

September 06, 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, Chris Price and Scott Flaherty.

- Presentation of Board of Adjustments: Board Members: Planning and Zoning: Board Members
 - Mayor Carpenter Reads ordinance. Amends from 3 board members to 5 Board Members.
- Price makes motion to close Public Hearing and open Regular Meeting. MSB: Klimek. Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye Price: Aye Flaherty: Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:05 pm.

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

- Sheriff's Report -Hours met, 5 calls for service.
- Minutes of last month's meeting.
- Treasurer's Report: Meeting with ClerkBooks Friday to properly close FY 2023 books and will have updated at October 2023 meeting.
- Update on Nuisance Properties: City Attorney Kevin Shea, Hines would like to restart as there are paperwork questions and Margy no longer on Project. Would like 1 council member assigned to each nuisance.

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$20.38
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$200.27
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$49.99
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$20.38
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$518.50
Visisels, Tony	Reimbursement	\$35.28
Asphalt Restoration Services	Street Repairs	\$15,130.00
Casey Business Mastercard	Fuel	\$156.44
Fehr Graham Engineering	Construction Admin	\$7381.00
IA DNG	Annual	\$125.00
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations for August	\$400.00
Keystone Labs	Water Testing	\$15.50
Linn County Co Op Oil Company	LP Fuel	\$30.18
Linn County Engineer	Street repair	\$5,032.89
Pirc-Tobin Construction, Inc	Water Extension Project	\$29,155.50
Schnoor Bonifazi Engineering & Surveying	Survey City	\$9,220.00
Verizon Wireless	Internet/Phone	\$87.66
Steph Vislisel	Reimbursement fire extinguisher	\$44.00
Visa-Berry	Intuit payroll fee	\$32.10
Visa-Wilson	Credit	-\$15.33
Woodward Community Media	Publication	\$135.03
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$278.96
Berry, Lisa	Payroll	\$203.32
Carpenter, Steve	Payroll	\$461.75
Hall, Louis	Payroll	\$230.87
Klimek, John	Payroll	\$187.70
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$259.89
Price, Chris	Payroll	\$92.35
Scott, Trevor	Payroll	\$183.71
Unzeitig, Jim	Payroll	\$230.87
Visisels, Tony	Payroll	\$254.71
Visisels, Stephanie	Payroll	\$47.33

- Board of Adjustments/Planning and Zoning-Ordinance to Appoint Members
 - Price makes motion to approve ordinance. MSB: Klimek Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye Price: Aye Flaherty: Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:18 pm.
- Motion to waive 2nd and 3rd Reading.
 - Price makes motion to waive 2nd and 3rd Reading of Board of Adjustments -Ordinance to Appoint Members. MSB: Klimek Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye Price: Aye Flaherty: Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
 - Price makes motion to waive 2nd and 3rd Reading of Planning and Zoning -Ordinance to Appoint Members. MSB: Flaherty Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye Price: Aye Flaherty: Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Planning & Zoning: CDW Addition:
 - Hall makes motion to approve CDW addition resolution. MSB: Flaherty Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye Price: Aye Flaherty: Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Planning & Zoning: Marconi property: Emergency Turnaround hammerhead will be city property and will have to be placed prior to any building. Bonafizi asked for permission for acquisition Platt and deed to plat. Total amount of land is 1.54 acres.
 - Price makes motion to approve with City Attorney Kevin Shea, approval of verbiage of notes on Platt. MSB: Flaherty. Aye: Klimek, Hall, Unzeitig, Price, Flaherty. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Resolution R-12-2023: Transfer of Funds for Park Water Project: Transfer \$29,155.50 from General to Water.
 - Price makes motion to approve Resolution R-12-2023: Transfer of Funds for Park Water Project: Transfer \$29,155.50 from General to Water. MSB: Hall. Hall: Aye Unzeitig: Aye Klimek: Aye Price: Aye Flaherty: Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Street Maintenance and Repair: Citizens have inquired about additional street repairs. The council would like a quote of street-by-street repair. For FY 2024 budgeted \$20,000, already spent \$15,130.00.
- Quotes for City Service Truck: Continuing to research.
 - Ford F450 4X4 with 11 steel dump body Boss V Blade plow: \$99,875
 - Chevy Silverado: \$63,499
- Credit Card for Public Works: Chris will reach out to Hills Bank to see if a card can be issued for Public Works or if has to be a specific person and set limits. Public works would be required to fill out expense reports and receipts.
- Dangerous Animals Issue: Issue with Ben Hines dogs going after cats and dogs. Hall stated that one of the dogs came onto her property and near her dog and a cat in town was killed. City Attorney Kevin Shea stated an infraction can be filed as long as people come forward and file, will include dates and times of instances.
- Ditches/Right of Way maintenance: Are city workers going to work on clearing ditches? A workshop for determining a budget and reviewing engineering study was suggested.
- Tree Trimming for road/signs visibility: Can public works trim trees by signs? Anthony Vislisel stated he is working on it and will continue, would like a list of trees being requested to be trimmed.
- Correspondence
 - Hall: Are we going to get a hydrant at the park? Justin will be coming as soon as Friday September 8 to address issues at the restroom and will check the drinking fountain for a spicket.
 - Hall: Some trailers have been noticed sitting on the grass on the ground, on private property. Sometimes trailers are set for weeks. Can anything be done? Price stated he can look into legal presence, but the city does not have an ordinance to prevent a vehicle with current registration from having to be put on gravel or concrete but will look further into it.
- Open to the Floor - Follow Speaking Rules:
 - Womack: At one time approached Nancy about strip of road between well and porter house ditch. The right side is coming this way and ditch is moving away wants to know if a rail like you see arounds a bridge could be placed. Price stated it is on the projected list of culverts to be replaced.
 - Klimek: plow trucks might be driving around so they can provide a quote for snow removal services.
- Motion to adjourn meeting.

- Klimek makes a motion to adjourn. MSB Hall. Vote to adjourn: Aye: Hall, Unzeitig, Klimek, Flaherty. Nay: Price. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk