

City of Berthold
Council Proceedings
Pending Minutes
June 1st, 2020

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Ibach @ 7:30 p.m. Present were council members Alechia Neubauer, Cindy DeBilt, Troy Enga, Travis Sorenson, City Accountant: Amy Ones, Public Works Director: Gary Rademacher, Clerk of Court / Auditor: Christian Vorgitch, and Joshua F representing Moore Engineering.

May minutes are reviewed by City Council.

Motion to approve May Minutes by Troy, 2nd by Alechia. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Christian, Berthold Auditor, explains utility bills and lot rent through the Black Mountain Accounting System. City Council states it is a priority to send the past due bills to Collections.

Josh with Moore Engineering is called to the table.

Josh discusses street improvement project. Keller's Paving construction is currently on schedule. The street improvement project will probably be completed around the end of July. Once 3rd Ave is figured out, Keller Paving will then begin intersection near City Hall, and finally onto the intersection near school. School road to be done last. Discussion commences to extend the road possibly another 166 feet. Possibly a \$31,000 added to project because of the road. It is recommended to bring in Briner Tech to check the road, and this will be some additional cost.

Josh requests approval to pay the contractor for the work they've done so far. Josh would like them to be paid \$17,000 for the work already completed.

Motion to pay contractors 17k – troy / travis . all in favor. Motion passed.

Josh requested approval for manhole pad and extra work by school, and approval for Briner Tech recommendation.

Motion to approve Josh's change orders by Troy, 2nd by Travis. All in favor. Motion Carried

John to take the floor for Ward County Sales Tax.

John discusses refinance bonds for a bid at lower interest rate. Property tax levied at 1 million for lack of sales tax. Ward County will use the money to improve road infrastructure. Money will be used solely for roads bridges and no new buildings. The money will be used to pay off old buildings from before the plan. The County assists townships with their bridge repair and construction.

Planning and Zoning permits were discussed. They are good for one year from turn in. If permits aren't applied for then the individual will be fined double. Letter to be drafted for this intention.

A citizen is interested in building a butcher shop.

Business' are dumping trees and other material in roll off containers but they are for citizens only/non-commercial. Roll off is for clean-up and not for removal. Roll off to be locked. Considering roll off for set hours next Council Meeting.

Motion to charge The Ground Up for one roll off container by Travis, 2nd by Cindy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Bulk water is working at this time but it was down for a one day.

Chief Schmidt takes the table and states everything is back to normal.

Hess operations are discussed with Chief Schmidt, who received the call. Questions such as what are they doing out of Enbridge was brought up. They are possibly storing vehicles at this location.

Development board is going to put 500\$ towards prizes for the July 4th parade. Possibly take \$300 out of sales tax for the parade. Everything for the 4th July is still planned.

Chief AI states the animal shelter has a grant for up to 20 million. They need a place to put the shelter and are considering putting it in Berthold. There will be a on-site vet with 7 possible job openings. This shelter will bring business to the area. Victims of domestic violence will get their animals housed for free. Neglected animals will also be housed for free. City Council is open to the idea. Chief to talk to the individuals and they will probably come to the next meeting.

R.V. Campground is thinking that through May 1st – end of September, \$250 for Water is acceptable or at \$50 a month.

Motion to charge Park Board \$50 a month for 5 months by Travis, 2nd by Cindy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Park Board raffle by Cindy, 2nd by Troy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Shotgun Raffle Trap permit conditionally by Travis, 2nd by Alechia. All in favor. Motion passed.

Alechia states Park Board will have no arts in the park. The baseball fields to be completed will cost \$50,000 per field or both fields at \$100,000. This information comes from James Novak who quoted approx. \$125,000.

Amy discusses the financials for the City of Berthold and how we possibly forgot to pay for fire hydrants replacements.

Income is down because of COVID-19. This is standard all across the country.

Motion to pay the bills made by Cindy, 2nd Troy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.