

The **Beaver City Council** met in a regular session at **4:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Monday, February 10, 2025**. The following members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members, Randy Hunter, Alison Webb, Tyler Schena and Owen Spencer. Council Member Lance Cox is excused. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Patty Simard. Public present: Mark Whittlesey, Jackie Whittlesey, Jen Wakeland, Les Williams, Bob Bissit, Marcus Keller, Japheth Mcgee, Mariah Smith, Laraine Hollingshead, and Travis Hollingshead.

Council Member Hunter offered the opening prayer, pledge and thought.

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:**

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Webb motioned, and Council Member Hunter seconded to approve the minutes from **January 13, 2025, Strategic Planning Meeting January 27 and January 28, 2025, and Special Council Meeting February 3, 2025**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:**

No conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

**BILLS APPROVAL:**

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Hunter motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to approve the proposed bills for **January 23, 2025, and January 30, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

**UAMPS PROJECT UPDATE:**

Les Williams, Beaver City UAMPS Representative, provided council members with an update on UAMPS projects. He explained that currently UAMPS has started the budget process on January 18 and will be completed on February 18. Weekly meetings are being held. He mentioned that he has been emailing UAMPS executive summaries sent monthly to council members. The Millard Peaker project is moving forward positively. The Power County project in Idaho is still seeking sufficient subscription levels to move forward. There are some changes that are coming to the IPP power callback process, moving from a 6-month to a 2-year callback period. City Manager Brown mentioned that a survey was received regarding potential power projects at the IPP site, including small nuclear, geothermal, wind, and solar options. He, along with Beaver Electrical Superintendent, David Martin to complete the survey. Mr. Williams reported on some other UAMPS projects including the Sunnyside solar project, Harsh Butte wind expansion, and ongoing wind projects. Mr. Williams also reminded the council of the upcoming Public Power Reception at the State Capitol on February 18th at 5:00 PM, inviting all council members to attend if possible. Mr. Williams mentioned that if the city has an organized group that is doing service, UAMPS has staff that are willing to come and assist in the project.

**BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT ZOOM CALL:**

Beaver County Strategic Development Director, Jen Wakeland introduced Bill Reese, Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality/Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, Brownfields Program Manager. Mr. Rees gave an educational presentation on Brownfields and their potential for community development. Brownfields are defined as properties where expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. There are an estimated 450,000 brownfields nationally, with over 1,000 in Utah. Brownfields can be found in both urban and rural communities, including old industrial sites, gas stations, dry cleaners, and abandoned properties. Redeveloping brownfields can lead to economic returns, increased tax base, job creation, and improved public health and environment. The state offers tools and resources to help manage brownfields, including assessment grants and technical assistance. Mr. Rees emphasized the importance of planning ahead and thinking long-term when considering brownfield redevelopment. The council discussed potential brownfield sites in Beaver City and the process for applying for assessment grants. Mrs. Wakeland mentioned that she would be interested in pursuing opportunities for the community.

**VIEWPOINT WITH DENIS QUAID DISCUSSION:**

Beaver County Strategic Development Director, Jen Wakeland, gave the council an update on the Viewpoint project featuring Denis Quaid. Mayor Robinson indicated that he had reviewed the questionnaire that Mrs. Wakeland sent out and he was in agreement with the story. Mrs. Wakeland indicated that the filming is tentatively scheduled for May. She offered to fully fund the project and manage it to alleviate concern about the city taking on another project. The council agreed to move forward with the project.

**YOUTH CITY COUNCIL UPDATE SCHOLARSHIP DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:**

Council Member Schena led the discussion on the scholarship program. There are three seniors this year and he would like to start getting the paperwork started. The council discussed the scholarship amounts and structure. It was decided that regular members would receive \$50 per year of participation, capped at \$200 for four years. The mayor position would receive a \$400 scholarship. Discussion on the possibility of awarding cords for graduation was discussed. Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Hunter seconded to approve the Youth City Council Scholarship to award the mayor a \$400 scholarship and \$50 a year for participation capped at \$200.00 as discussed. All voted in favor. None opposed. Council Member Webb asked if there was a student leadership honor cords to present to the seniors as well. All council members were in agreement.

**HORSE TRACK DISCUSSION:**

The council discussed the future of the Beaver City horse track. The recent closure of the Washington County facility was mentioned as a point of consideration. The recent closure of the Washington County facility was mentioned as a point of consideration. Concerns were raised about the condition of the grandstands and other facilities. The possibility of bringing in modular bleachers instead of repairing the grandstands was discussed. The council noted that the track is currently near capacity

with additional stalls being added. The council agreed to invite Paige from the horse association to a future meeting to discuss the industry's outlook and potential improvements.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ELECTRIC REVENUE BOND:**

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Hunter seconded to enter public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed issuance of an electric revenue bond of not more than \$2,200,000. Council Members Spencer, Schena, Webb, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Cox excused. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. City Manager Brown provided an update on the proposed \$2,200,000 electric revenue bond. He reported that the bond will be used for the 50/50 match with a DOE grant for replacing the hydro penstock for Plant Number 4 and updating controls for Plants 2, 3, and 4. Bank of Utah offered the best terms with a 15-year amortization and a 5% interest rate. Annual payments will be just under \$210,000.

No public comments were received during the hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON SEWER REVENUE BOND:**

Council Member Hunter motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to enter public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed issuance of a sewer revenue bond of not more than \$3,500,000. Council Members Spencer, Schena, Webb, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Cox excused. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Marcus Keller, Crews and Associates presented information on the proposed \$3,500,000 sewer revenue bond. He explained that this bond is part of an \$8,100,000 project to rehab the sewer lagoons, add aeration equipment, and modify the lagoons to accommodate the new design. CIB approved a \$2,787,000 loan at 2% for 30 years, along with a \$4,180,000 grant. The city will need to bring \$500,000 in cash to the closing. Annual debt service payments will be about \$124,000 over 30 years. And that a sewer rate structure analysis is being considered for the future.

No public comments were received during the hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE CROWTHER SUBDIVISION:**

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Webb seconded to enter public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed ordinance to vacate the Crowther Subdivision. Council Members Spencer, Schena, Hunter and Webb voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Cox excused. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. City Manager Brown explained the need to vacate the Crowther Subdivision Phase 1. City Attorney Wayment indicated that neither the utilities nor roads will be vacated. The subdivision was previously approved as a three-lot subdivision between 500 and 650 East, North of 885 North. The new DeMille Subdivision has been approved by the planning and zoning committee to replace it. The new subdivision will have a private drive with a hammerhead turnaround for emergency vehicles. Utility easements will be maintained, and a new fire hydrant will be required.

No public comments were received during the hearing.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 02-10-2025A:**

Motion to vacate the Crowther Subdivision Phase 1 made by Council member Schena, seconded by Council Member Webb. Council Members Spencer, Schena, and Webb voted yea by roll call vote. Council Members Cox and Hunter were excused. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE TO PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE:**

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Webb seconded to enter public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed ordinance to vacate the Crowther Subdivision. Council Members Spencer, Schena, and Webb voted yea by roll call vote. Council Members Cox and Hunter were excused. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. City Manager Brown presented the updated subdivision checklist ordinance. The ordinance reflects recent changes in state law regarding the subdivision process. It establishes a subdivision review committee and outlines the review process for various types of subdivisions and lot adjustments. The council noted that the ordinance was received late and needs further review. No formal action was taken, and the item will be placed on a future agenda for approval.

No public comments were received during the hearing.

**MAYOR PRO TEM DISCUSSION AND NOMINATIONS:**

The council discussed the process for electing a mayor pro tem. It was clarified that the council should elect a mayor pro tem, rather than the mayor appointing one. The mayor recommended continuing with Council member Schena as mayor pro tem for 2025. Some council members expressed concern about making the decision with two members absent. The item was tabled for a future meeting when all council members could be present.

**100-CENTER ST TO 200 NORTH DISCUSSION:**

Council Member Webb initiated the discussion by sharing concerns from community members regarding the road closure, including traffic congestion, parking issues, safety, and the recent fire at the shop building. Mayor Robinson provided context, referencing previous discussions on the matter and highlighting the reasons for the road changes, such as student safety and bus loading zones. He also mentioned exploring options like a swinging arm or gate for traffic control.

Public comments were heard from Mariah Smith, Laraine Hollingshead, and Travis Hollingshead, who voiced concerns about the road closure's impact. The council considered various alternatives, including different barriers and traffic flow adjustments. Council Member Schena indicated that there are one-way signs, and he has been in contact with City Road Superintendent, Dalton Bradshaw, about getting different signs. Mayor Robinson committed to contacting the high school administration to assess the situation and explore potential improvements. No formal action was taken, but the council agreed to revisit the issue at a future meeting, incorporating input from the school administration.

**CITY CENTER IMPROVEMENT UPDATE:**

Council Members and Public took a brief tour to see some improvements at the city center and the clean-up from the damage that occurred to the older section of the building.

**PERPETUAL CARE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE APPROVAL:**

Jason presented a request to purchase a new mini excavator for the cemetery. The current excavator has almost 3,000 hours and needs substantial repairs. A trade-in offer of \$17,000 was received, with a new purchase price of \$67,000. The purchase would be funded through the perpetual care fund. The council discussed other potential uses for the perpetual care fund, including fence improvements and cemetery expansion. Motion to approve the purchase of the excavator made by Council Member Schena, seconded by Council Member Spencer. All in favor, motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Council Member Webb:**

Alison reported that the BIG Chamber sponsorship of the Small Business Boot Camp that was held in January was a tremendous success. She gave kudos to Jen Wakeland, Spencer White and Chamber Members, presenters and all others that helped make this a success.

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

Council Member Webb motioned, and Council Member Schena seconded to move into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council Members Webb, Schena and Spencer voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Cox and Council Member Hunter excused. The motion passed with a majority vote. The Council entered closed session for the above reason at 7:37 p.m. and moved out at 8:43 p.m. Present in the above closed session: Mayor, Matt Robinson, Council Members Alison Webb, Tyler Schena and Owen Spencer, City Manager, Jason Brown, and City Attorney Justin Wayment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Spencer seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held February 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.



**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MATTHEW ROBINSON**  
**MAYOR**

**PATTY J. SIMARD**  
**CITY RECORDER**