

**March 06, 2024**

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Pro Temp Jim Unzeitig presided over the meeting. Council members present were Louise Hall, Chris Price and Bill Mulholland. City Attorney Kevin Shea was in attendance.

Price made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. And move C5 to R4. MSB: Hall: Aye: Hall, Mulholland, Price. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Sheriff's Report – Sheriff not in attendance.
- Minutes: February 22, 2024.
- Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Berry stated will need to amend the 2024 Budget.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ABC Disposal Systems	Trash Feb Mar April	\$83.25
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$19.73
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$187.07
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$44.78
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$19.73
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$513.61
City of Marion	Salt	\$555.84
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations	\$400.00
Keystone Labs	Water Testing	\$17.50
SolutionsWorks INC	Cloud Server January February 2024	\$240.00
Verizon Wireless	Internet/Phone	\$87.98
Visa-Berry	Intuit payroll fee	\$44.94
Visa-Wilson	Credit	-\$15.33
Student Publication	Publication	\$117.36
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$609.25
Berry, Lisa	Payroll	\$284.66
Flaherty, Scott	Payroll	\$415.57
Hall, Louise	Payroll	\$230.87
Klimek, John	Payroll	\$184.70
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$172.46
Mulholland, Bill	Payroll	\$184.70
Price, Chris	Payroll	\$138.52
Unzeitig, James	Payroll	\$230.87
Visitsel, Anthony	Payroll	\$7.46
Visitsel, Stephanie	Payroll	\$47.34
	<b>Total Bills</b>	<b>\$4,822.86</b>

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Beg Fund Balance</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>End Fund Balance</b>	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>
<b>General</b>	<b>\$672,429.59</b>	<b>\$797.22</b>	<b>\$6,513.85</b>	<b>\$666,712.96</b>	<b>\$666,712.96</b>
<b>Road Use Tax</b>	<b>\$196,352.46</b>	<b>\$2,770.26</b>	<b>\$4,163.42</b>	<b>\$194,959.30</b>	<b>\$194,959.30</b>
<b>LOST</b>	<b>\$236,342.05</b>	<b>\$4,658.59</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$241,000.64</b>	<b>\$241,000.64</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$17,812.22</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17,812.22</b>	<b>\$17,812.22</b>
<b>Park Renovation</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>
<b>ARPA Fund</b>	<b>\$43,361.66</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$43,361.66</b>	<b>\$43,361.66</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>\$48,890.92</b>	<b>\$9.43</b>	<b>\$646.06</b>	<b>\$48,254.29</b>	<b>\$48,254.29</b>
<b>Total Clerk's Balance</b>	<b>\$1,220,688.90</b>	<b>\$8,235.50</b>	<b>\$11,323.33</b>	<b>\$1,217,601.07</b>	<b>\$1,217,601.07</b>
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>					<b>\$1,217,601.07</b>

- Tree Bids from That Girl Tree Service. Price has a logger coming to look at the walnut and oak next week. Price will reach out to Lisa Huggins at Insurance to find out if a healthy tree can be certified and left standing.
  - Large dead Ash: \$3,100.
  - Cottonwood Tree: \$1,350.
  - Large Red Oak: \$2,750.
  - Red Oak by Tennis Court: \$1,900, is alive if falls will damage fence at tennis court.
  - Oak next to bathroom. \$375.
  - Trees-behind disc golf course building: \$225.
  - Walnut next to shelter: \$275.
  - Smaller Walnut: \$450.
  - Price makes motion to approve removal: Oak next to bathroom \$375, Trees behind disc golf course building \$225 and Walnut next to shelter \$275. MSB: Klimek. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price. Motion passes by unanimous vote.
- Tree Adoption Policy for owners: City Attorney Shea stated that he is unable to find information brought up at the last meeting about a tree adoption policy. If the city wants to proceed will be breaking ground, it will probably be with each homeowner. The city has an ordinance that requires property owners to maintain the right of way including trees in the codification. State code does not require homeowners to remove dead or diseased trees.
- Ditch Maintenance: Lake Terrace Road: Table to next month.
- Nuisance property update: City Attorney Shea unable to locate Ben Hines, set for appearance date March 19. Councilmember Hall will be unavailable from March 22 to March 26.
- Correspondence:
  - Hall: Status of Bridge: Price and Unzeitig ran numbers and is it not financially beneficial to replace the bridge. Price county is willing to help with funds with the use of Bertram's grant. Suggest a workshop or public hearing for discussion of Bridge closure or removal for public input. Price recommends closing the bridge, needs to determine the city's liability if bridge closed or turned into a walking/bike path. Replacement of the bridge could cost more damage to roads in town with more traffic.
  - Planning and Zoning Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of this month.
  - Codification: Price talked to Justin, he is currently reviewing and should have information to Price and Flaherty over the next couple of weeks/April Meeting. Will most likely behave second meeting in April.
  - Set Public hearing for April 3, 2024, for 2024 Budget Amendment.
  - Curbs on Bertram and Ely were damaged by plow trucks. The city will work on cleaning up once we know it will not snow again.
  - Hall will contact LL Pelling for quote for Street cleaning.
- Open to public:
- Hall Makes motion to adjourn. MSB: Price Aye: Hall, Mulholland, Price, Klimek. The motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:12 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk