

April 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall. Mayor Margy Wilson presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steve Carpenter, Louise Hall, Jim Unzeitig, Chris Price and John Klimek.

Price made motion to approve the agenda as posted. MSB Hall: Motion passed by unanimous vote

- Sheriff's Report -Hours met, 2 calls for service.
- Minutes of last month's meeting.
- Update on Annexation/bridge. Boaring report came back sufficient for regular DOT bridge. West side will need more rock. Linn County has taken care of the survey. Price needs to set meeting with Linn County Secondary roads to look at cost of maintain gravel roads and setting up a 28E agreement. Klimek had the Bike trail contact him, wanting to know what the City plans to do with the bridge. Linn County Conservation is also looking after the collapse of the blue bridge. For Annexation a letter will need to be sent out and the city needs to decide how far out they would like to go. A workshop for citizens and non-citizens will need to be scheduled to answer questions.
- Credit Card for clerk-All signatures have been submitted and should arrive soon.
- Better pricing for toner through - Iprint Technologies- prices are lower than Amazon.

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$21.70
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$276.81
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$59.62
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$21.70
Alliant Energy	StreetLights	\$504.23
Fehr Graham	Upper and Lower Park well-removal	\$2,430
Iowa League of Cities	2 training classes	\$130.00
IAMU	Iowa Association of municipal Utilities-Annual Dues	\$657.00
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations for March and Meter Reads	\$480.00
.Keystone Laboratories	Water Testing	\$15.50
Raven Kuehl	Mail Hines Notice	\$9.65
SolutionsWorks	Cloud Server-November 2022 to April 2023	\$720.00
Verizon Wireless	Internet/Phone	\$87.76
Visa-Berry	Intiut,	\$42.80
Visa-Wilson	Amazon (Ink) GoDaddy (website domain)	\$297.17
Woodward Community Media	Publishing	\$174.79
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$194.04
United States Treasury	Federal Payroll taxes	\$1,155.60
Berry, Lisa	Payroll	\$365.96
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$291.57
Visitsel, Tony	Payroll	\$16.79
Visitsel, Steph	Payroll	\$47.34
Visitsel, Zach	Payroll	\$21.52
	Total Bills	\$6,865.95

Treasurer's Report	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Total Fund Balance
General	\$717,128.79	\$3,169.26	\$18,636.30	\$701,661.75	\$701,661.75
Road Use Tax	\$197,530.02	\$1,784.54	\$2,671.13	\$196,643.43	\$196,643.43
LOST	\$206,846.21	\$ 3,804.42	\$0.00	\$210,650.63	\$210,650.63
Building Fund	\$17,812.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,812.22	\$17,812.22
Park Renovation	\$5,500	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500	\$5,500
ARPA Fund	\$43,361.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,361.66	\$43,361.66
Water	\$17,481.08	\$5,274.20	\$693.69	\$22,061.59	\$22,061.59
Total Clerk's Balance	\$1,205,659.98	\$7,713.08	\$13,969.79	\$1,205,659.98	\$1,197,691.28
Total Bank Balance					\$1,197,691.28

Price makes motion to close regular meeting and open Public Hearing 2024 Budget. MSB Carpenter. Aye Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye: Price Motion passed at 7:21 pm.

- Open Public hearing
- Hearing RE: 2024 Budget: reviewed budget from workshop.
- 2024 Budget Comments – No comments
- Motion/vote to close Public Hearing

Price makes motion to close 2024 Budget Public Hearing and open Regular Meeting. MSB:Carpenter. Aye: Carpenter Aye Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye: Price. Aye. Motion passed at 7:28 pm.

- Approval by Council of 2024 Budget

Price makes motion to approve 2024 Budget. MSB: Hall. Aye: Carpenter Aye Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye: Price. Aye. Motion passed. Resolution R-06-2023.

- Linn County Solid Waste - Joe Horaney (guest). Horaney stated that prices per ton is going up \$3, prices for appliances is staying the same, scrap metal can be dropped off but will not be paid for it, they do take batteries and car batteries, TV are \$15 per unit and other electronics are free. Old paint is no charge Hours are Monday to Friday 7 am to 4 pm. Appointment can be setup on website or by calling. Mount Trashmore opens April 6, 2023. They have mulch and compost free for residents. Information is available on website: solidwasteagency.org.

- Fehr Graham - update on water project - Nick LaRosa, Ryan Wicks (guests) Set Public Hearing; vote to ok letting bids that are due back May 3rd. Fehr Graham is going to setup and publish for a public hearing on May 3, during normal monthly council meeting. Bids will be due to Fehr Graham that morning and will be presented at the public hearing. Well at High Point is to small to support the city, so it will be used to support just the park. Citizens should not have water pressure affected. The city has received a grant that should cover full cost of the well and water extension. Mayor Wilson has attended webinars where grant money is available at state and federal level, Nick stated Fehr Graham does have a grant writer on staff that would be available to assist Bertram.
- Schnoor Bonifazi - survey update Leo Bonifazi: Mr. Bonifazi stated that most everything from the survey was found where they expected it to be. There were a few anomalies, those would affect citizens lands but not city right of way, but does recommends disclosing to landowners. They are currently set to place 40 land corners, that are 30 inch rebar with plastic caps. Wants to know if the city wants any more surveyed before land markers are completed. The council is going to review. Mr. Bonifazi stated the metal detector the city purchased will work to locate the pins in the future.
- Resolution - Increase wage for cleaning.
Price makes motion to approve cleaning of city hall at \$55 per month. MSB Carpenter. Aye: Carpenter Aye Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye: Price. Aye. Motion passed. Resolution R-07-2023
- Update bridge/annexation - Jim and Chris-Covered in consent Agenda.
- Set Workshop date for Ordinance review. Workshop will be Wednesday April 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm.
- Pest Control Bids –Orkin is less per 6 months than Presto-X. Carpenter recommends we do 6 months then reevaluate.
Price makes motion to approve Orkin bid. MSB: Hall Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Correspondence:
 - Tree Ordinance: City Attorney Shea and Council Member Price are working on a tree ordinance, where if the tree is deemed to be hazardous to right of way or personal property that property owner with the hazardous tree will be notified and need to remove or will be responsible for any damage hazardous tree causes.
 - Council Member Price: does the council have a recommendation of maximum number of buildings allowed on a property, current ordinance does not limit number of buildings or size. This would have to go through Planning and Zoning to be valid ordinance. Going to Planning and Zoning to give recommendations.
 - Carpenter has a proposal for next meeting of a 28E Agreement between City and Nonprofit Organizations for water.
 - Hall Trash: Going to check with City workers.
 - ABC \$35 once a month \$60 for twice a month.
 - A1 with Recycling \$45 once a month and \$55 for twice a month.
- Open to Floor:
 - Ben Hines 211 Green St: Wants to know what Mayor Wilson considers Junk? What equipment on his property offends Mayor? He finds it offensive to refer to his stuff as junk. Wants to know why he received a Nuisance Letter and others have not. Price stated that when a complaint is brought to a council member they have to follow up on the complaint. Hines stated he wants to resolve this . City Attorney stated that you cannot park any vehicles or equipment in the alley or right of way. Hines: Can I park in my lot outside of the right of way? Price: correct, you cannot park in the right of way, all vehicles and equipment has to be parked outside of the right of way. Cannot have anything in the right of way that stops the flow of traffic. Hines: other issue is rocks on my driveway. Needs to remove field stone on the right of way portion of the driveway. Have had my 2nd driveway for 10 years. How do I go about getting a permit for it? Price Stated he will look into the ordinance and let Hines know how we can proceed. Hines provided Price with contact number. Mayor Wilson apologized for using the word "Junk". Unzeitig Stated that a year ago a survey went out to citizens and they stated that they wanted to clean up the city. Not specifying your property, just stating the council is trying to do what citizens stated they wanted.
 - Bill 1242 Bertram St: trying to build an add on to his Garage. Rodney Rocarek with REI, stated Council met on this in June and was told they needed to get a variance or change the address of home to Ely Street. Rodney stated he send an email in September and November and have not heard back. Bill does not want to change his address. Price stated they can schedule a Board of Adjustments meeting to look into variance and zoning but due to publishing notice, could be a month before meeting is scheduled. Path Forward is Price will schedule Board of Adjustment meeting and contact Rodney Rocarek.
 - Jon Kaut: stated that when he added his garage City made him put garage on Ely Street and had to pour extra Concrete. Wants to know what it hurts for Bill to put his garage there. City Attorney Shea: the issue is it doesn't comply with current City Ordinance.
 - Louise Hall: Proposes to City Council to Rename section of West 1st St to Halls Lane. Would like added to April 12 Meeting Agenda.

Klimek made motion to adjourn. MSB Hall. Vote to adjourn: Aye: Carpenter, Hall, Unzeitig, Klimek, Price. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk