.33
FIT	15424.34
NDPERS 457	1207.00
FIT	14527.55
NDPERS 457	1207.00
FIT	16154.47
NDPERS 457	1207.00
NDPERS Main	9439.89
NDPERS Main 2020	6718.79
NDPERS PD	6827.49
NY Life 457	3711.96
Hanna Gamboa	51.02
Monex Group	90.43
US Federal Contractor Reg	4495.00
Principal Life Insurance Co	354.90
Petty Cash	4.94
Mercer County Treasurer	8104.50
North Dakota One Call Inc	31.50
BNSF Railway Company	2889.76
Bronson's Marketplace	224.41
MDU	12986.05
US Bank	1295.09
Information Technology Dept	458.05
Vestis	585.26
Downtown Gas & Auto	5508.92
West River Telephone	1631.05
Bison Valley Consulting	920.43
North Dakota Dept of Health	106.00
Sarah Nesper	50.00
Jerald Sommers	15.00
Terry Boeckel	15.00
HBW Holding LLC	50.00
Powerplan	2707.21
High Plains Concepts	310.00
Coyote Creek Fencing	16350.36
Molco LLC	5.00
Beulah Quarterback Club	150.00
Lucky's Towing & Repair	1500.00
Neuberger Oil Co.	180.00
Travelodge Inn & Suites	130.00
Sletten Excavating, Inc.	1310.00
Stein's Inc	1008.18
Mercer County Sheriff's Dept	35.00
Waylon Boyer	135.50
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	151.65
Hirshfield's	3764.68
West River Telephone	63.80

Beulah Lumber Company	31.99
NAPA Auto Parts	852.52
NDDEQ	171.78
American Express	1958.17
Hawkins Inc.	2221.96
Beulah Beacon	617.46
Interstate Engineering, Inc	2886.00
Solem Law Office	4956.51
Vestis	72.94
Millennium Express	12.00
Farmers Union Oil Company	2036.43
Bronson's Marketplace	94.33
Baker & Taylor	596.12
Penworthy	451.52
Taste of Home	42.78
MicroMarketing LLC	21.25
Michael Todd Indust Supply	1009.34
Saber Shred Solutions, Inc.	3590.00
MinnKota EnviroServices, Inc.	2277.40

Systems Technology	525.00
Ohnstad Twichell, PC	1150.50
Great Northern Environ	18450.16
Brady, Martz & Associates	21750.00
ESRI	700.00
Mark A. Kaffar	900.00
Heidi Hamelton	1750.00
Lignite Tire	2613.95
The Hub Convenience Stores	214.91
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	1053.85
AT&T Mobility	967.38
Roughrider Electric Coop Inc	3536.82
Cengage Learning	28.06
Rita Baranick	64.14
Stein's Inc	73.12
High Plains Concepts	29.95
Black Mountain Software	273.33
Interstate Engineering, Inc	1332.65
Interstate Engineering, Inc	2270.50
J & M Hardware Inc	128.49
Chad Brewster	50.00
Thomas Russell	15.00
Clay's Plumbing & Heating	125.00
Waste Management	1705.69
Beulah JDA	4411.17
Beulah Airport Authority	4411.17
AT&T Mobility	43.23
Millennium Express	36.00
Petty Cash	150.00
Stein's Inc	122.92
Beulah Park District	42958.32
Beulah Park District	6415.09
Beulah Senior Center	1233.67
Beulah Airport Authority	1727.14
Motor Vehicle Division	5.00
Postmaster	399.96
Marco Technologies LLC	186.38
Nathan Keller	89.00
Solem Law Office	275.00
Jessie Mann	112.00

(06-26-2025)
PUBLIC NOTICE TO CUT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
We will be cutting one full pass approximately 10-12 feet along the shoulders of all Mercer County Roadways, starting June 15, 2025.
(06-18-2025, 06-25-2025)

BID NOTICE

The State Historical Society of North Dakota will accept bids for permission to cut and remove hay from portions of the Fort Clark State Historic Site, located 15 miles Southwest of Washburn, ND on Highway 200 Alt West. Thomas Linn should be contacted to view the area to be cut.

Acreage to be mowed is approximately 15.5 acres. All hay must be removed from the land by October 15, 2025.

All bids must be received by July 17,

2025, by 4 PM CDT. The State Historical Society of North Dakota reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The successful bidder will be granted a renewal option, should they decide to do the haying in the future. Please mark the outside of the envelope "Sealed Bid" and mail to the following address: Thomas Linn, Architectural Project Manager, 612 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505.
(06-26-2025)

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