

June 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor James Drahos was present and presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steven Carpenter, Penny Kula, William Mulholland, and Stephanie Vislisel. Council member absent was Robert Malone.

The Linn County Sheriff was present at the meeting and provided the Council with the monthly report. Required hours: 26.0; actual hours recorded: 41.7; 8 calls for service.

Kula made motion to approve the minutes from the May Council Meeting. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

Vislisel made motion to accept and pay the following bills for June. MSB Kula. None opposed, motion carried.

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
199	Nazette, Marnar, Nathanson, Shea LLP	Final closing/purchase costs for Ely St Property	29,136.67
200	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	57.61
201	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	448.05
202	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	19.32
203	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	20.70
204	Mediacom	Phone/Internet	158.87
205	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for May	75.77
206	IPERS	Payroll benefits for May17	164.73
207	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for May	1,148.50
208	Lisa Bery	Payroll for Q2 2017	647.99
209	Donna Kephart	Payroll for Q2 2017	194.40
210	James Drahos	Payroll for Q2 2017	554.10
211	Steven Carpenter	Payroll for Q2 2017	184.70
212	Penny Kula	Payroll for Q2 2017	184.70
213	Robert Malone	Payroll for Q2 2017	138.52
214	William Mulholland	Payroll for Q2 2017	184.70
215	Stephanie Vislisel	Payroll for Q2 2017	184.70
216	Casey's General Stores, Inc	Fuel for mower/equipment	201.97
217	VISA	Registration for small city workshop	160.00
218	VISA	Supplies for disc golf, City Hall repairs, street repairs	1,202.31
219	City of Marion	Electrical Inspections	187.50
220	Martin Marietta Materials	Rock for disc golf project	44.38
221	Linn County Fire District #1	Fire protection	2,254.00
222	James Drahos	Plumbing Inspections	150.00
223	Taylor Construction, Inc	Ely St bridge Pmt #8, PW337	50,924.34
224	Steve Carpenter	Reimbursement for temp street signs	71.67
225	Roto-Rooter	Clean out septic line at City Hall	650.00
226	Penny Kula	Reimbursement for garbage cans for High Point disc golf course	61.94
227	Hills Bank & Trust Co	Loan Payment	150,000.00
		Total Bills for Operating Account	239,412.14
W047	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	101.51
W048	Jared Vogeler	Operations for May17	300.00
W049	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing May17	71.50
W050	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for May17	9.00
		Total Bills for Water Account	482.01
		Total Bills for June	239,894.15

Vislisel made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2017. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	229,915.83	4,315.22	4,394.85	229,836.20	511,082.66	740,918.86
Road Use Tax	33,412.78	2,311.79	63.00	35,661.57		35,661.57
LOST	80,134.79	2,655.48	0.00	82,790.27		82,790.27
Building Fund	16,005.22	20.00	50.00	15,975.22		15,975.22
Capital Projects	98,798.49	146,923.27	85,544.28	160,177.48		160,177.48
Water	13,425.59	0.00	429.97	12,995.62		12,995.62
Total Clerk's Balance	471,692.70	156,225.76	90,482.10	537,436.36	511,082.66	1,048,519.02
Total Outstanding				0.00		
Total Bank Balance				537,436.36		

Carpenter made motion to allow payment of \$150,000.00 to Hills Bank & Trust Co. against the outstanding line of credit balance of \$700,000.00. MSB Vislisel. None opposed, motion carried (Warrant No. 227 added above).

Peter Konrad was present to review the Linn County GIS website and show City leaders and residents how to navigate the website. A link has been posted on the City's website: www.bertramia.com.

Joe Horaney was present from the Linn County Solid Waste Agency to inform residents of changes to fees at the landfill beginning July 1, 2017: Flat fee for cars, SUVs, & Minivans will increase to \$10.00/load; pickups & full-size vans \$20.00/load; tipping fees increase to \$40.00/ton; Yard Waste drop-off will be \$24.00/ton. Additional information is available on their website: www.solidwasteagency.org.

Bridge Updates: Bridge is open! Final closeout of the project cannot happen until after final punch list items are resolved to IDOT standards – should be complete by end of June.

Clerk and Public Works employee took assessment of street signs throughout town and identified 45 that need to be added or replaced in coming years. Clerk to work with Iowa Prison Industries for most cost-effective plan for replacement. New signs are needed at the park areas to direct visitors to the new disc golf course and parking.

Closing on the property at 22 Ely Street is near completion. City has agreed to accept, as did Public Health Dept, the contractor's indication the septic system has been properly closed off. The City has also agreed to leave the few slabs of concrete driveway. However, the City is in the process of gathering quotes from professional lawn services regarding cleanup and seeding of the grounds since current owner seems reluctant to complete this step. Once resolution is made on this last issue, we can close on the property.

One final public hearing for budget amendment in FY2017 is scheduled for June 28th at 5:00 pm at City Hall to amend for overrun on bridge project.

Public Works employee to install side mower on tractor to clean up overgrown brush areas around town, including entrance to Timberlake. FEMA is in the process of remapping flood hazard areas in the region that may affect some residents.

City elections are coming soon, and information is available. Contact the City Clerk if interested in running for office. Council is still waiting to hear back from church's concrete contractor regarding quote to complete concrete work at City Hall. Linn Co-Op has the LP tank at City hall on the list for June to repaint at a total cost of \$50.00 to the City. Residents voiced complaints of ATVs racing up and down Ely Street on south side of bridge.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Homecoming celebration is scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at City Park. The format will remain similar to last year: potluck-style for side dishes and desserts, kids' games/activities, music.

Mulholland made motion to adjourn. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk