

December 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 and John Klimek.

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

- Sheriff's Report - 13 calls for service, hours met.
- Minutes: November 20 missed space between "Look and Into". Extra comma in \$2,499.99.
- Bills: City Treasurer requested to pay Mayor Carpenter for December Meeting in December 2023. (\$92.35) Council approves.
- Treasurer's Report: Has only preliminary report as issues in ClerkBooks, will be resolved.
- Nuisance property update: Hines notice was sent through Marion post office on November 16, 2023. The City Attorney checked status and it is supposed to be delivered December 6, 2023.

Payee	Purpose	Amount
ABC Disposal Systems	Trash Pickup	\$83.25
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$23.14
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$261.36
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$45.06
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$21.70
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$513.63
Casey Business MasterCard	Snow Removal Equipment Fuel	\$82.41
Doug Kula Reimbursement	Sign Material and Electrical-Menards	\$175.39
Future Line Truck Bodies	Blue truck Hydraulics work and Saltdogg spreader/harness	\$8,704.20
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations	\$400.00
Keystone Labs	Water Testing	\$32.50
Linn County Engineer	Bridge Inspection	\$320.00
Orkin	Pest Control City Hall	\$52.00
Steven Carpenter Reimbursement	FEDEX 11/17 signs for Bridge Closure	\$24.67
Tom Schmitt Reimbursement	Parts for city	\$333.23
Verizon Wireless	Internet/Phone	\$87.96
Visa-Berry	Intuit payroll fee/Quickbooks Annual/Payroll/subscription	\$1,682.61
Visa-Wilson	Credit	-\$15.33
Woodward Community Media	Publication	\$397.61
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$211.92
Berry, Lisa	Payroll	\$411.45
Carpenter, Steven	Payroll	\$461.75
Flaherty, Scott	Payroll	\$369.40
Hall, Louis	Payroll	\$230.88
King, Sheldon J	Payroll	\$75.34
Klimek, John	Payroll	230.87
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$325.31
Kula, Doug	Payroll	240.16
Price, Chris	Payroll	\$250.88
Schmitt, Thomas	Payroll	\$715.71
Unzeitig, Jim	Payroll	\$230.88
Visilsel, Stephanie	Payroll	\$47.33
	Total Bills	\$17,027.27

- Hearing–Santee property: Santee stated he has resolved the easement. And wants to know what e has to do with the other Vehicles. City Attorney stated they need plated or removed. Santee stated he had 3 vehicles moved today but will need time to get the rest plated or moved. He is requesting a year. Unzeitig stated as long as process is being made willing to revisit at April 2024 meeting.
- Water Rates Ordinance: First reading: Mayor Carpenter Read Water Rates Ordinance.
 - Klimek Makes motion to approve first reading of Water Rates Ordinance . MSB: Flaherty. Flaherty: Aye, Hall: Aye, Klimek: Aye, Unzeitig: Aye, Price: Nay. Motion passed.
- Trees removal –bids and procedure
 - 1. Frank’s Tree Service: 6 trees and truck grinding: \$4,000.00.
 - 2. That Girl Tree Service: 6 trees no trunk grinding: \$\$4,050.00
 - 3. Country Arborist: 6 tree no trunk grinding: \$3,853.17.
 - Klimek makes a motion to use Franks Tree Service for \$4,000. MSB: Flaherty. Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Klimek, Unzeitig Nay: Price. Motion passed
- Signs for City locations: City is missing 3 stop signs, 3 no outlet ahead and 3 stop signs ahead signs. Also multiple City street name signs. Roughly \$50 to \$60 per sign. Bridge closed signs have arrived and need installed. Hall will get an estimate for January meeting for cost for signs. Hall, Bertram Township would like the no parking signs removed, they were placed by the city where there was a house across the alley, since the house is no longer there would like the signs removed. Unzeitig and Klimek would like to look into further before making a decision.
- Truck estimates–discussion: Unzeitig stated trucks prices are dropping advising to wait.
- Oath of Office –Mayor: Current Mayor Steven Carpenter Administrated Oath of Office to incoming Mayor Scott Flaherty.
- Oath of Office –Council Members Current Mayor Steven Carpenter Administrated Oath of Office to Council Members: Louis Hall, John Klimek, James Unzeitig and Bill Mulholland.
- Correspondence:
 - City Treasurer: Iowa League of Cities have leadership meetings available.
 - Mayor Carpenter: was contacted by reporter for Channel 9 about Big Creek Bridge.
- Open to Floor:
 - Doug Kula advised that new sander has to be fueled using a stepladder. Would like to see if sander is available with a retrofit electric option.
 - Doug Kula: who will be Council contact for public works? Scott Flaherty will be first contact and Jim Unzeitig will be second.
- Motion to adjourn meeting.
 - Klimek makes a motion to adjourn. MSB Hall. Vote to adjourn: Aye: Flaherty, Hall, Klimek, Unzeitig. Nay: Price. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk