CITY OF BEULAH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2026

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NOVEMBER 2, 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 Mayor Olivia Akin with Council Members KC Unruh, Mike Heidel, Anthony Deavers, Adam Baker, Bill Keller, Kevin Herrmann, Kameron Plienis and Cameron Brown present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

Baker moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 19, 2026, as provided to the Council by email. Heidel seconded. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis and Herrmann in favor. Unruh abstained. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Akin noted that the invoice received from Solid Rock will be funded by the Interstate Engineering funds that the city received. Baker moved to approve all presented bills, including Solid Rock's invoice for concrete lifting at Winkler Chiropractic. Deavers seconded. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis, Unruh and Herrmann in favor.

CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer

Moore Engineering is still collecting easements so they can open the project for bids. The earliest the Main Street Phase II project can be bid is spring 2027, with construction starting in 2028.

Heidel moved to approve Northside Streets Pay Application #5 for $51,400.92 to Bechtold Paving, Inc. Baker seconded. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis, Unruh and Herrmann in favor.

Brown moved to approve the 12th St Concrete Roadway Invoice #2 for $72,088.50 to M Construction. Keller seconded. The Prairie Dog fund will cover this invoice. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis, Unruh and Herrmann in favor.

2027 street resurfacing cost estimates were presented. The area west of Hwy 49 is estimated at $400,000. The Riverside Park and Golf Course road project is estimated at $250,000, with costs to be split between the Park and the City based on property ownership. The Industrial Park area on the east end of 7th Street is estimated at $600,000, which includes $325,000 for the 7th Street arterial portion and $275,000 for the Arikara Street section. Kelly noted that a missing area would be added. The Softball Complex parking lot repaving is estimated at $350,000 with alternative materials under consideration.

Klabunde stated the city's portion of the work totals $1.2 million and recommended applying for the BND Infrastructure Loan before its two-week deadline. Baker moved to authorize Moore Engineering to complete the loan application for the $1.2 million project, covering the Industrial Park, Golf Course road, and the area west of Hwy 49. Plienis seconded. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis, Unruh and Herrmann in favor.

Heidel moved to approve the completed and signed Dry Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Baker seconded. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis, Unruh and Herrmann in favor.

The city must complete its Water Service Line Inventory by 2030. 1,385 unknown service lines currently remain in the system. State funding is available to help cover costs, with a city cost-share of approximately 33%. Potholing is currently the only approved method for identifying these unknown lines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Determan complimented the north side streets. He missed the Friday assessment prepayment deadline and requested the city mail out future deadline notifications.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Mayor Akin

Plienis moved to approve the Local Permit for a 50/50 raffle at basketball games for the Beulah Education Foundation at the Beulah High School on January 11 and 26, 2027 and February 12 and 19, 2027. Deavers seconded. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis and Unruh in favor. Herrmann opposed. Motion passed.

Akin proclaimed November 1, 2026, as Extra Mile Day. She requested people fill out the form online to nominate for Volunteer of the Year.

Council Member Baker

Baker requested to be added as a Sidewalk Associate for portfolios. Akin confirmed. Baker stated he attended the Employee Relations Committee meeting. He apologized for his comments, clarifying that they were not personal and that he did not intend to cause an issue.

Council Member Brown

The Sun Valley RV Park Management Agreement was presented, with the CVB intending to resume management. Council discussed budget, contract revisions, and the CVB's management role. Plienis questioned if the CVB should be managing the park. Akin clarified that the CVB is assisting the city by managing the RV Park. Brown stated this is one of the few winterized parks in the area and there are proposed construction projects

planned near Beulah. Brown moved to table the Sun Valley RV Park Agreement to allow for a legal review by Solem. Keller seconded. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis and Unruh in favor. Herrmann opposed. Motion passed.

Council Member Plienis

Plienis requested information regarding Beulah's two ice rinks. Unruh noted that the rink at the bottom of the sledding hill was discontinued due to safety concerns. The 4th Ave. rink has been maintained by the Park District in recent years. Plienis will contact hockey parents to see if they would volunteer to help the Park District maintain the rinks if they are filled this season.

CITY PERSONNEL

Economic/Op Director

The City Hall flagpole was damaged with repair costs estimated at $20,000 for a new pole and concrete base. Council requested the flagpole be moved to the south side of City Hall which requires repairing the existing pole and ordering a new sleeve. The next Fair Board meeting will be scheduled after November 9, when a new chair will be elected. New information was received from a resident and is under review to ensure no contradictions exist with existing policies or documentation. The City Engineer will evaluate future repairs for Main Street Phase I. There are three punch list items remaining. Brinkman attended the International Economic Development Council Conference and was recognized with the Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award for Best Use of Federal Resources. Lewis & Clark Development will meet to discuss loan programs for which the city may qualify, including USDA housing programs. A meeting regarding snow and ice removal is scheduled for Wednesday at 12:00 pm.

