

March 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm virtually via Zoom/phone conference and in person at City Hall. Mayor Dave Hunt presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steve Carpenter, Kim Morahan, Bill Mulholland, and Margy Wilson. Absent was Chris Price.

Wilson made motion to add Public Hearing for FY22 Budget as item 2a (as published in 2/18 issue of The Sun and posted on boards throughout town) and Adoption of Proposed budget as item 2b. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Agenda amended.

Public comment on agenda items: Nancy McBurney is glad to see progress being made on park improvements.

Wilson made motion to open a public hearing to review the FY22 proposed budget. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Public hearing opened at 7:05pm. No public comments. Mulholland made motion to close public hearing. MSB Morahan. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Public hearing closed at 7:07pm.

Wilson made motion to approve the budget for FY2022 as published in the 2/18 edition of the Mt Vernon-Lisbon Sun. MSB Morahan. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Roll call: Carpenter-Aye; Mulholland-Aye; Wilson-Aye; Morahan-Aye; Price-Nay. Resolution R-03-2021 was passed to approve the FY2022 budget.

Sheriff's Report: 44.0 hours; 6 calls for service.

Wilson made motion to accept the minutes from the 2/3/21 meeting. MSB Morahan. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Motion carried.

Mulholland made motion to accept and pay the following bills for March. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Motion carried.

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
0147	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Hall electricity	65.25
0148	Alliant Energy/IPL	Street Lights	533.92
0149	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Park Electricity	21.11
0150	Alliant Energy/IPL	High Point Electricity	21.80
0151	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	88.12
0152	Woodward Community Media	Publication Fees	98.28
0153	IPERS	Retirement benefits	164.22
0154	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll	533.16
0155	Douglas Kula	Payroll	100.69
0156	David Hunt	Payroll	461.30
0157	Steven Carpenter	Payroll	230.87
0158	Kimberly Morahan	Payroll	184.70
0159	William Mulholland	Payroll	230.87
0160	Christopher Price	Payroll	230.87
0161	Margy Wilson	Payroll	230.87
0162	Lisa Berry	Payroll	1,097.26
0163	Frontline Warning Systems	Emergency siren maintenance	400.00
0164	Office of Auditor of State	Periodic exam fee	550.00
0165	Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	Member dues-insurance	579.00
0166	Casey's Business Mastercard	Fuel for City equipment	149.50
0167	VISA	Cutting edge for tractor blade	613.31
		Total Bills for Operating Account	6,585.10
W0038	Alliant Energy/IPL	Pump house electricity	244.69
W0039	Jared Vogeler	Operations	300.00
W0040	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing	12.80
		Total Bills for Water Account	557.49
		Total Bills for March	7,142.59

Council has decided not to continue to pay annual dues to Iowa Good Roads Association.

Wilson made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended Feb. 28, 2021. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	517,265.74	460.98	1,051.01	516,675.71	65,430.24	582,105.95
Road Use Tax	133,313.35	2,569.66	1,368.82	134,514.19		134,514.19
LOST	109,952.59	0.00	0.00	109,952.59		109,952.59
Building Fund	17,812.22	0.00	0.00	17,812.22		17,812.22
Park Renovation	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
Water	17,972.60	0.00	505.83	17,466.77		17,466.77
Total Clerk's Balance	796,416.50	3,030.64	2,925.66	796,521.48	65,430.24	861,951.72
Total Outstanding				450.97		
Total Bank Balance				796,972.45		

Mulholland made motion to authorize Kluesner Construction to proceed with street sweeping in the spring of 2021. MSB Wilson. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Motion carried.

Wilson made motion to proceed with Kluesner Construction to clean out ditches along main street of the City not to exceed \$3,000. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Motion carried.

Debris hauling is complete from 33 Ely Street. City is responsible to clean up what remains. Leveling/grading is needed. Mulholland to get quotes from contractors to professional grade to better support water runoff. Mulholland sought authorization to allow city residents to continue to bring storm debris to the Ely Street site as they work on remaining cleanup efforts. Opposed: Carpenter, Morahan, Wilson, as city would then be responsible for removal without any financial assistance. There were also concerns others from outside the city would take advantage of the situation. This site will not be reopened for storm debris.

Council is seeking part-time summer help from May 1 – Sep 30 to help with mowing, trimming, and general cleanup of buildings and grounds. Rate of pay \$12.50 per hour. Interested parties should submit their intent to any member of the council or city clerk. Contact info is on the website: www.bertramia.com.

Parks: Wilson is working on a grant for park improvements. An interested party has submitted intent of helping the city in this effort (Thank you!). Three quotes for new park equipment were obtained. It was difficult to get quotes that matched each other as each company has different equipment and methods of grouping. Wilson made motion to accept the quote from BYO Recreation for playground equipment, swings, and installation for \$43,608 total estimated cost. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Motion carried. Still in search of a contractor to install fencing along the railroad property. Wilson to work with Carpenter on drafting RFP to submit to League of Cities website for widen the search.

Aug 10 Derecho Storm Updates:

- Mulholland made motion to move forward with posting RFPs for building repairs to Iowa League of Cities and City websites. MSB Wilson. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Motion carried.
- City is seeking pictures or any documentation to indicate whether or not the shingles on the roof are original to the structure.
- FEMA extension was filed for tree debris removal. We should be done with any additional related costs for this part of the process so we can move forward with submitting the documentation for reimbursement.
- City to move forward with getting quotes to remove trees inside fence at pump house.

Correspondence:

- Berry: Insurance. Keep same coverage. May need to consider adding in new park equipment once installed. If bill comes and is due prior to next meeting, review with Mayor.
- Change to flood map will require a resolution from the City. City attorney is working on this.

Open to Floor:

- Nancy McBurney asked if we had the fencing for the park and just needed someone to install. We do not have the fencing purchased, so we need both the materials and the installation.

Wilson made motion to adjourn. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Price. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Lisa Berry, Clerk