

CITY OF BEULAH

Regular Meeting Sept. 21, 2026

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September 21, 2026, 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 Council President Adam Baker with Council Members KC Unruh, Anthony Deavers, Kevin Herrmann, Bill Keller and Cameron Brown present. Olivia Akin, Mike Heidel and Kameron Plenis absent.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Jerod Klabunde, Asst. Engineer Aidan Kelly, Police Chief Frank Senn, Econ/Op Dir. Beaver Brinkman, Asst. Op Dir. Jennifer Gabel, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Mike Smith, Beulah residents.

2027 FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Baker opened the budget hearing.

Ferebee presented final budget amendments. Expenditure cuts included assessor fees, Memory Park under community promotion, beautification flags/banners, Sun Valley, City Hall under Public Buildings, salary lines, and reducing police staffing from seven to six officers. Senior Center state aid was reduced to its historical 5% rate. Revenue adjustments included increases in General Fund State Aid and Municipal Infrastructure interest, balanced by decreases in Senior Center State Aid and Sun Valley revenue. A \$2.50 city utility base rate increase was also discussed.

Herrmann proposed reducing the Sun Valley RV Park budget because its transfer from the CVB is unofficial, but Brown recommended maintaining the expense at \$40,000. Addressing Deavers' concern about budget overages, Ferebee stated that existing cash balances would cover the deficit, then explained the mill levy and state aid.

Baker questioned the budget increase for an extra officer. Deavers stated that losing a position impacts the department, while Senn stated hiring

depends on future development needs. Senn clarified that removing the officer from the budget now would then require approval from the council to add the position later if it is needed. Deavers suggested increasing police fines to offset costs, which Senn explained. Baker also questioned prisoner boarding expenses. Solem tied those expenses to increased jail sentencing by the Municipal Judge. Regarding the Economic Development dues and registration increase, Brinkman justified those as new international fees and continuing education.

The budget hearing adjourned at 7:08 pm.

The regular meeting opened. Pledge of Allegiance.

All in favor of adding the Final Budget approval to the agenda. All in favor of moving the emergency sirens to Herrmann's portfolio.

MINUTES

Herrmann moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 8, 2026, as provided to the Council by email. Deavers seconded. Roll call vote found Herrmann, Deavers, Unruh, Keller and Brown in favor.

2027 FINAL BUDGET

Brown moved to approve the 2027 Final Budget. Keller seconded. Roll call vote found Brown, Keller, Deavers, Herrmann and Unruh in favor.

CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer

Kelly stated the Northside Street micro-surfacing is delayed, now starting September 28 at the earliest. The Special Assessment Hearing is tomorrow, September 22 at 6:30pm. Brown questioned landscaping. Kelly clarified the contractor is responsible and plans to seed this fall. M Construction still plans to finish Frontage Road. Deavers moved to approve payment of the 2026 Asphalt Patching invoice to Bechtold Paving in the amount of \$35,185.26. Herrmann seconded. Roll call vote found Deavers, Herrmann, Unruh, Keller and Brown in favor.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Council Member Baker

Keller moved to approve the Pedler's permit for Gavin Fitzgerald, Grayson Snow, and Weston Palmer for

Vivint Smart Home September 22-28, 2026. Unruh seconded. Senn requested they get photos at the Police Dept. before selling in town. Roll call vote found Keller, Unruh, Deavers, Herrmann and Brown in favor.

Council Member Herrmann

Herrmann moved to remove the Emergency Sirens from the table. Brown seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Unruh, Deavers, Herrmann, and Brown in favor. Unruh made a request for time, labor, and material cost breakdowns. Deavers moved to approve the materials quote of \$20,533. Unruh seconded. Roll call vote found Herrmann, Unruh, Deavers, Keller, and Brown in favor.

Regular meeting closed.

PUBLIC HEARING –
Dilapidated Mobile Home
Public Hearing opened.

Solem reviewed the enforcement history of the uninhabitable mobile home at 712 12th Ave NE, noting the owner, Josh Meissner, was served a hearing notice on September 11. Building inspector, Mike Smith, presented a Weist Home Inspections report and recent photos confirming the structure is dilapidated and beyond reasonable repair. Chief Senn reported safety hazards regarding unauthorized individuals occupying the property. Solem noted that the evidence and testimony have been presented and the defendant is not present. He recommended ordering him to either bring the property into compliance within 30 days to pass inspection or remove the mobile home within 30 days. If the owner fails to comply, it's recommended that the city remove the mobile home, clean the property, and assess the costs against the property, potentially using a state grant. Keller moved to order compli-

ance of the mobile home within 30 days as recommended by the City Attorney. Brown seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Brown, Deavers, Herrmann and Unruh in favor.

Public Hearing adjourned.

Regular meeting opened.

CITY PERSONNEL

City Auditor

Herrmann moved to approve the August financial reports. Unruh seconded. Roll call vote found Herrmann, Unruh, Deavers, Keller and Brown in favor.

Herrmann moved to approve the certification of an outstanding water bill to be assessed to the property. Unruh seconded. Roll call vote found Herrmann, Unruh, Keller, Deavers and Brown in favor.

The city received \$500,000 in Prairie Dog revenue.

Economic/Op Director

CVB extended the Sun Valley RV Park lease by 30 days. The budget is undergoing revisions, waiting on MDU, with current projections of a break-even point. A future lease was discussed.

The City of Beulah executed an agreement with Interstate Engineering and the Phases I Main Street Project punch list will be completed by late September. Covered by SRF, the chip seal phase will be completed in the spring of 2027. A project rebid may be required, and a new task order will come before the council. The proper ice melt for the concrete is being determined, and Baker noted the city can salt the bulb-outs.

Beulah My Town Episode will air on February 28th, 2027.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Adam Baker, Council President
Heather Ferebee, City Auditor
(October 8, 2026)