

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 **April 28, 2026**. The following Members of the Council were present: Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Hunter Holt, Lance Cox, David Albrecht, and Randy Hunter. Also, present were City Manager Monte Hawkins, City Attorney Justin Wayment, and City Recorder Meranda Martin. Public present: Kendrick Thomas, Krystal Watts, Dan McGrire, Owen Spencer, Paula Spencer, Beverly Abbott, Lyman Abbott, Anona Yardley, and Dale Yardley.

Council excused Tyler Schena

Recorder Meranda Martin offered the opening prayer, pledge and thought.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes of the previous **regular council meeting** were presented. Council Member Lance Cox motioned, and Council Member David Albrecht seconded to approve the minutes from **April 15, 2026**. All voted in favor. None opposed.

BILLS APPROVAL:

Bills were presented and reviewed by the Council Member Holt and Council Member Albrecht. Council Member Holt noted several larger expenditures, and all other bills were noted as reasonable and in order. Council Member Hunter Holt motioned, and Council Member Lance Cox seconded to approve the proposed bills for **April 14 to April 27, 2026**, as presented. All voted in favor. None opposed.

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Motion to enter public hearing for Notice is hereby given that Beaver City intends to apply for funding assistance from the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) for the Beaver City Civic Center and Main Street Plaza Project. An estimated \$10,000,000 is required to complete the project; the intent is to secure a low-interest loan and grant funding from CIB to support the total cost: was made by Council Member David Albrecht, Second by Council Member Hunter Holt. Roll call vote Hunter Holt- yes Lance Cox- yes David Albrecht- yes. We entered public hearing at 5:07 PM

Present in the public hearing City Mayor Matt Robinson, Council Members Lance Cox, Hunter Holt, David Albrecht, City Manager Monte Hawkins, City Recorder Meranda Martin, City Treasure Patty Simard, Executive Assistant Taylor Gillins, Utility Clerk Paula Fails and City Attorney Justin Wayment. Public Present Kendrick Thomas, Krystal Watts, Dan McGrire, Owen Spencer, Paula Spencer, Beverly Abbott, Lyman Abbott, Anona Yardley, and Dale Yardley.

Crystal Watts presented the architectural elevations for the project, noting the design with the intent of blending contextual and historical elements of Beaver such as the red brick found on the Post Office with modern materials including aluminum composite metal panels.

Anona Yardley asked Crystal about the design of the new city center saying that it looked like three different buildings. Crystal said the design distinguishes the council chambers, city offices, main entrance lobby, and gymnasium/recreation spaces while maintaining visual cohesion across the existing and new portions of the building. Crystal emphasized that color selections, including the gray accent panels, remain adjustable and that a full color palette would be provided for Council review.

Kendrick Thomas presented the project's financial overview. The total projected cost of the project is approximately \$12,100,000, encompassing construction, contingency, design fees, loan closing costs, demolition, and all exterior improvements including the skate park, pickleball courts, playground, and Main Street Plaza. Identified funding sources are as follows: LWCF Grant (approved): \$857,000, Utah Department of Outdoor Recreation CPR Grant (applied for): \$200,000, City Cash Contribution: \$942,000, CIB Loan/Grant Request: \$10,100,000. The CIB request is proposed as a 50/50 split between a grant and a 1% interest loan over a 30-year term, resulting in an estimated annual loan payment of approximately \$195,000. Thomas noted that CIB uses a range-based tool to determine grant amounts, and the final grant-to-loan ratio may vary at the board's discretion.

Mayor Robinson asked Kendrick for the timeline of the CIB application. Kendrick responded the application deadline is June 1, 2026. Presentations to the CIB board would be assigned for July, August, or September, with an official funding determination expected at their October funding meeting. The Council discussed the timing of demolition; Thomas recommended coordinating demolition with the contractor as part of the broader construction process, rather than demolishing separately, to avoid exposing the building to the elements prematurely and to present the full scope to CIB.

Discussion touched on CIB's current funding capacity. Thomas expressed cautious optimism, noting the project ranks high in priority as it supports essential city administrative and public works functions. Mayor Robinson commented on the CIB saying that the last time they got to work with them it was a wonderful experience.

Public Hearing ended at 5:25 pm.

Honorary Citizens (Owen):

Mayor Robinson invited Owen Spencer and his wife Paula, along with family and friends, to join the council in honoring Owen for his years of service as a City Council Member and his contributions to the Community. Mayor Robinson also recognized his with Paula as it's a team effort. Owen was formally recognized as an honorary citizen of the City of Beaver, with his name added to the Honorary Citizens plaque. Council also presented Owen with a personalized bowling bag and bowling ball, referencing his well-known dedication to the sport. Owen offered brief remarks expressing his gratitude, and the Council recess for refreshments and photographs. Recess was at 5:31 PM back in session at 5:50 PM

Approved Culinary & Sewer Rate Clarification:

City Manager Monte Hawkins presented to the council a concern that has come up since we adopted the increases rates for culinary water and sewer rates. The increase did not explicitly specify that the percentage increase applied to all rate categories, not just residential. The different categories for culinary water include commercial, residential, and different sizes of meters and the different categories for sewer rate include two commercial and one residential. This ambiguity was flagged by utility billing staff. City Recorder Martin confirmed the original meeting minutes reflected only a general “culinary water rate increase” without specifying categories. The Council agreed the intent had been for the increase to apply across all categories. City Attorney Justin Wayment advised readopting the ordinance with clarification for all categories to increase the rate. A public hearing will be held on May 12, 2026, for the readopting the ordinance with clarifying language.

Public Hearing Posting Ordinance:

City manager Hawkins recommended tabling this item. City Recorder Martin confirmed that City Attorney Wayman had advised that related state legislation, effective **May 6, 2026**, would affect the ordinance's requirements. The Council agreed to defer this item until state legislation in effect to ensure all documentation reflects the updated state law.

Adopt a Resolution approving City Manager Contract:

Following a brief closed session on Personnel matters, the council returned to the agenda item. The Council Resolution 4282026(A), approving the City Manager contract for Monte Hawkins. The motion was made pending final review and approval by City Attorney Justin Wayment. Motion to approve R4282026(A) City Manager Contract was made by Council Member Randy Hunter, Second by Council Member David Albrecht. Roll call: Hunter Holt -Yes, Lance Cox - Yes, David Albrecht -Yes, Randy Hunter -Yes. Motion carried

July 4th Celebration Discussion:

Mayor Robinson just wanted to clarify with the council on some confusion for the July 4th Celebration. He confirmed that both Milford and Minersville are proceeding with their own community celebrations and firework show. Beaver City will similarly hold its own evening celebration on Saturday, July 4th, including fireworks at the Tushar Complex. Mayor Robinson noted the fireworks have been purchased, Craig Wright is lined up to execute the show, and the Ben Mathews band has been booked.

Council Member Cox shared the concern from the Fire Board about lighting off fireworks at the reservoir due to the fire hazard risk this year and suggested limiting public firework discharge to designated locations.

Council Member Hunter volunteered to take ownership of the event coordination. Mayor Robinson said he would take care of the Hotdogs for the event and Council Member Cox will talk to the fire board about donating popsicles again.

FY27 Capital Project Update:

City Manager Hawkins presented to the council an updated capital project list. He went through what project they currently have and that is near completion. That list included the hydro power plant, sewer lagoon project, city center pavilion and sidewalk, and meter structure. Manager Hawkins also compiled a 5-year capital project list including Manderfield highway project, new city center, and construction of rec facilities. He informed council of each project and its payment source. The council agreed this capital project list should be reviewed on a quarterly basis, not just during budget season, to remain responsive to grant opportunities and shifting priorities.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

No other conflicts of interest were voiced at this time.

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

Mayor Matt Robinson:

With the hospital's wellness center nearly being finished Mayor Robinson wants to be proactive about parking concerns out in front of the wellness center. The Sheriff's office has already been notified and on board with a 2-hour parkin sign being hung near the road. They want the signs hung on 1175 N from 200 W to 400 W. It's a concern already for emergency traffic near the hospital and increased traffic with the new wellness center.

City Attorney Justin Wayment:

City Attorney Justin Wayment informed the Council that the city has several delinquent utility accounts, some reaching \$900 to over \$2,000 in unpaid balances. He proposed sending a second, final-warning letter to delinquent account holders, with the stated intent of filing small court claims for non-responsive accounts. The Council raised no objections.

City Attorney Wayment also raised the matter of CenturyLink's non-response to letters regarding their attachment to City poles. He indicated the City may need to conduct a pole count to substantiate any legal claim, as CenturyLink had previously requested that documentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Council Member Lance Cox motioned, and Council Member Hunter Holt seconded to move into closed session to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Council Members Holt, Cox, Albrecht and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 6:49 p.m. and moved out at 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Member Lance Cox motioned, and Council Member Hunter Holt seconded to move into closed session to discuss purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of property. Council Members Holt, Cox, Albrecht and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 7:00 p.m. and moved out at 7:13 p.m.

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

Council Member Randy Hunter motioned, and Council Member David Albrecht seconded to move into closed session to discuss Beaver City security devices or systems. Council Members Holt, Cox, Albrecht and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 7:14 p.m. and moved out at 7:30 p.m.

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

Council Member Hunter Holt motioned, and Council Member Randy Hunter seconded to move into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Council Members Holt, Cox, Albrecht and Hunter voted yea by roll call vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council moved into closed session at 7:31 p.m. and moved out at 7:36 p.m.

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

ACTION:

No actions resulting from the closed session discussions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Randy Hunter motioned, and Council Member Lance Cox seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. The next scheduled regular Council meeting will be held May 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.



APPROVED: _____

MATTHEW ROBINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

MERANDA MARTIN
CITY RECORDER