

**March 1, 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 Robert Malone, William Mulholland, Stephanie Vislisl, and Steven Carpenter (by phone). Council Member Penny Kula was absent.

A public hearing was opened at 7:00pm to discuss and approve the City's budget for FY2017-18. No comments from public. Malone made motion to approve the budget as published in the February 16 edition of the Mt Vernon-Lisbon Sun. Roll call was as follows: Mulholland-Nay; Vislisl-Aye; Carpenter-Aye; Malone-Aye. Motion approved. **Resolution R-1-2017** was passed to approve the FY2017-18 budget. Mulholland made motion to adjourn the public hearing, MSB Malone. Public hearing closed at 7:13pm.

The Linn County Sheriff was present at the meeting and provided the Council with the monthly report. Required hours: 26.0; actual hours recorded: 29.90; 3 calls for service.

Vislisl made motion to approve the minutes from the February Council Meeting. MSB (motion seconded by) Malone. None opposed, motion carried.

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

<b>Warrant No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
149	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	60.95
150	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	1.57
151	Alliant Energy	High Point Electricity	1.84
152	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	474.02
153	Mediacom	Phone/Internet	158.81
154	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for February	184.87
155	IPERS	Payroll benefits for Feb17	54.91
156	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for February	131.07
157	Lisa Berry	Payroll Q1	647.99
158	Donna Kephart	Payroll Q1	194.40
159	James Drahos	Payroll Q1	369.40
160	Steve Carpenter	Payroll Q1	184.70
161	Penny Kula	Payroll Q1	92.35
162	Robert Malone	Payroll Q1	184.70
163	William Mulholland	Payroll Q1	184.70
164	Stephanie Vislisl	Payroll Q1	184.70
165	Bolton & Menk, Inc.	Way side horn investigation	2,500.00
166	Selective Insurance Company of Amercia	Insurance Premium for Mar17-Feb18	10,279.00
		<b>Total Bills for Operating Account</b>	<b>15,889.98</b>
W035	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	192.17
W036	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing for Feb17	12.00
W037	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Feb17	300.00
		<b>Total Bills for Water Account</b>	<b>504.17</b>
		<b>Total Bills for March</b>	<b>16,394.15</b>

Vislisl made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2017. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	221,736.75	1,954.05	1,751.83	221,938.97	508,821.33	730,760.30
Road Use Tax	25,736.48	3,432.27	347.28	28,821.47		28,821.47
LOST	71,744.51	3,179.32	0.00	74,923.83		74,923.83
Building Fund	16,130.22	0.00	0.00	16,130.22		16,130.22
Capital Projects	113,440.99	0.00	5,094.50	108,346.49		108,346.49
Water	13,356.61	205.00	760.57	12,801.04		12,801.04
<b>Total Clerk's Balance</b>	<b>462,145.56</b>	<b>8,770.64</b>	<b>7,954.18</b>	<b>462,962.02</b>	<b>508,821.33</b>	<b>971,783.35</b>
Total Outstanding				0.00		
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>				<b>462,962.02</b>		

The Council discussed the Ward property on Ely Street. The Planning & Zoning Committee has tabled a review of a proposal to build a spec home on the lot. They will review again and should have a recommendation for the Council for the April meeting.

Railroad bridge contractor began moving equipment into their work zone via city streets before a final agreement was reached. The City attorney is working with the railroad company's attorney to negotiate terms of usage and repairs, if necessary, to city streets.

The DOT is once again offering to fund up to 80% of the cost of repairs to the Big Creek Road bridge over Big Creek. The City is once again declining this offer this year, but will need to lay out plans to repair the bridge in the next three to five years, according to the bridge inspector, VJ Engineering.

**Bridge Updates:** Taylor Construction is analyzing conditions to determine if approaches and grading can be completed by end of March.

Vislisl to follow up with City Attorney regarding purchase agreement for 33 Ely Street. TruGreen submitted a proposal to improve lawn areas at City Park with fertilization and weed control. Proposal was for four applications (late spring, early summer, early fall, fall) totaling \$1,700.00. Council has declined to pursue at this time.

Community Blood Drive is scheduled for April 1, 2017, at the Bertram Township Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. WALK-INS WELCOME!  
Appointments may be made by contacting Lisa Berry at (319) 431-6956.

Mulholland made motion to adjourn. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

**Lisa Berry**  
**Clerk**