

February 07, 2024

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Scott Flaherty presided over the meeting. Council members present were Louise Hall, Chris Price, Bill Mulholland and Jim Unzeitig. City Attorney Kevin Shea was in attendance.

Hall made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. And move C5 to R9a. MSB: Price: Aye: Hall, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig Nay: Klimek. Motion passed.

- Sheriff's Report – Sheriff not in attendance.
- Minutes: January 3 and January 11.
- Treasurer's Report.

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$19.07
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$228.56
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$57.26
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$19.07
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$515.44
Casey Business MasterCard	Snow Removal Equipment Fuel	\$534.36
Future Line Truck Bodies	Hydraulic Fluid	\$202.00
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations	\$400.00
John's Lock and Key	Service Call Key and Batteries	\$79.98
John Bauer Reimbursement	Fuel for Red Truck	\$63.38
Linn County Auditor	Election Costs	\$520.89
Linn County Co-op Oil Company	LP City Hall/Shop	110.52
Linn County Sherriff	Sherriff Services	\$3,120.00
Keystone Labs	Water Testing	\$17.50
Orkin	Pest Control City Hall-January and February	\$104.00
Schnoor Bonifazi Engineering & Surveying	Stake Easement/right of way drawings	\$635.00
Verizon Wireless	Internet/Phone	\$87.98
Visa-Berry	Intuit payroll fee/Tops Tax filing	\$515.79
Visa-Wilson	Credit	-\$15.33
Woodward Community Media	Publication	\$142.44
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$229.76
Bauer, John	Payroll	\$1,186.98
Berry, Lisa	Payroll	\$583.33
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$380.73
Kula, Doug	Payroll	152.16
Schmitt, Thomas	Payroll	\$852.35
Visilsel, Stephanie	Payroll	\$94.66
Visilsel, Zach	Payroll	\$102.56
Total Bills		\$10,940.44

Treasurer's Report	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Total Fund Balance
General	\$682,798.50	\$923.23	\$11,929.14	\$672,429.59	\$672,429.5
Road Use Tax	\$196,106.03	\$3,149.08	\$2,902.65	\$196,352.46	\$196,352.4
LOST	\$232,836.62	\$3,505.43	\$0.00	\$236,342.05	\$236,342.0
Building Fund	\$17,812.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,812.22	\$17,812.2
Park Renovation	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.0
ARPA Fund	\$43,361.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,361.66	\$43,361.6
Water	\$28,596.82	\$21,103.10	\$809.00	\$48,890.92	\$48,890.9

Total Clerk's Balance	\$1,207,011.85	\$27,221.26	\$30,821.32	\$1,207,011.85	\$1,220,688.9
Total Bank Balance					\$1,220,688.9

- Set Public Hearing Date for Proposed Property Tax Levy. Treasurer Berry stated Hearings has to be after March 25 and Linn County Auditor has to be notified by March 5. Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy scheduled for March 27 at 6 pm.
- Andrle Addition to Linn County, Iowa Final plat Review: Mayor Flaherty read Resolution.
 - Hall makes motion to approve Resolution R-02-2024 Andrle Addition to Linn County, Iowa Final plat Review. MSB Price. Hall: Aye Klimek: Nay Mulholland: Aye Price: Aye Unzeitig: Aye. Motion passed at 7:13 pm.
- Rozinek Addition to Linn County, Iowa Final plat Review: Mayor Flaherty read Resolution.
 - Hall makes motion to approve Resolution R-04-2024 Rozinek Addition to Linn County, Iowa Final plat Review. MSB Price. Hall: Aye Klimek: Nay Mulholland: Aye Price: Aye Unzeitig: Aye. Motion passed at 7:14 pm.
- City Hall Lights: Klimek was looking into but is not present. A light is required to shine on the parking lot, Doug Kula suggested to not remove or replace light as it can create more issues.
- Resolution R-03-2024 Transfer Funds-Mayor Flaherty read resolution.
 - Hall makes motion to approve Resolution R-03-2024 Transfer Funds. MSB Price. Hall: Aye Klimek: Nay Mulholland: Aye Price: Aye Unzeitig: Aye. Motion passed at 7:19 pm.
- Hilltop Road Right of Way-Survey by Schnoor Bonifazi Engineering & Surveying is complete and marked. Price spoke with City Attorney Kevin Shea and Chad Dummermuth, Chad would like to save 35 trees. City Attorney Shea is going to look into the Resident Tree Adoption Project. Price the biggest concern is what if the property is sold, will future owner be aware that they are responsible for specific trees. The Resident Tree Adoption project would need to be the same for all residents. As improvements are made to right of way trees will be taken care of but for now focus on trees around buildings and public areas like parks. City Attorney Kevin Shea will look into Legality of Tree Adoption Project. Price suggested having an arborist certify that the trees around the buildings and)public areas (100 feet) are healthy. Price will reach out to Ashley from That Girl Tree Service.
- Sand/Salt Budget: There is \$3,700 left in the budget.
- Tree Trimming Emergency Limits-Continue to look for the Mayor Spending limit.
- Nuisance property update: City Attorney Shea Hines is only current, document is ready for Council person Hall to sign, then will be taken to courthouse to be filed. Plans to ask for an injunction, so it he does it again will be held in contempt of court.
- Correspondence:
 - Bill Mulholland attended the Emergency Management Meeting, Mayor Scott Flaherty will take over, next meeting is February 20, 2024.
 - Price: Do we have an update on codification? Mayor Flaherty has an email out waiting on final copy, will reach out again.
 - Price: Are we okay with having public works do some ditch cleanup with mower? Council agreed to clean up the ditches.
 - Special Meeting for 3rd Reading of Water Rates Ordinance and appointments scheduled for Thursday February 22, 2024 at 7 pm.

- Open to public:
- Hall Makes motion to adjourn. MSB: Price Aye: Hall, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig Nay: Klimek. Motion passed at 8:06 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk