

CITY OF BEULAH REGULAR MEETING

May 4, 2026

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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, Adam Baker, Tim Aichele, Cameron Brown, Bill Keller, Kevin Herrmann and Kamaron Plienis present.

Also Present: City Attorney Scott Solem, City Engineer Jerod Klabunde, Asst. Engineer Aidan Kelly, Police Chief Frank Senn, Econ/Op Dir. Beaver Brinkman, Operations Assist Jennifer Gabel, City Auditor Heather Ferebee, Kyle Vetter, Gloria Olheiser, Olivia Akin, Liza Kusmenko, Travis Frey, Kevin Flaagan, Amanda Hoffer, Beulah residents.

Pledge of Allegiance HEARING

The Hearing for the Conditional Use Permit for the Wireless Telecommunications Tower Site for Verizon is rescheduled for June 3 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer
The bid for the Northside Street Project SID #27 was awarded to Bechtold Paving. Klabunde presented an amendment to the task order for construction engineering services. Keller made a motion to approve Amendment #2 to Task Order #3 for the Northside Street Project SID #27. Aichele seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Aichele, Brown, Baker, Herrmann, Isaak and Plienis in favor.

The preconstruction meeting for the concrete roadway reconstruction was held today, and the project is scheduled to begin May 18. Surveying at the fairgrounds is ongoing, and the abstract was received. An aerial map is expected for the next meeting.

Grant agreements were approved for the dry dam project. Engineering Task order #5 was presented for the Geotechnical Study for \$80,000, with \$48,000 funded by the DWR. Aichele moved to approve Task Order #5 for the Geotechnical Study. Baker seconded. Roll call vote found Aichele, Baker, Brown, Plienis, Herrmann, Keller and Isaak in favor.

Engineering Task Order #6 is for the EAP for \$20,000, with 80% covered by the DWR. Plienis moved to approve the Task Order #6 for the Emergency Action Plan. Brown seconded. Roll call vote found Plienis, Brown, Baker, Aichele, Herrmann, Keller and Isaak in favor.

Klabunde submitted applications to the State for cost share water projects for the biennium. The five potential projects are listed for the city's needs such as water main replacement projects.

MINUTES

Baker moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special meeting on April 20, 2026 and approve as provided to the Council by email. Aichele seconded. Roll call vote found Baker, Aichele, Herrmann, Keller, Isaak and Plienis in favor. Brown abstained. Motion passed.

Herrmann moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting on April 20, 2026 and approve as provided to the Council by email. Plienis seconded. Roll call vote found Herrmann, Plienis, Baker, Aichele, Keller and Isaak in favor. Brown abstained. Motion passed.

Keller moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting on April 20, 2026 and approve as provided to the Council by

email. Aichele seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Aichele, Baker, Brown, Plienis, Herrmann and Isaak in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

SITE AUTHORIZATIONS

Kyle Vetter with the American Foundation for Wildlife noted that 40% of gaming revenue goes to WARC. Plienis moved to approve the Site Authorization for American Foundation for Wildlife to provide gaming at Alibis Lounge from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Keller seconded. Roll call vote found Plienis, Keller, Brown, Baker, Aichele, Herrmann and Isaak in favor.

Gloria Olheiser from WARC commented they offer individual grants for youth, family and domestic violence. Baker moved to approve the Site Authorization for WARC to provide gaming at Alibis Lounge from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Plienis seconded. Roll call vote found Baker, Plienis, Brown, Aichele, Herrmann, Keller and Isaak in favor.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Mayor Cheatley
Cheatley appointed Tyler Miller to the Pool Board. Plienis moved to ratify the appointment. Isaak seconded. Roll call vote found Plienis, Isaak, Keller, Herrmann, Brown, Aichele and Baker in favor.

Cheatley designated the Beulah Beacon as the City's official newspaper. Keller moved to ratify the designation. Brown seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Brown, Baker, Aichele, Herrmann, Isaak and Plienis in favor.

Council Member Aichele
The Arbor Day celebration at the Elementary School was a success. Aichele thanked Jennifer Gabel and all other employees and volunteers who helped.

Council Member Isaak
The Pool Board approved Associated Pools to repair leaks at the pool for up to \$60,000. Plienis stated the leak repair is a big project and they are hoping to complete enough for the pool to run this year.

Council Member Plienis
Plienis asked about the Krebs Auto Body repair from the Main Street Phase I project. Brinkman stated Krebs was getting an estimate and it would be sent to BEK.

CITY PERSONNEL

City Auditor
Plienis moved to approve the Special Event permit for Molco LLC to serve alcohol at the Beulah Civic Center for a wedding reception on June 20, 2026. Baker seconded. Roll call vote found Plienis, Baker, Brown, Aichele, Keller, Herrmann and Isaak in favor.

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Economic Development Operations Director
The FEMA grant for the flood study, submitted last year, has been approved.

A Main Street Phase I Project meeting was held with Interstate Engineering and BEK. Brinkman outlined each item that would be completed. Klabunde confirmed this is the fastest route to project completion. Discussion followed on electrical items. Keller moved to approve the develop-

ment of a task order and agreement between Interstate Engineering, BEK and the City. Brown seconded. Roll call vote found Keller, Brown, Baker, Aichele, Plienis, Herrmann and Isaak in favor.

CVB Presentation

Members of the CVB presented information about the organization. Olivia Akin commented on the funding sources and the areas funding is directed. Liza Kusmenko presented the accomplishments, marketing materials produced, and marketing technology used. Travis Frey described funding revenue and charitable gaming. Olivia Akin commented that the CVB has had an independent forensic audit completed. Kevin Flaagan stated the CVB fuels local business success and attracting people to Beulah. Amanda Hoffer commented on what would happen if the CVB funding was reduced. Hoffer stated City Ordinance 443 provides for a city individual as a direct line of access and requested that the City officially designate a liaison.

Baker requested a copy of the CVB's bylaws and questioned legal bills. Akin stated all legal bills for the CVB have been tendered to insurance. No taxpayer money was spent on legal fees. Baker questioned if sponsor's pay to advertise and it was confirmed that they do. Baker moved to create a subcommittee, including one member per ward and outside organizations, to review Paragraph 4 of Ordinance 443. Aichele seconded. Baker contacted other cities and has four options to distribute funds. Solem stated it would be a special meeting and that all council members could attend. Brown stated it is a gunshot reaction and should not be decided in an hour-long meeting. Baker stated if the city is good with the way it is, the CVB could still receive funds. Brown stated it could ruin the relationship with the CVB. Aichele stated the presentation is informative, but it would be good to meet. Isaak stated that the whole council should attend the special meeting. Baker moved to amend the motion to change the meeting to a special council meeting of the whole council to discuss Ordinance 443 that would be open to public comment, and to bring the recommendation back to council on June 1. Aichele seconded. The special meeting date will be Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm. Roll call vote found Baker, Aichele, Keller, Brown, Isaak and Plienis in favor. Herrmann opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. Sean Cheatley, Mayor

Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in April:
Check Range: 48509 to 48592, -99560 to -99557
Payroll Check Range: -70615 to -70542, 48508

Employees	95122.53
NDPERS 457	1212.00
FIT	14540.95
SIT	2342.43
Unemployment	1625.40
NDPERS 457	1212.00
FIT	14060.63
FIT	439.99
NDPERS Main	6521.90
NDPERS Main 2020	
	3495.12
NDPERS PD	4592.46
NDPERS DC	563.42
NY Life 457B	3120.72
City of Beulah	57.13
Monex Group	52.91
US Bank	623.56
Principal Life Insurance Co	
	395.01
Mercer County Treasurer	
	7849.50
North Dakota One Call Inc	
	8.40
Quadient Leasing USA Inc	
	218.07
MDU	15122.02
Vestis	579.90
Marco Technologies LLC	
	197.90
Roughrider Electric Coop	
	4880.63
North Dakota Dept of Health	
	81.00
Powerplan	179.82
Heidi Hughes	2000.00
Bison Valley Consulting LLC	
	1571.56
Moore Engineering, Inc.	
	58281.13
Downtown Gas & Auto	
	5170.90
West River Telephone	
	1630.75
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	8793.00
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	75000.00
NDDEQ	420.00
Brenden Sweeney	34.63
Alexander Barnes	75.00
Waylon Boyer	504.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	
	1000.00
ND Clerk's Association	
	100.00
ND League of Cities	500.00
Sanitation Products	2612.97
NAPA Auto Parts	1546.23
Bank of North Dakota	
	51193.12

Bronson's Marketplace	98.97
Bank of North Dakota	6823.61
Hawkins Inc.	30.00
Beulah Beacon	941.64
Information Technology Dept	
	505.60
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	
	795.80
Farmers Union Oil Company	
	5399.48
AE2S, LLC	2525.50
Beulah Area Hardware	186.82
Stein's Inc	761.52
Bobcat of Mandan, Inc	282.06
Sanford Health Occup Med	
	35.00
White Cap, L.P.	2770.50
Brady, Martz & Associates	
	21750.00
HR Collaborative	150.00
Lignite Tire	1244.66
Column Software PBC	476.10
VESSCO, INC	366.34
Uniform Center	1228.50
American Express	795.40
Granville Brinkman	36.25
NDDEQ	386.41
USA Blue Book	747.05
Mark A. Kaffar	1200.00
AT&T Mobility	43.73
AT&T Mobility	695.56
Hazen Welding	130.00
Hawkins Inc.	342.00
MARC	805.72
CapFirst Equip Finance	
	80995.00
Quill LLC	169.09
Beulah Park District	29667.01
Beulah JDA	936.24
Beulah Airport Authority	
	936.28
Beulah Park District	5998.59
Beulah Senior Center	1153.57
Solem Law Office	9991.98
Millennium Express	12.00
Beulah Airport Authority	
	1615.00
Stryker	157.50
Quill LLC	176.19
Coal Country CHC	52.00
Interstate Engineering, Inc	
	4098.00
Forte	4351.78
Waste Management	985.50
US Bank	23375.32
Heather Ferebee	138.00
West River Telephone	63.74
Vestis	88.65
Bronson's Marketplace	90.69
Beulah Beacon	135.00
Taste of Home	42.78
Postmaster	425.75
Jessie Mann	77.98
Beulah JDA	13130.27
Beulah Airport Authority	
	13119.53
Display Sales	2109.00

(May 21, 2026)

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