City Attorney

Keller moved to approve Resolution 2026-03 setting Water and Sewer rates beginning January 1, 2027. Plienis seconded. Ferebee stated the water rate increased $1.00 and sewer increased $.50. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis, Unruh and Herrmann in favor.

Plienis moved to approve Resolution 2026-04 setting Garbage rates beginning January 1, 2027. The garbage rate increased $1.00, with dumpsters on an increased rate schedule. Heidel seconded. Roll call vote found Heidel, Brown, Baker, Deavers, Keller, Plienis, Unruh and Herrmann in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Olivia Akin, Mayor

Heather Ferebee, City Auditor

The following bills were approved and paid in October:

Check Range: 49081 to 49173, -99529 to -99523

Payroll Check Range: -69942 to -69828, 49134

Employees	147708.72
NDPERS MAIN	6418.63
NDPERS DC	1442.67
NDPERS PD	4701.66
NDPERS MAIN2020	3667.28
COLONIAL	196.48
NDPERS 457	529.50
FIT	14806.37
SIT	3137.07
JOB SERVICE	1245.56
HEALTH INS	34191.87
METLIFE	1411.74
NDPERS 457	529.50
FIT	14606.44
NDPERS 457	529.50
FIT	14224.12
NDPERS MAIN	8244.16
NDPERS DC	2635.53
NDPERS PD	6838.65
NDPERS MAIN2020	5258.13
NY Life 457B	3560.28
North Dakota Tax Comm	76.20
North Dakota Tax Comm	2970.71
Monex Group	79.68
US Bank	2191.38
US Bank	1655.83
Principal Life Insurance Co	365.39
City of Beulah	309.42
North Dakota One Call Inc	38.40
Beulah JDA	452.73
Beulah Airport Authority	452.73
Quadient Leasing USA Inc	298.08
Hawkins Inc.	2950.88
MDU	16821.14
Information Technology Dept	505.60
Millennium Express	14.00
North Dakota Dept of Health	81.00
Heidi Hughes	2000.00
Bison Valley Consulting LLC	3717.81
Downtown Gas & Auto	7284.10
West River Telephone	1642.81
Vestis	654.76
Bryan & Holly Salo	27.98
Mitch Kleingartner	25.00
Larry Beck	5.00
City of Beulah	5151.52
Lucky's Towing & Repair	300.00
MARC	155.38
Westlie Truck Center	1621.24
Schirado Boys Lawn Care	75.00
Beulah Lumber	3000.00
Bronson's Marketplace	29.95
Solem Law Office	3668.00
Powerplan	556.12
AE2S, LLC	1750.65
Moore Engineering, Inc.	3414.50
Moore Engineering, Inc.	51020.72
Ecolab Pest Elim Div	187.10
Moore Engineering, Inc.	1000.00
Moore Engineering, Inc.	38000.00
Interstate Power System	2708.06
Waterworth	5925.94
Frank Senn	613.76
Ferguson Enterprises	46.86
Beulah Beacon	2815.50
Moore Engineering, Inc.	7500.00
Sletten Excavating, Inc.	8495.00
High Plains Concepts	8600.00
7 Arrows Tree Service	9900.00
7 Arrows Tree Service	3120.00
Branch Mngmt Tree Serv	9400.00
Bobcat of Mandan, Inc	295.29
Hazen Welding	130.00
Uniform Center	1074.90
Sanitation Products	1010.21
Solem Law Office	150.00
Solem Law Office	300.00
Lignite Tire	1229.00
Mercer County Treasurer	10312.00
Waste Management	888.50
Bank of North Dakota	6823.61
Roughrider Electric Coop	4723.86
Railroad Management Co	504.64
Mark A. Kaffar	1200.00
Vestis	102.20
High Plains Concepts	125.00
OzTech Electric, LLC	225.00
CATCH	5193.60
Advanced Business Methods	196.62

Ingram Library Services	710.04
Taste of Home	44.92
Online Dakota Info Network	57.47
Michael Frederick	50.00
Marquis and Medora Film	100.00
East West Books	341.51
Coal Country CHC	26.00
Sanford Health Occup Med	70.00
AT&T Mobility	672.02
Bechtold Paving Inc	912322.03
Beulah Park District	42933.84
Beulah Park District	7400.61
Beulah Senior Center	1423.19
Beulah Airport Authority	1992.47
Electronic Communications	1625.00
Beulah CVB	12706.24
Pulse	1258.50
Hazen Ace Hardware	425.70
NAPA Auto Parts	363.52
NDDEQ	34.95
Beulah Area Hardware	504.12
AT&T Mobility	44.73
City of Beulah	66289.04
Jennifer Gabel	243.20
SRF Consulting Group, Inc.	1695.86
Interstate Engineering, Inc	67548.89
Granville Brinkman	368.00
Farmers Union Oil Company	2710.53
Waterly LLC	5180.00
Jeremy Buchmann	188.99
Postmaster	453.37

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