

**April 4, 2018**

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 Steve Carpenter, Dave Hunt, Robert Malone, Nancy McBurney, and William Mulholland.

The Linn County Sheriff was present at the meeting and provided the Council with the monthly report. Required hours: 26.0; actual hours recorded: 50.5; 4 calls for service.

Hunt made motion to approve the minutes from the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, MSB McBurney. Carpenter made motion to approve the minutes from the March 28<sup>th</sup> meetings. MSB McBurney. None opposed, motion carried. Noted corrections to the March 7<sup>th</sup> minutes: Selective Insurance invoice was \$248.00 less than the amount approved; a truck was purchased, per pre-approval, from Mid-State Truck Service Inc for \$33,500.00; and LG Barcus was spelled incorrectly.

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

<b>Warrant No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
159	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	61.11
160	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	455.02
161	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	18.65
162	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	18.80
163	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	145.59
164	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for Mar	147.92
165	IPERS	Payroll Benefits for Mar	367.11
166	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for Mar	527.65
167	United States Treasury	Federal Payroll Taxes Q1	1,199.40
168	Treasurer, State of Iowa	State Withholding Taxes Q1	120.00
169	Linn County Sheriff's Office	Police Protection Jan-Mar	2,652.00
170	Chris Newitt	Annual Website Hosting	239.40
171	Casey's General Stores Inc	Fuel for City Eqpt	90.35
172	VISA	Fuel for WI trip; Downpayment on truck; Burn permit	1,147.69
173	VISA	Postage; MLA Part 3 Registration for Hunt	125.00
174	James Drahos	Reimbursement for paint for marking streets	18.61
175	Frontline Warning Systems	Emergency Siren Maintenance	400.00
		<b>Total Bills for Operating Account</b>	<b>7,734.30</b>
W037	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	126.47
W038	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Mar18	380.00
W039	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing Mar18	12.50
W040	Treasurer, State of Iowa	Sales Tax Remit Q1	131.00
		<b>Total Bills for Water Account</b>	<b>649.97</b>
		<b>Total Bills for April</b>	<b>8,384.27</b>

Hunt made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2018. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	205,407.20	2,441.06	16,013.95	191,834.31	517,601.60	709,435.91
Road Use Tax	60,722.28	2,618.29	1,150.17	62,190.40		62,190.40
LOST	81,233.41	5,241.76	32,500.00	53,975.17		53,975.17
Building Fund	15,793.22	888.00	0.00	16,681.22		16,681.22
Capital Projects	(173,883.93)	0.00	0.00	(173,883.93)		(173,883.93)
Water	13,662.93	1,751.55	510.44	14,904.04		14,904.04
<b>Total Clerk's Balance</b>	<b>202,935.11</b>	<b>12,940.66</b>	<b>50,174.56</b>	<b>165,701.21</b>	<b>517,601.60</b>	<b>683,302.81</b>
Total Outstanding				43,474.70		
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>				<b>209,175.91</b>		

Andrew Oien was present from the Linn County Assessor's Office to provide information of the services available should the City decide to have Linn County take over building permit issuance and inspections. Bertram residents would be required to apply for permits directly with the Linn County Assessor's Office, and all fees would be paid to the County. They would be responsible for reviewing and approving plans and would keep all documentation on file for five years. This service would be at no cost to Bertram, and could be terminated at any time with three months written notice.

Joe Horaney from Linn County Solid Waste Agency was present to provide an update of services available to Linn County residents. Disposal fees remain the same as prior year.

Carpenter made motion to pass a resolution to rename James Drahos and Lisa Berry as signers for all accounts at Hills Bank. MSB Hunt. Roll call: Mulholland – Aye, Hunt – Aye, Malone – Aye, Carpenter – Aye, McBurney – Aye. Resolution **R-3-2018** passed.

Mayor Drahos met with LG Barcus to go over damaged areas of Bertram Street. There are two areas they agree to repair: the dip at the end of Skylark and damages at the intersection of Bertram & Ely streets. They will also repair some broken up concrete at the Ely Street

bridge approach. VJ Engineering will need to be contacted regarding some other repairs needed on the approaches of the bridge. The City will also want to look at crack sealing again this year.

We received a quote from Goats on the Go to clear vegetation at 33 Ely Street: \$1,076.00. Alternatively, Chad Dummermuth has offered to clear the area at no charge, but the City would need to provide a dumpster for trash disposal and make sure all utility lines and septic are marked. Council has decided to proceed with Chad Dummermuth's offer.

Hunt made motion to accept contract with Frontline Warning Systems in the amount of \$400.00 to service the emergency siren two times in the next year for \$400.00 MSB Mulholland. None opposed, motion carried.

Nuisance Ordinance updates and new ordinance for Dangerous Buildings were discussed, following public hearing on March 28<sup>th</sup>. First readings are planned for the May meeting.

Bertram United Methodist Church is sponsoring a spring roadside clean-up day for Sunday, April 22. A potluck is scheduled for noon, with roadside clean-up to commence after lunch.

Jason Houghtaling reached out to the Methodist saw team that came in and dropped some diseased oak trees at High Point. They are ready to come in and cut more trees down, but we've decided to wait until we get the existing dropped trees cleaned up. Mowing at High Point was also discussed: some believe the majority of grassy areas should be allowed to grow long, only mowing once or twice per year. However, when the grass gets too long, weeds tend to grow up in it and it is hard on the mowing equipment to cut when it is mowed. Council continues to discuss options including planting a pollinator area.

Malone made motion to adjourn. MSB McBurney. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

**Lisa Berry**  
Clerk