

Special Meeting
April 27, 2026

A special meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall to approve the FY2027 budget. Mayor Laure Merchan presided over the meeting. Council members present were Benjamin Boelter, Louise Hall, and Stephanie Vislisel. Council member Craig Jones was absent. Also present was City Attorney Kevin Shea.

Boelter made motion to open the meeting. MSB Hall. Approved: Boelter, Hall, Vislisel. Opposed: None. No vote: Jones. Meeting opened.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Hall made motion to approve Resolution **R-05-2026** for the FY2027 Budget as published in the 4/16/26 issue of the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun and presented at the 4/20/26 public hearing. Total Revenues \$285,635, Total Expenditures \$568,576. MSB Boelter. Roll Call Vote: Vislisel-Aye, Boelter-Aye, Hall-Aye, Jones-No vote. Resolution approved.

There was general discussion about the open City Clerk role: record each measure taken by council and keeping track of whether mayor signs, vetoes, or takes no action; ensuring proper publication of summary of ordinances and all measures taken by council. In addition, Bertram's clerk tracks city operations, applications, filings, is the interface to the public, works closely with mayor on agenda items/posting of agendas, entering bills and timecards in accounting software. The clerk also ensures compliance with open meeting laws. League of Cities offers training sessions, which are encouraged. Council can hold a work session to determine best path forward. An application has been submitted for the position; Mayor Merchan to meet with applicant. Mayor appoints the replacement and submits it to council for approval.

Open to Floor:

Boelter has a way to load the tractor mower to haul to a shop for repair. Estimated cost is less than \$2,000. Mayor authorized moving forward with the repairs. Boelter will coordinate with Public Works to get the tractor loaded and transported to the shop.

Boelter made motion to adjourn. MSB Hall. Approved: Boelter, Hall, Vislisel. Opposed: None. No vote: Jones. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Lisa Berry - Treasurer and Acting Clerk