

**August 02, 2023**

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

Klimek made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. MSB: Hall: Aye: Klimek, Hall, Unzeitig, Flaherty Nay: Price. Motion passed.

- Sheriff's Report -Hours met, 5 calls for service.
- Minutes of last month's meeting.
- Treasurer's Report: Is only preliminary as it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the month and not all the info has been received.
- Update on Nuisance Properties: City Attorney Kevin Shea not present.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$19.07
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$192.93
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$45.48
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$19.62
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$515.74
Fehr Graham Engineering	Construction Admin	\$3,477.30
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations for July Shut down water system and hook up	\$775.00
Kromminga Motors Inc	Parallel Arm mower for Tractor	\$617.90
Linn County Sherriff	Sherriff Duties	\$3,120.00
LL Pelling Co	Street Cleaning	\$1,485.00
Steve Carpenter Reimbursement	Fuel for Mowers	\$45.02
That Girl Tree Care	Hackberry Elm Removed Mulberry at Town Hall	\$1,469.45
Verizon Wireless	Internet/Phone	\$87.66
Visa-Berry	Intuit payroll fee,	\$58.85
Visa-Wilson	Credit	-\$15.33
Woodward Community Media	Publication	\$87.18
Zach Vislisel Reimbursement	Cylinder Seal Kits John Deere Mower	\$300.45
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$249.55
Berry, Lisa	Payroll	\$395.79
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$308.79
Scott, Trevor	Payroll	\$154.90
Vislisel, Tony	Payroll	\$377.03
Vislisel, Stephanie	Payroll	\$94.67
Vislisel, Zach	Payroll	\$350.71
<b>Total Bills</b>		<b>\$14,232.76</b>

- Update/ Change Order Project is progressing, concrete steps were poured. The water test was sent to superintendent and could take a few days to come back. The Change Order revised: removed old drinking fountain, estimate for where fountain has been placed was larger than it is, since its less linear space saves \$5,062.50 this keeps the project under budget. Less rock has been needed which will result in further savings. –
  - Klimek makes motion to move forward with adjusted change order scope for drinking fountain. MSB: Hall Aye: Klimek, Unzeitig, Hall, Flaherty Nay: Price. Motion passes.
- Budget Update – Water Main Extension. Nick LaRosa with Fehr Graham stated Pirc Tobin Construction is working on an invoice for work completed on the water extension project and would like an additional August Meeting to have it approved. Meeting Scheduled for August 24, 2023, at 6:30 pm.
- Winter Snow Removal –Mayor has Discussed with Tony V, Zach V and Zach Z, believes we have questionable equipment and would like to entertain hiring a Service. If we order trucks now will most likely not receive before snow arrives. Tony feels that a Dodge 550, with a live bottom spreader, v blade and a dump bed, would be able to replace blue and red trucks which then could both be traded or sold.

Will add to September meeting: Unzeitig will look for Truck quotes and Trade in prices and Klimek will look for Quotes for service.

- Water Rates – Discussion: from January 2020 to June 2023, water expenses were: \$89,764.46 Revenues were: \$94,424.83 Net is \$4,478.97 the concern is if the water rates are not increased there will not be enough revenue to cover the rising cost of expenses (operations and testing increased) and any issues that could arise. Council wants to proceed with 20% rate increase and Rate option for nonprofits at the same time as this requires an ordinance and public hearings.
- Mefferd Garage – next steps: City has to present to Board of Adjustments why it does not meet the current zoning, per Planning and Zoning: doesn't meet current setbacks. If the address is changed then it would pass. Resident does not want to change his address he has had for 26 years. Mefferd First requests were 16 months ago. Unzeitig wants to know why he is going through so much. Hall stated that she received an email from Kevin Shea, City Attorney, and since it is in violation of city ordinance has to be presented to the Board of Adjustments. If the Board of Adjustments does not approve will go to the Board of Appeals (which is the Council). Mayor Carpenter is sending an Email to have a Board of Adjustments Hearings set up with projected date of August 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- Halls Lane - Resolution Revision: R-14-2023. Mayor Carpenter Read Revised Resolution.
  - Klimek Makes motion to approve resolution R-14-2023 Road Name Change Revised. MSB: Unzeitig Unzeitig: Aye Flaherty:Aye Klimek:Aye Price: Nay Hall: Abstained. Motion Passed.
- July 28 Storm Debris: Clearing needed: If a resident requests for debris or tree that fell in the right of way to be removed by city will do but is technically citizens responsibility.
- Correspondence
  - Hall: ABC Trash pickup will be on every other Friday.
  - Mayor Carpenter: Bob at Asphalt Repair Service stated approved repairs will be completed by end of next week. Bob will make good with anyone who has an issue.
  - Lisa Berry: township is looking for a clerk and sexton. Not as involved as city clerk as she is told. Sent to Linda Fierstine.
- Open to the Floor - Follow Speaking Rules:
- Motion to adjourn meeting.
  - Hall makes motion to adjourn. MSB Klimek. Vote to adjourn: Aye: Hall, Unzeitig, Klimek, Flaherty. Nay: Price. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk