

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **Tuesday, June 25, 2025**. The following Members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Tyler Schena, Randy Hunter, Lance Cox, and Owen Spencer. Also, present were City Manager Jason Brown, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Patty Simard. Public present: Alexia White, Lesa Brown, Burgundy Bloomquist, Paula Spencer, Greg Ball, Matthew Sterzer, Mark Whittlesey, and Jackie Whittlesey. Excused: Council Member Alison Webb.

City Recorder Patty Simard offered the opening prayer, pledge and thought.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the minutes from **June 10, 2025**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Council member Spencer declared a conflict of interest for agenda item number 8, Daughters of Utah Pioneer Donation Discussion, as his wife would be presenting and requesting money for that item. No other 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 **June 11, 2025**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BEAVER CANYON HALF MARATHON EVENT REQUEST DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Mrs. Burgundy Bloomquist presented an update on the Beaver Canyon Half Marathon. She explained that despite concerns about changing the date, they had more runners registered than in previous years, with over five hundred participants. The race is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Mrs. Bloomquist requested assistance from the city, mentioning that in the past, the city had helped with t-shirts and porta-potties. The council discussed the increased number of participants compared to previous years, which had typically been around 350-400. They also talked about the economic impact of the event, with runners coming from forty-seven states and even Colombia.

Council member Schena made a motion to approve funding for up to \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Council member Hunter. The motion passed unanimously.

MEEDER INVESTEMENT FINANCIAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Greg Balls from Meeder Investment presented a financial discussion to the council. He introduced the firm, explaining that they provide investment advisory services for state and local governments, including cities like Beaver. Their goal is to help entities invest outside of the PTIF (Public Treasurers' Investment Fund) to enhance income. Mr. Ball presented a hypothetical portfolio for the city, explaining how it could provide better yields and budget stability compared to keeping all funds in overnight investments. He discussed the types of securities allowed by the Utah Money Management Act and how a longer-term portfolio could benefit the city over time. Council members asked questions about the custody of securities, the firm's experience with other municipalities in Utah, and the fee structure. Mr. Ball explained that the securities would be held in the city's name and provided examples of other Utah clients, including Springville, Salt Lake County, and Park City. The council decided to consider the proposal and gather more information before making a decision.

DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEER DONATION DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Paula Spencer, the Beaver County Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum Director, reported that in 2024, the museum had 1,136 guests sign their book, with an estimated total of over 1,200 visitors. The museum remained open beyond its usual season due to high demand. Mrs. Spencer discussed recent preservation efforts, including the purchase of a chest freezer to protect textiles from pests. She also mentioned several events held at the museum, including a recent wedding, county commission meetings and an upcoming 5th District Court sessions in the old courtroom. Mrs. Spencer requested the annual support from the city, thanking them for their past contributions that allowed the museum to undertake these preservation efforts. A motion to approve a \$4,000 donation to the Beaver County Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum was made by Council member Cox and seconded by Council member Hunter. The motion passed unanimously.

WATER AND SEWER RATE DISCUSSION:

This agenda item was tabled for the next council meeting on July 8, 2025. Currently awaiting some updated information from UFS.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 06-24-2025 ADOPTING AN APPEALS BOARD:

The council discussed the adoption of an ordinance to establish an appeals board as part of their new personnel policy manual. The appeals board would consist of the mayor and two council members chosen by the mayor for each appeal case. The council clarified that this ordinance formalizes the appeals process and allows flexibility in selecting council members for the board to avoid conflicts of interest. Council member Spencer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 06-24-2025 establishing an appeals board. Council member Cox seconded the motion. Council Members Spencer, Cox, Schena, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Webb was excused. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

1% HOSPITAL TAX CONTINUATION DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

The council discussed the continuation of the 1% hospital sales tax, which has been in place since 1993. Due to recent legislative changes, the tax renewal now requires voter approval instead of just council approval. Mayor Robinson explained that the tax generates approximately \$800,000 per year, with an estimated two-thirds coming from people passing through the community. The funds are used for ongoing debt and losses related to the hospital, which is owned by the Beaver Municipal Building Authority.

The council agreed that they needed more time to research and educate themselves on the matter before making a decision. They discussed potential timelines for putting the issue on the ballot and the need to clarify the law's requirements.

It was decided to put this item on the agenda for the next council meeting in July, allowing time for further investigation and discussion.

BEAVER CITY BAD DEBT UTILITY CUSTOMER WRITE-OFF LIST DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

The council reviewed the customer write-off list, which totaled \$2,832.80. It was noted that this amount was lower than in previous years. The council discussed the process of pursuing collections and the cost-effectiveness of using small claims court for these amounts.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the accounts receivable write-off list was made by Council member Spencer and seconded by Council member Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Robinson:

Matt reviewed the city's 4th of July celebrations. The band is booked and will play from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Currently there are no fire restrictions in place at this time. The 4th of July event details will be published in the local paper and on social media.

Matt also requested that Matthew Sterzer, the new economic development director for Beaver County, introduce himself to the council.

City Manager Brown:

Jason reported that the electrical project on the mountain was progressing well, with road work and pipeline installation underway. Work on the hydro plant number 2 project was moving forward, with a preconstruction meeting scheduled for the following week. The sewer design project was still under negotiation with Precision contractors. Plans were in place to address the front of the city office in the

coming months. A request for architectural services for a building demolition and renovation project was being prepared for council review.

Council Member Schena:

Tyler discussed sending letters to Main Street businesses to clean up their properties before the 24th of July celebration.

Council Member Cox:

Lance reported that citizens had expressed appreciation for the city's street mowing efforts.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Council Member Spencer motioned, and Council Member Schena seconded to move into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Council Members Spencer, Cox, Schena, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Webb excused. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into the closed session at 6:45 p.m. and moved out at 6:52 p.m.

Present in the above closed session: Mayor, Matt Robinson, Council Members Owen Spencer, Lance Cox, Tyler Schena, and Randy Hunter, City Manager, Jason Brown, and City Attorney, Justin Wayment, and City Recorder, Patty Simard.

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Hunter seconded to move into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council Members Spencer, Cox, Schena, and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Council Member Webb was excused. The motion passed with a majority vote. The Council entered the closed session for the above reason at 6:53 p.m. and moved out at 7:41 p.m.

Present in the above closed session: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Owen Spencer, Lance Cox, Tyler Schena, and Randy Hunter, City Manager, Jason Brown and City Attorney, Justin Wayment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Schena motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held July 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED: M. T. Robinson ATTEST: Patty J. Simard
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MAYOR CITY RECORDER