

The **Beaver City Council** met in a **regular session** at **5:00 PM** in the Beaver City Center located at 30 West 300 North on **February 10th 2026**. The following Members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Hunter Holt, Lance Cox Tyler Schena, and David Albrecht. Also, present were City Manager Monte Hawkins, City Attorney Justin Wayment, City Recorder Meranda Martin, Executive Assistant Taylor Gillins, and Treasure Patty Simard.

Council Member Randy Hunter excused.

Public present: George Low, Mark and Jackie Whittlesey, Bob Bissitt, Hal Murdock, Kendrick Thomas, Krystal Watts, Craig and Heidi Wright, George and Charity Humphreys, Jim and Shelley Brown, Matt Sterzer, and Connie Fails

Lance Cox offered the opening prayer, pledge and thought.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Approval of minutes from January 27th will be moved to next council meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL:

Council Members Holt and Member Albrecht reviewed with the Council. Council Member Holt highlighted some of the larger expenditures. Council Member Albrecht suggested that department heads should approve their department's expenses with a signature for better accountability. Manager Hawkins confirmed they were already implementing a new updated purchasing policy that would address this concern.

Bills were presented and reviewed by the City Council. Council Member Holt motioned, and Council Member Cox seconded to approve the proposed bills for **January 27th to February 5th** as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

City Center Update from Jones & DeMille:

The new Beaver City Civic Center is in the planning stages of construction. Kendrick, from Jones & DeMille presented to the City Council plans for the new building. He displayed site plans showing the layout of the entire block, including the existing building that will remain (to be remodeled), the new addition to the north, a plaza area with pavilion, preservation of the grass field, new playground and pickleball courts, reconfigured parking, and skate park on the southwest corner.

Krystal, an architect from Jones & DeMille was also present for the presentation. The team provided a cost estimate for the entire project at approximately \$11.9 million. They also

discussed funding options, including the LWCF (already completed and submitted) and CRP grant (in progress),

Public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to (i) the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds and (ii) any potential economic impact that the project to be financed with the proceeds of the Series 2026 Bonds may have on the private sector.

Mayor Robinson entertained a motion to open the public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to (i) the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds and (ii) any potential economic impact that the project to be financed with the proceeds of the Series 2026 Bonds may have on the private sector. Council Member Schena motion Second by Council Member Albrecht. The Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Hawkins explained that the city's power capacity is nearing exhaustion. After Consulting with UAMPS, it was recommended that Beaver City improve its current meter structure to address power capacity concerns and improve communication of electrical data. The project is expected to cost between \$1-2.5 million, and the city is seeking bond funding for the infrastructure improvement.

Hal Murdock inquired if the project involved installing new meters on individual buildings. Manager Hawkins and Mayor Robinson clarified that the project focuses on the broader meter system infrastructure rather than individual residential meters. Mr. Murdock also asked if the city could ever refuse new electrical loads; Manager Hawkins noted that without this upgrade, the city has already reached that limit.

George Low asked how new meters would expand the city's load capacity. Mayor Robinson explained that the city is currently at full capacity and the upgrade is essential for managing and utilizing power more efficiently.

George Humphreys asked if there are fees for those adding to the system. Mayor Robinson confirmed that an impact fee update was implemented a few years ago to ensure new users contribute to system costs. He noted that while the city is currently on the right side of the revenue curve for charging stations, the infrastructure must be upgraded to handle the increased load.

Matt Sterger, representing the County, voiced the County's support for the bond and the necessary system upgrades.

In response to questions regarding the timeline, Mayor Robinson explained that the project will be completed in phases. He noted that procurement remains a challenge, as certain parts currently have a lead time of several years.

The Council Moved out of Public Hearing at 5:43 PM

Public Hearing for Parking Ordinance:

Motion to move to enter public hearing to discuss Parking Ordinance was made by Council Member Cox, Second by Council Member Holt. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Manager Hawkins explained that while working on the City Center project, they discovered that the currently parking ordinance requires one off- street parking space for every 100 square feet of floor area. For the new 31,000 square foot City Center, this would require approximately 310 parking spaces, which was impractical. The determined this requirement was too strict for business for business or professional offices.

Craig Wright manager of Mikes Food Town was in favor of the parking ordinance.

The Council Moved out of Public Hearing at 5:49 PM

Action on the Parking Ordinance

Motion to amend the Parking Ordinance 2102026 (A) was made by Council Member Schena, Second by Council Member Cox. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Culinary Water Rate Public Hearing:

Motion to move into public hearing to discuss Culinary Water Rate was made by Council Member Albrecht, Second by Council Member Holt. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

During the hearing, City Manager Monte Hawkins provided background on the rate study, emphasizing the necessity of an update.

Craig Wright questioned the substantial increase, asking if the funds were earmarked for projects. Mayor Robinson clarified that inflation is a primary driver. Manager Hawkins also debunked a rumor that the city is funding a large water line extension, stating there are no such plans.

Bob Bissitt expressed concern regarding the lack of reserves for emergency repairs, to which Justin explained that the update supports managed growth.

Hal Murdock about the long-term plan, Manager Hawkins noted that a new study would be conducted in 2031.

Craig Wright wanted a comparison rate with other towns, and Manager Hawkins presented data comparing local municipalities.

The Council Moved out of Public Hearing at 6:05 PM

Action on the Culinary Water Rate Structure:

Motion to approve Culinary Water Rate Ordinance 2102026 (B) was made by Council Member Holt, Second by Council Member Schena. The Motion passes unanimously by roll call vote.

Sewer Rate Public Hearing:

Motion to move enter public hearing to discuss the Sewer Rate was made by Council Member Schena, Second by Council Member Cox. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Manager Hawkins explained that we have not upgraded our sewer rate since 2008.

Mayor Matt Robinson addressed a previous meeting with Chris Lund. Initially, the city believed it could service the sewer bond without a rate increase, however Lund's presentation, it was determined that current revenues are insufficient to cover debt.

George Humphreys inquired about annual growth tracking and whether the proposed changes would meet future needs. Mayor Robinson and Hawkins noted that the current \$9 million infrastructure project—funded in part by a critical 50% grant—is designed to provide roughly 30 years of capacity. Humphries also emphasized the importance of growth data for Fire Department funding.

Craig Wright recalled the pond expansions of the 1990s and expressed concern regarding tumbleweed accumulation at the current site. He suggested controlled burns with the Fire Department to manage the issue.

The Council Moved out of Public Hearing at 6:16 PM

Action on the Sewer Rate Structure:

Motion to approve Sewer Rate Resolution R2102026 (C) was made by Council Member Cox, Second by Council Member Schena. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Water Acquisition Ordinance Public Hearing:

Motion to move to enter public hearing to discuss the Water Acquisition was made by Council Member Schena, Second by Council Member Cox. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Justin Wayment clarified that the proposal is a resolution rather than an ordinance, aimed at addressing a decade-long discussion about water security by setting the acquisition fee at market value of \$22,500 per acre-foot.

Hal Murdock inquired about the specific geographic boundaries for the acquisition fee, to which Mayor Robinson clarified that the policy applies strictly within city limits.

Bob Bissitt shared his personal experience regarding the costs he paid when building his home, Manager Hawkins explained that the new resolution is designed to provide greater consistency for all builders.

Mayor Robinson concluded the discussion by noting that the council has been working to this issue for over a decade.

The Council Moved out of Public Hearing at 6:51 PM

Action Water Acquisition Resolution

Motion to approve Water Acquisition Resolution R2102026 (D) was made by Council Member Schena, Second by Council Member Cox. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fireworks Resolution:

Executive assistant Taylor explained that the resolution was required to qualify for America's 250 grant funding of \$1,500 that would go toward fireworks expenses. The resolution would establish the Beaver City Utah 250 Community Committee to partner with America's 250 Utah for the celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Mayor Robinson, Council Member Albrecht, and Council Member Cox volunteered to serve on the committee. There was discussion about possibly combining Beaver City's Fourth of July fireworks with the county, Minersville, and Milford for a larger celebration. Manager Hawkins read the Resolution out loud.

Motion to approve Firework Resolution R2102026 (E) was made by Council Member Schena, Second by Council Member Albrecht. The motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Policy Manual Update:

During the policy review, Manager Hawkins and Assistant Taylor Gillins presented several updates to the city manual, leading the council to approve several administrative and benefit changes. Updates included refining definitions for salary-exempt and key employees, streamlining drug testing language by removing "safety-sensitive" distinctions, and updating the FMLA policy to allow city-employed spouses 12 weeks of leave each. The council also adjusted the vacation accrual table to include a 25+ year tier with a 1.5x annual cap, clarified that sick leave will accrue at 10 hours per month to match the 4-day work week, and formalized the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a holiday. While most items like grammatical corrections and the removal of emergency leave were approved, the council tabled the HSA contribution discussion to ensure clearer communication with staff.

Downtown Revitalization:

In past years, Beaver City has successfully utilized a Revitalization/Curb Appeal incentive to enhance the aesthetic quality of the downtown area along Main and Center Streets. To continue

promoting these business frontage improvements, it is recommended that the City Council Determine a specific funding amount to be included in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. This is a 50/50 sharing grant, which has historically provided a maximum of \$2,000.00 per property would remain available to business owners on a first-come, first-serve basis. As part of this motion, the Council should also clarify whether businesses may apply for the incentive more than once and define the specific availability timeline for applicants to ensure a clear and efficient process for the upcoming fiscal cycle.

Manager Hawkins will send propped working for council to review and adopt at a future meeting.

Freeway Exits Clean Up:

Robinson led the conversation on the freeway. And asked Connie Fails if she would like to share her concerns about the cleanliness of the freeway exits. She explained that she and others do what they can in town, but do not venture out to the freeway areas, and she was seeking solutions.

Mayor Robinson suggested arranging a meeting with the local UDOT supervisor, to discuss the issue before considering other options. If that does not work, a secondary plan could involve the city coordinating different businesses or community groups to each clean an exit once per quarter.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

No other conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

Reports, Updates, Old Business Follow Up: Elected Officials and Staff:

Council confirmed the plans for Beaver City's Birthday.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Council Member Cox motioned, and Council Member Albrecht seconded to move into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. Council Members Holt, Cox, Albrecht, voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 9:24 PM and moved out at 10:24 PM.

Present in the above closed session: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Hunter Holt, Lance Cox, Tyler Schena, David Albrecht, and City Manager Monte Hawkins, City Recorder Meranda Martin, and City Attorney Justin Wayment. Council Member Randy Hunter was excused.

ACTION:

No actions resulting from the closed session discussions.

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 10:24 PM The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held February 24th, 2026 at 5:00 PM

APPROVED: _____

MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

MERANDA MARTIN
CITY RECORDER