

September 6, 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, Robert Malone, William Mulholland, and Stephanie Vislisel.

The Linn County Sheriff was present at the meeting and provided the Council with the monthly report. Required hours: 26.0; actual hours recorded: 41.4; 9 calls for service.

Carpenter made motion to approve the minutes from the August Council Meeting and Special Meeting with one noted correction: Penny Kula was absent from the Special Meeting on 16Aug2017. MSB Mulholland. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
035	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	57.84
036	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	446.64
037	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	22.51
038	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	22.66
039	Mediacom	Phone/Internet	158.91
040	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for August	74.55
041	IPERS	Payroll benefits for Aug17	140.62
042	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for Aug	672.37
043	Lisa Berry	Payroll Q3 17	907.19
044	Donna Kephart	Payroll Q3 17	194.40
045	James Drahos	Payroll Q3 17	461.75
046	Steven Carpenter	Payroll Q3 17	230.87
047	Penny Kula	Payroll Q3 17	184.70
048	Robert Malone	Payroll Q3 17	230.87
049	William Mulholland	Payroll Q3 17	230.87
050	Stephanie Vislisel	Payroll Q3 17	230.87
051	Casey's General Stores, Inc	Fuel for city eqpt	65.22
052	VISA	Postage; Office supplies	10.09
053	City of Marion	Electrical inspections	37.50
054	Doug Elsbury	Ice cream mix for Homecoming	50.00
055	Linn Co-Op Oil Company	LP fuel for Jul	52.00
056	Hills Bank & Trust Co	Loan payment	125,000.00
		Total Bills for Operating Account	129,482.43
W011	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	127.88
W012	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Aug17	300.00
W013	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing Aug17	12.50
		Total Bills for Water Account	440.38
		Total Bills for September	129,922.81

Malone made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2017. MSB Kula. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	200,406.84	193.30	3,100.71	197,499.43	512,320.15	709,819.58
Road Use Tax	41,218.21	3,936.60	0.00	45,154.81		45,154.81
LOST	61,559.65	3,012.30	0.00	64,571.95		64,571.95
Building Fund	15,657.72	0.00	0.00	15,657.72		15,657.72
Capital Projects	(29,595.41)	0.00	5,721.53	(35,316.94)		(35,316.94)
Water	13,761.00	0.00	497.73	13,263.27		13,263.27
Total Clerk's Balance	303,008.01	7,142.20	9,319.97	300,830.24	512,320.15	813,150.39
Total Outstanding				0.00		
Total Bank Balance				300,830.24		

Senator Liz Mathis was present to discuss issues facing cities and the legislature: Budget issues, commercial tax backfill, tax reform, and TIF financing. For infrastructure needs, the City should consult with the Iowa Finance Authority.

ADA updates to City Hall: Need to hand a second handicap parking sign on the building so both parking spots are marked. A new threshold has been installed on the main entrance that should allow easier access for those with disabilities. Will need to have a representative from the Linn County Auditor's office reinspect.

Courts have decided ownership of 200 Angle Street, so property owners will continue with property clean up. Health Dept to complete an inspection of the interior of the house on Sept 15.

Kluesner inspected and will submit estimates to repair city streets on Rustic Ridge and Skylark. Council decided the best option is to replace culverts in these areas. Mulholland will contact Kluesner to include culvert replacement in their estimates.

Carpenter made motion to approve and adopt the Street Financial Report (SFR) for the period ending June 30, 2017. MSB Mulholland. None opposed, motion carried to adopt **Resolution No. R-6-2017**: Now therefore, be it resolved that the City of Bertram, Iowa on 09/06/2017 did hereby approve and adopt the annual City Street Financial Report from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Final reports need to be submitted to FEMA for Ely St bridge project, even though a retainage remains unpaid to VJ Engineering. Some of the concrete on the new approaches is chipping, most likely due to traffic from construction on the railroad bridge. Malone made motion to pay an additional \$150,000 against the principal balance on the Hills Bank loan from the FEMA checking account. MSB Kula. None opposed, motion carried.

Tennis Services, Inc., should complete repairs to the tennis court at City Park in September.

Mulholland to have Kluesner submit estimate to repairs curbs around the city square on Ely St and 2nd St. Maple tree at 1226 2nd St needs has low-hanging branches that impede driver visibility. Chad Dummermuth has offered to trim the tree.

Mulholland made motion to adjourn. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk