

Public Hearing
Monday, April 20, 2026

The Public Hearing of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 6:30pm at City Hall to review the proposed budget for FY2027. Mayor Laura Merchan presided over the meeting. Council members present were Stephanie Vislisel, Benjamin Boelter and Louise Hall. Craig Jones via phone. Also present were City Treasurer Lisa Berry and City Attorney Kevin Shea.

Vislisel made motion to approve the agenda. MSB Boelter. Ayes: Vislisel, Boelter, Jones and Hall passed by unanimous vote. Vislisel made a motion to open the Public Hearing. MSB Boelter. Ayes: Vislisel, Boelter, Jones and Hall.

FY2027 Budget Public Hearing-Long asked about Line 19 Culture & Recreation. Berry explained this is where expenditures related to parks are collected and includes mowing, equipment maintenance, cleaning & pumping of the restrooms. We have reserves of \$5100 from the sale of the park equipment and other contributions. Berry went through each line to explain what the budget for each one is used for. Boelter asked why the roads don't get fixed. Berry explained it's usually because other things come up that need attention. Long asked where the money goes from the sale of the red truck and what can we use it for. Berry explained that it can be used for anything and hopefully will be used to offset the purchase of new truck. Kristin Goslin asked if the city was working on grants as she does not see anything for that. Hall explained that we cannot use grants for the roads. Berry explained that it would have been talked about at a meeting. ARPA funds were used in 2025 because we were going to lose the money so former Clerk allocated it to things the city had spent money on that year. Vislisel explained that there are no grants available right now. USDA may be one to help us repair the mower. Discussion came about charging for use of the disc golf course to help offset some of the expense of maintaining it – council will discuss further at a regular meeting.

Special meeting scheduled for Monday April 27th 7pm to approve the budget as it needs to be completed before April 30th.

Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm. MSB Boelter. Ayes: Hall, Vislisel, Jones and Boelter. Meeting adjourned.

Lisa Berry - Treasurer and Acting Clerk