

Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing Monday, April 6, 2026

The Public Hearing of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 6:30pm at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Laura Merchan presided over the meeting. Council members present Stephanie Vislisel, Benjamin Boelter, Craig Jones and Louise Hall. City Treasurer Lisa Berry Present. City attorney Kevin Shea present. Hall made a motion to approve consent to agenda Vislisel MSB Aye Vislisel, Boelter, Jones and Hall passed by unanimous vote. Hall made a motion to open Public Hearing Vislisel MSB Aye Vislisel, Boelter, Jones and Hall. Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing-Merchan prepared a list of the costs for the city of Bertram. Merchan went over the costs that the city must pay annually. Bob Malone is curious if the \$148,000 is the annual budget. Berry explained this is not the annual budget. Price wanted to know about the price with the Road Use tax in there. Revenue with water \$328501. Vislisel said we could cut back the hours for the Linn Co Sherrif. Penny Kula stated that they will still be here all the time. Jim Womack wants to know what we get for the \$20000. That is for all the calls and to sit out here for speeding or drug activity. Berry said they respond to 911 calls and do not charge us an extra fee. Dixie Long wants to know the annual pay and budget for the employees' salaries. Merchan explained those are last year's numbers. Long also asked if there is anything that stops city employees from getting a ton of hours and pay. Vislisel explained that we are not allowing that anymore. That these positions do require some volunteer time. New bridge inspection is \$500. Old bridge is closed permanently from last inspection. Local Option tax annually is \$45000. Range for new truck \$80-100K. Hall made a motion to close Public Hearing Ben Boelter MSB AYE Hall, Vislisel, Boelter and Jones. Hall made a motion to Adjourn meeting at 6:55pm Boelter MSB Aye Hall, Vislisel, Boelter and Jones.

Lisa Berry - Treasurer and Acting Clerk