

July 27, 2023

The Council of the City of Bertram held a special meeting on the above date at 6:00pm at City Hall. Mayor Steve Carpenter presided at the meeting. Council members present were Scott Flaherty, Louise Hall, John Klimek, and Jim Unzeitig. Chris Price was absent. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct additional business of the city for the month of July.

Klimes made a motion to approve the agenda with noted title change from Workshop to Meeting. MSB Hall. Ayes: Flaherty, Hall, Klimes, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Agenda approved.

Water Expansion Project to Park Update: Nick LaRosa from Fehr Graham was present to provide an update to the project. Work is progressing well. The stairs have been staked and Pirc-Tobin has begun grading. Hall made motion to approve change order for \$21,706.50 to break apart rock discovered at the bottom of the hill, haul it off, and bring in new backfill material. MSB Klimes. Ayes: Flaherty, Hall, Klimes, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Change order approved. Due to this change order, Klimes made motion to have Pirc-Tobin pause on the drinking fountain/ground work around the pavilion pending further review by Council to keep project within budget. MSB Hall. Ayes: Flaherty, Hall, Klimes, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Motion approved. Further discussion of drinking fountain led to discussion of moving to other end of pavilion which would decrease the pipe run length and place fountain closer to playground. Council to address at 8/2/2023 meeting.

Mefferd family wants to extend their garage. P&Z Committee previously met and recommended against the extension because it would violate existing setback rules for the front of the property. P&Z recommended Mefferds change address from Bertram St to Ely St which would decrease setback minimums as the garage would then be at the side of the property instead of the front of the property and Council agreed. Mefferds met with Board of Adjustment to appeal previous decision. Council would like report of decision made by Board of Adjustment. Further discussion tabled for 8/2/2023 meeting.

A1 disposal no longer provides a cart for trash pickup, cost is \$25/week. ABC Disposal is \$35 every two weeks and they do provide a cart. Klimes made motion to use ABC Disposal for trash pickup. MSB Flaherty. Ayes: Flaherty, Hall, Klimes, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Motion approved.

Council discussed snow removal options for the 2023-2024 season. The concern is that people and equipment resources are not adequate to cover snow removal in a timely manner. If we need to move forward with contractors, we would need to solicit a minimum of three bids. Mayor to check with city employees to determine if they can/will be able to handle the job.

Water rates have not been reviewed or updated since 2019. General estimation is an increase of 15% to start the discussion. Treasurer to provide analysis of revenues and expenditures with various scenarios factored in. Analysis to be provided for 8/2/2023 meeting. No rates will be adjusted without a formal public hearing and three readings of ordinance change.

Hall recused herself from the following agenda item. Unzeitig made motion to approve resolution to rename additional section of West First Street to Halls Lane. MSB Klimes. Klimes-Aye; Unzeitig-Aye; Flaherty-Aye; Price-Nay. **Resolution R-13-2023** passed as follows: WHEREAS, the property owner along West 1st Street has proposed to change the street name portion of West 1st Street between block 30 and block 31, block 40 and 31 and block 39 and 32, that also is the intersection of Green and West 1st Street from West 1st Street to Halls Lane. WHEREAS, the proposed street name has been reviewed and does not conflict with existing street names in incorporated areas of City of Bertram, Iowa. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council, City of Bertram, Iowa, this date having met in lawful session, that the street name of West 1st Street be changed to Halls Lane, City of Bertram, Iowa. The City Council directs the Linn County Engineer to change the base map and notify all county offices, post offices, and providers of emergency services of this change.

Crack repairs to city streets have begun. Asphalt Restoration started on the east side of town and is working their way west.

Mayor Carpenter sent adjustments and additional questions to codification team. An updated water rate will need to be included in codification.

Correspondence: Bertram Homecoming will not be held in 2023 due to construction at City Park. There are currently no open quotes for restrooms at City Park; two contractors issued no quotes, a third increased prices by 25% putting cost around \$100K. May need to rethink design and look at smaller options (single stall, perhaps). Any restrooms installed would be cleaned and maintained by city employees, as are existing restrooms.

Klimes made motion to adjourn. MSB Hall. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.