

**City of Berthold**  
**Council Proceedings**  
**Pending Minutes**  
**May 4th, 2020**

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

Motion to approve April minutes by Troy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christian discussed the utility reports and financial reports as provided by City Accountant Amy Ones.

Christian also discussed City Website and the improvements made. Court was postponed until June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1600 hours and Council was advised.

Joshua presented his reports from Moore Engineering and requested a formal vote from council to approve and proceed.

Motion by Cindy to approve construction contracts – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Troy. All in favor – motion carried.

Motion by Travis to approve separate contract of Moore Engineering – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy. All in favor – motion carried.

Construction is set to start at the end of May but nothing is exact at this time.

Motion to move Gary to approve decisions on construction amendments up to \$5000 in value by Troy – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis. All in favor – motion carried.

There will be a preconstruction meeting tomorrow at 10 a.m. for scheduling and contract coordination. Gary and Christian will attend this meeting.

Joshua requested a confirmation on a good stockpile area for construction material and Main St area was decided upon. Construction areas will be emailed to Christian and he will put up on the City Board to notify the citizens.

Josh explains Amendment #2 for 2020 street improvement plan.

Motion to approve Amendment #2 for 2020 street improvement plan by Troy – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy. All in favor – motion carried.

Chief Schmidt states that he is back to regular patrol of his own accord.

Chief Schmidt states he received money from an Arizona Company for his birthday parade and he will donate half the money to St. Judes and the other half to the toy fund for Christmas.

Ward County ½ Sales Tax will be discussed at the next meeting.

Planning and Zoning will be meeting next month with new members – Bud Neddleton and Tracy Neubauer.

Permits were discussed and the lack of follow through on procedures by citizens. Double penalty will be imposed on individuals who do not pay permits. City Hall should be expecting 2 citizens to come in shortly for permits.

The Shipping Container owner will be talked to about his plans for the container.

Motion to add Tracy Neubauer to Planning and Zoning by Travis – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy. All in favor – Alechia specifically abstained from voting on this motion – motion carried.

Water way on the north side of the track will dry up before action can be taken. Dana Larson to be spoken to about the water way and building a possible water way at this location. Mayor to speak with Ward County about the location.

Gary states he has been having a few issues with bulk water but he will investigate the issue further. Water will not shut off and continue to pump water. It is possibly just slow to shut off and this issue has only occurred twice so far.

Gary states there are multiple ND One Calls that are coming through and he would possibly need some assistance with the calls. Council states if the ND One Calls seems reasonable that Gary will decide on that assistance. Assistance denied at this time. Gary will stay in contact with the fiber optics teams in the area.

Motion for all new accounts on Utility W/S/G billing to require \$100 deposit by Cindy – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis. All in favor – motion carried.

Online banking will be setup with a generic password for Mayor and Christian.

RV Park to be talked about with Randy. Possibly instituting \$60 or \$70 monthly cost for water. RV Park will be looked at on an annual basis.

Motion to pay City bills by Troy – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy. All in favor – motion carried.

Unemployment discussed again and the premium may increase but not by much.

Christian states he will have to become certified as an Auditor through the state and the cost for those classes will be figured out shortly.

Trailer court discussed and discussion about sending delinquent trailer court accounts to collections will occur at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.