

May 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall. Mayor William Mulholland was present and presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steven Carpenter, David Hunt, Robert Malone, Nancy McBurney, and Chris Price.

Price made motion to approve the agenda as posted, with one change: Move Sheriff's Report ahead of the public hearing for the Linn County 28E agreement. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

The Linn County Sheriff was present and provided the monthly report: 33.9 hours and 8 calls for service.

Hunt made motion to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for the 28E agreement with Linn County. MSB McBurney. Public hearing opened at 7:03pm. Linn County reps Luke Maloney and Les Beck were available to answer questions. Linn County has worked with several other communities with the same 28E agreement language as has been proposed for Bertram. Bertram has expressed some concern regarding language surrounding adoption of changes to building codes, but the City's Attorney has now deemed the language acceptable. It is important to note that the County updates their codes roughly every three years as the national standards are updated. The City will still be responsible to approve all zoning issues prior to the County issuing building permits. Price made motion to close the public hearing. MSB Hunt. Public hearing closed at 7:24pm.

Price made motion to resume the regular meeting. MSB McBurney. None opposed, motion carried.

Hunt made motion to approve the minutes from the Apr 3 meeting and Apr 24 workshop. MSB McBurney. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
199	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	43.46
200	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	509.02
201	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	19.69
202	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	22.84
203	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	90.20
204	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees	97.44
205	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll	83.92
206	Douglas Kula	Payroll	432.44
207	Anthony Vislisel	Payroll	100.69
208	Callahan Municipal Consultants, LLC	Consulting services for Council goal-setting session	950.00
209	Impact7G	Archaeology survey for Ely St Bridge	3,800.00
210	Douglas Kula	Reimbursement for parts for lights at City Hall	236.30
211	Casey's Business MasterCard	Fuel for City Truck	85.00
212	VISA	Disposal fees for scrap tires	174.00
		Total Bills for Operating Account	6,645.00
W045	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	199.45
W046	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Apr	300.00
W047	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing Apr	12.50
		Total Bills for Water Account	511.95
		Total Bills for May	7,156.95

Price made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ended Apr 30, 2019. MSB Malone. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	488,282.18	28,829.14	12,255.37	504,855.95	193,230.94	698,086.89
Road Use Tax	88,777.09	1,600.08	0.00	90,377.17		90,377.17
LOST	76,397.88	2,816.64	0.00	79,214.52		79,214.52
Building Fund	16,948.22	20.00	0.00	16,968.22		16,968.22
Capital Projects	(391,513.61)	0.00	0.00	(391,513.61)		(391,513.61)
Water	13,785.95	321.11	680.45	13,426.61		13,426.61
Total Clerk's Balance	292,677.71	33,586.97	12,935.82	313,328.86	193,230.94	506,559.80
Total Outstanding				0.00		
Total Bank Balance				313,328.86		

Hunt made motion to approve a resolution for a Linn County and City of Bertram Agreement for Construction Code Administration. MSB Price. None opposed, **resolution R-4-2019** approved. Resolution reads as follows: WHEREAS, the City of Bertram, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, proposes that Bertram enter into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa, under the title Linn County and City of Bertram Agreement for Construction Code Administration, and; WHEREAS, the purpose for such agreement is to provide for the administration of the construction codes of the City of Bertram by Linn County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and; WHEREAS, such agreement is in the best interests of Linn County and the City of Bertram; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bertram, Iowa, that Linn County, Iowa will join pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, with the City of Bertram, Iowa into an agreement entitled Linn County and City of Bertram Agreement for Construction Code Administration.

Malone to reach out to John Dostart of IDOT for clarification on state's offer of bridge repair funding. City to investigate cost estimates to repair, replacement or removal. Malone will also reach out to the engineers for Linn and Buchanan Counties for additional guidance.

The group that helped design the disc golf park is willing to donate funds to the City for signage at the entrance to the park and to mark each hole. Signage costs are less if ordered by the City. McBurney to reach out to the group to provide cost estimates of their expectations before we proceed with ordering.

Goal setting report (as previously reported in minutes from April 24 meeting) was shared by Carpenter.

Trees Forever has awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,832.00 to purchase trees for planting throughout town. The grant application focused efforts at 33 Ely Street, High Point Nature Park and the west side of City Hall. Price made motion to accept the grant. MSB McBurney. None opposed, motion carried.

Results of the archaeological survey from Impact7G were distributed to Des Moines, FEMA in Kansas City and SHPO. We are now awaiting final payment disbursement. Costs of the survey were also submitted for 75% reimbursement by FEMA.

Price reached out to Iowa Rural Water Association, and they have grants available to small cities for water utility studies. The association, after the City completes a brief survey, will complete a study for our existing water utility system to assist with rate setting options. Results should be available in approximately 60 days. Price also received an estimate for surveillance cameras at City Park – Council decided it was not worth the investment at this time.

Carpenter requested residents to save the date of September 9, 2019, for roadside cleanup.

McBurney is coordinating a citywide garage sale for June 14, 15, and 16. Anyone interested should contact her for additional information or if interested in participating.

Mulholland has yet to receive invoice from Kluesner for street cleaning. He will reach out to them regarding to the Hilltop resurfacing project previously approved. He will also meet with Kluesner to assess street cracking throughout the city.

McBurney requested removal of old grills from City Park. If there are any new grills remaining in the shed, they are to be installed near the playground equipment.

Open to the floor:

Amber Hall is having trees removed from the west end of her property and has requested approval to remove a few trees from City Hall property. Council to assess in the daylight and provide a response.

Chad Dummermuth asked if City is for or against expansion of a bike trail along the old Interurban route – The City has not yet discussed or been provided with any information from the County. He also reported a potentially collapsed culvert on Hilltop – Council to assess in the daylight. Chad has a skid loader with an auger to assist in digging holes once we receive the trees from the Trees Forever grant.

Carlyle Bys reported plugged culverts at 1242 Bertram St and 201 Ely St – he was able to clean them out. In addition, the drainage tile running behind 1241 Bertram St is partially plugged with a chunk of concrete that needs to be removed.

Malone made motion to adjourn. MSB Price. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk