

LEGAL NOTICES

BEULAH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 15, 2025

CITY OF BEULAH
December 15, 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 Jason Isaak, Gina Campbell, Bill Keller, Kevin Herrmann and Kameron Plienis present. Tim Aichele, Cameron Brown and Adam Baker absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Keller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 1, 2025, and approve as provided to the Council by email. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Campbell, Herrmann and Plienis in favor. Isaak abstained. Motion passed.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS
Council Member Plienis

Equipment Committee update:
It is budgeted to purchase five new AEDs in each of these areas: City Hall, Civic Center, Pool, Transfer Station, Public Works Building. Senn stated the AEDs would be compatible with the Mercer Co. Ambulance so the same pads can be used. Herrmann moved to approve the purchase of five AEDs. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Herrmann, Isaak, Keller, Campbell and Plienis in favor.

Fuel Bid for 2026 & 2027: One bid

was received from Downtown Conoco offering a 5-cent discount off the pump price. Herrmann moved to approve the bid from Downtown Conoco. Campbell seconded. Farmer's Union Oil will still be used after hours. Roll call vote found Herrmann, Campbell, Isaak, Keller and Plienis in favor.

The new police vehicle #19 will arrive soon. The city will sell Unit #13 by auction on Municibid. Keller moved to sell police vehicle #13 by auction. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Isaak, Herrmann, Campbell and Plienis in favor.

A quote to lease police vehicle cameras was presented. It is a ten-year lease for five vehicles at \$13,082 per year. The cameras include license plate readers (LPR). Axon will install the cameras. Senn explained the benefit of having LPR. Cameras will be upgraded every five years. The records management system is cloud based. Campbell moved to approve the 10-year lease for five cameras for police vehicles from Axon for \$13,082 per year. Herrmann seconded. Roll call vote found Campbell, Herrmann, Isaak, Keller and Plienis in favor.

Isaak moved to approve the amendment to the 2026 budget in the Specialty Equipment fund for \$13,082. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote found Isaak, Campbell, Herrmann, Keller and Plienis in favor.

The sand truck has been having electrical issues. Yeager is looking at options for updating the truck and having the sander rebuilt or replaced.

CITY ENGINEER
City Engineer

Klabunde commented on the Main Street Phase II progress. The next step is the right-a-way work and permitting.

At the last meeting there was a motion to proceed with the Northside Street Project. There is a survey crew collecting data. The city directed the engineer to prepare plans and specs. Isaak questioned the cost. Klabunde stated it is a not-to-exceed price of \$282,000. Isaak moved to approve Amendment 1 to Task Order No. 3 for the Northside Street Improvement District. Keller seconded. Klabunde stated this will take the city through the bidding process. There will be another amendment that would include the construction phase. Roll call vote found Isaak, Keller, Herrmann, Plienis and Campbell in favor.

Klabunde requested to notify them of any additional street patching items that could be added to 2026 projects.

CITY PERSONNEL
City Auditor

Campbell moved to approve the November Financial Reports. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Campbell, Isaak, Herrmann, Keller and Plienis in favor.

The County Commission increased the landfill rates from \$45 to \$50 per ton. This is an 11% increase, which is about \$13,000. Rick Bauman was contacted as he is the portfolio holder of the landfill. He apologized and said they didn't consider the cities' budgets when they changed the rates and that it won't happen again.

Plienis moved to approve the local permit for a raffle for Operation 11 Tyler Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship at the Campbell residence on February 8, 2026. Isaak seconded. Campbell recused herself. Roll call vote found Plienis, Isaak, Herrmann and Keller in favor. Motion passed.

Plienis moved to approve the local

permit for a raffle for Night at the Races for the Beulah Lions Club at the Beulah Civic Center on January 10, 2026. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote found Plienis, Campbell, Herrmann, Isaak and Keller in favor.

2026 Election: The Beulah Civic Center will be the polling place for the June and November elections in 2026. The city election will be on June 9 and the petition signatures needed for those positions will be posted on the website. It is anticipated that there will also be a question on the ballot regarding allowing chickens within city limits.

HALLIDAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 2025

HALLIDAY CITY COMMISSION
MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025 6:00 PM
HALLIDAY CITY HALL

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Selle.

Commissioners Present: Selle, Cronje, Gietzen, and Hausauer. Wanek was absent.

Others Present: Mark Kaffar, Rebecca Berner, Patrick Kuntz, and Michele Kuntz

Hausauer moved to close the agenda, seconded by Gietzen. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gietzen moved to approve the November 10, 2025 minutes, seconded by Hausauer. All voted aye motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed bills, Gietzen moved to approve payment of bills, and to withhold payment from Core Facility, seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote Hausauer, Cronje, Gietzen and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds: No Report
Financial/Insurance Report: Gietzen moved to approve the Financial Report and Pledges of Securities from Bravera, seconded by Cronje. Upon roll call vote Gietzen, Cronje, Hausauer, and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

Water & Sewer Report: No Report
Streets: Talked about getting vehicles tagged that are left on the street. Garbage & Police: no report

Attorney: Kaffar presented resolution permitting individuals residing outside of city limits to serve on committees that benefit the surrounding area. Cronje moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote Cronje, Hausauer, and Selle all voted aye Gietzen voted nay. Motion carried.

Engineer: Berner reported that the plans for the Booster Station and Wolverine Park are ready to finalize for bidding. She reported on bid from Integrated Piping Consultants for \$7,829.43 for plumbing work at the Wolverine Den, Selle moved to approve the bid from Integrated Piping Consultants, seconded by Gietzen. Upon roll call vote Cronje, Hausauer, Gietzen and Selle all voted aye motion carried. She reported that some of the electrical panels may need to be replaced, and also reported about a grant for windows, she will have more information in January, also presented the permit from the NDDOT for the storm sewer project.

JDA Report: No Report
Sub Committee Report: Kaffar reported that the committee had approved membership fees for the sewing craft room, Hausauer asked about a price for a 6-month membership for the gym. He reported that the committee had approve plugging the drain in the library because of the cost of repairs, but the library director would like to see if it could be fixed, Berner will check the plans and see if a new line could be run. He also reported that the committee is checking on prices for tables and chairs for the multipurpose room.

Zoning Board Report: M. Kuntz reported that the zoning board had approved two demolition permits.

Library: Request was presented to the commission from the library board asking the commission about changing the library director wages from hourly to salary, it was decided to keep directors wages at hourly.

Old Business:
Dolechek is still waiting to hear back for ETS on the estimate for the thermostats.

Police Chief
Chicken Committee update – a draft ordinance will be forwarded to Solem Law to review. A question will be developed for the ballot. The Police Dept. will have two computers installed tomorrow. The Park District has Light's in the Park and requested a police vehicle to be part of that. They may use Unit #13 in the park and then it will be prepared to be sold.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.
Sean Cheatley, Mayor
Heather Ferebee, City Auditor
(01-08-2026)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ZONING CASE NO. 26-01-02

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
A CONDITIONAL USE FOR COAL
EXCAVATION AND MINING WITHIN
THE MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
ZONING DISTRICT

ZONING CASE NO. 26-01-02

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday evening January 15, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Central Time, at the Mercer County Courthouse in Stanton. The Coteau Properties Company has made application to the Mercer County Planning and Zoning Commission for an Amendment to Conditional Use Approval 02-12-01 for coal excavation and mining. This amendment will add an additional tract of land to Conditional Use Case 02-12-01. The location and site under consideration for such use is:

A tract of land being the West 1/2 of Section 1 & 12, a Portion of Section 2 & 11, T144N, R89W, of the 5th P.M., and the East 1/2 of Section 32, T145N, R88W, of the 5th P.M., Mercer County, North Dakota.

All bearings and distances are based on the North Dakota State Plane Coordinate System, South Zone, NAD 27.

Beginning at the south 1/4 corner of Section 12, T144N, R89W; thence bearing N 88°56'46" W a distance of 2638.17 feet to the southeast corner of Section 11, T144N, R89W; thence bearing N 89°23'42" W a distance

of 2638.36 feet to the south 1/4 corner of said Section; thence bearing N 89°23'42" W a distance of 416.40 feet thence bearing N 00°36'18" E a distance of 290.00 feet thence bearing N 89°23'42" W a distance of 636.96 feet thence bearing S 00°36'18" W a distance of 290.00 feet thence bearing N 89°23'42" W a distance of 1585.00 feet to the southwest corner of said Section; thence bearing N 00°55'51" E a distance of 2640.77 feet to the west 1/4 corner of said Section; thence bearing N 00°55'51" E a distance of 2640.77 feet to the northwest corner of said Section; thence bearing S 89°15'35" E a distance of 659.09 feet to the west-west 1/64 corner of Section 2, T144N, R89W; thence bearing N 00°51'28" E a distance of 658.22 feet to the southwest-southwest 1/64 corner of said Section; thence bearing N 89°15'55" W a distance of 659.18 feet to the south-south 1/64 corner of said Section; thence bearing N 00°51'01" E a distance of 1974.46 feet to the west 1/4 corner of said Section; thence bearing N 00°51'00" E a distance of 2676.71 feet to the northwest corner of said Section; thence bearing S 88°58'35" E a distance of 1229.24 feet to the southwest corner of Section 32, T145N, R88W; thence bearing S 88°59'04" E a distance of 2637.85 feet to the south 1/4 corner of said Section; thence bearing N 01°00'12" E a distance of 2641.36 feet to the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence bearing N 01°00'12" E a distance of 2640.04 feet to the north 1/4 corner of said Section;

thence bearing S 89°00'06" E a distance of 2633.59 feet to the northeast corner of said Section; thence bearing S 00°57'50" W a distance of 2640.83 feet to the east 1/4

corner of said Section; thence bearing S 00°57'01" W a distance of 2641.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section; thence bearing S 81°01'45" E a distance of 1413.03 feet to the north 1/4 corner of Section 1, T144N, R89W; thence bearing S 00°56'54" W a distance of 2643.78 feet to the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence bearing S 00°56'54" W a distance of 2635.54 feet to the north 1/4 corner of Section 12, T144N, R89W; thence bearing S 00°51'59" W a distance of 2637.60 feet to the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence bearing S 00°51'59" W a distance of 2639.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Said area of land contains 2,224.6621 acres.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE The public is hereby invited to comment on said application for an Amendment to Conditional Use Approval 02-12-01 at the hearing, or by forwarding comments in writing prior to this hearing to: Mercer County Auditor- PO Box 39-Stanton, ND 58571. A copy of the application, location map and other documents is available to the public for inspection and copying in the Office of the County Auditor on Monday through Friday during regular office hours.

Jen Neumiller, Mercer County Land Use Administrator
(January 1 & 8, 2026)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CASE NO. 5078

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON AN APPLICATION TO AMEND
THE MERCER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

CASE NO. 5078

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday evening, January 15, 2026 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Central Time at the Mercer County Courthouse in Stanton for the purpose of considering an ap-

plication from the Mercer County Planning Commission.

It is the nature, scope and purpose of this application to amend all chapters for a complete update of the Mercer County Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the purposed changes is available for inspection and review in the office of the county auditor from the hours of 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday. For an electronic copy of proposed changes please contact the Mercer County Land Use office at 745-3294 or email

jleneumiller@nd.gov or it's available for viewing on the county website at www.mercercountynd.com

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to comment on the above proposed ordinance amendments at this public hearing or forward written comments prior to this hearing to: Mercer County Auditor – Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571.

Jen Neumiller, Mercer County Land Use Administrator
(January 1 & 8, 2026)

Electrical at the pump house was tabled until January, still working on getting bids.

Gietzen reported that employee performance reviews were done and everything was good.

New Business:
Hausauer moved to approve the 2026 contract for the NDLC random drug and alcohol testing program, seconded by Cronje. All voted aye, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed Dodge Garbage Contract. Hausauer moved to approve contract with no changes, seconded by Cronje. Upon roll call vote Hausauer, Gietzen, Cronje, and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

Cronje moved to approve beer licenses for Jodeo's and Last Chance Ranch Saloon and Steakhouse seconded by Hausauer. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Auditor reported that the leases for the inert landfill will be coming due in August, Selle will check with landowner about possibility of purchasing the property.

Hausauer moved to approve a 4% increase on net year end stipends, the following net pay year end stipends were Pat Kuntz, Brent Seppala, Rachael Dolechek and Michele Kuntz \$2080.00, Norma Weisz \$364.00, Commissioner \$1040.00, and active Zoning Board members \$208.00, and a 4% raises for employees, City Commissioners, Zoning Board & Steering Committee, seconded by Cronje. Upon Roll Call Vote Cronje, Hausauer, Gietzen and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

Hausauer moved to approve Dakota Pump & Control Inspection agreement, seconded by Gietzen. Upon roll call vote Cronje, Gietzen, Hausauer, and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

Check # 24571-24624Union Bank Account: November 11, 2025—December 16, 2025 Payroll 11/15/2025 \$6590.68 Ck #24571-24574; Fidelity Security Life \$30.54; EFTPS \$1922.98 A/W; ND Pers \$3589.36 A/W; Delta Dental \$114.87 A/W; BCBS \$3406.58; Halliday JDA \$4017.77; McKenzie Electric \$99.52; November 1, 2025 Payroll \$11892.49; Check #24578-24583; EFTPS \$3303.51; Visa \$2369.45; 12/15/25 payroll \$6868.83 ck #24585-24588; Fidelity Security Life \$30.54; Beulah Beacon \$80.90; Bobcat of Dickinson \$884.77; Consolidated Telcom \$430.54; Dunn County Auditor \$2000.00; Farmers Union Oil Company \$8374.98; Integrated Piping Consultants LLC \$19967.00; Donovan & Kaffar PLLP \$13381.60; Ferguson Waterworks \$1469.22; Halliday Park District \$5500.00; High Plains Concepts LLC \$495.00; Im-mense Impact LLC \$1236.00; Interstate Engineering \$104,244.85; McKenzie Electric \$97.57; MDU \$3142.47; Mercer County Treasurer \$1076.30; NDDOEQ \$401.82; Scenic Lumber & Coal \$1561.53; SW District Health Unit \$25.00; Vestis \$247.13; Vision West ND Inc. \$800.00; Year End Stipends,\$17,854.39 Ck #24610-24624 EFTPS \$6143.87; ND Pers \$3336.13 Delta Dental \$114.87; BCBS \$3406.58; Fidelity Security Life \$30.54

Cronje moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM, seconded by Gietzen.

Next meeting January 12, 2026 6:00 PM

Minutes are subject to revisions and approval.
Michele Kuntz, Auditor
Blair Selle President of Commission
(January 8, 2026)