

**July 10, 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, John Klimek and Bill Mulholland. Absent Mayor Scott Flaherty and Council member Chris Price. City Attorney Kevin Shea present.

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

- Sheriff's Report – 9 calls of service minutes met.
- Prior Meeting Minutes: June 5, 2024.
- Bills/Warrants for Payment.
- Treasurer's Report.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$20.54
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$156.47
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$45.00
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$20.54
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$504.08
Anthony Vislisel	P&K Midwest Tractor Parts	\$167.78
Casey Business Mastercard	Fuel	\$199.24
IA DNR	Annual Water Supply Fee FY25	\$25.00
IA League of Cities	Annual Membership Dues	\$386.00
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations	\$480.00
Keystone Labs	Water Testing	\$17.50
Orkin	Pest Control	\$52.00
SolutionWorks INC	Cloud Server: June/July, July backup Fix QuickBooks	\$442.50
Student Publication	Publication	\$119.70
Thomas Schmitt Reimbursement	Westside tire-mower, chainsaw oil, trimmer	\$216.05
Verizon Wireless	Internet/Phone	\$87.92
Visa-Berry	Payroll Zoom annual fee	\$209.61
Visa-Kuehl	Envelopes water billing	\$22.21
Visa-Wilson	Credit	-\$15.33
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$531.76
United States Treasury	Federal taxes	\$1,394.24
IA Dept of Revenue	State Taxes	\$54.14
Berry, Lisa	Payroll	\$463.72
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$170.05
Kula, Doug	Payroll	\$21.62
Schmidtt, Thomas F	Payroll	\$1,511.12
Vislisel, Anthony	Payroll	\$764.13
Vislisel, Stephanie	Payroll	\$47.34
Vislisel, Zachary	Payroll	\$99.68
<b>Total Bills</b>		<b>\$8,214.61</b>

- Presentation Thomas Peffer: Interurban Trail System: Interurban Trail was following the Tolley line that was put in from Beaver Park to Lisbon, trolley ran for 8 years then was abandoned but the power corridor remains. In 1992 Alliant decided not to allow Linn County to purchase the property. In 2019 Alliant enter into an agreement with Linn County to place the rail. Nature trails have been a positive in recent years. Alliant sold the land to City of Cedar Rapids and Linn County Conversation, while maintaining 13 miles of power lines. Advocates for trails raise monthly for Trails, they work with NPO

and cities to fund trails. Trails are 10 ft wide hard surface. The plan is to come down Bertram St across Ely Street then get back to right of way. Needs City to help identify possible citizens that would be willing to help. Needs a 30 ft easement on property to get back to the trail. Unzeitig Stated that the trail would go through town and the city streets are not designed for it and does not have proper lighting. Klimek is also concerned with the roads and lighting. Tom Peffer stated they are currently working on Mount Vernon to Bertram and will need a trailhead.

- Kelsey Cooper-Green Iowa AmeriCorps (Sustainability): Event is taking place Friday July 12 at 2 pm at Bertram Township Hall.
- Linn County Coop Oil Contract: Annual Contract
  - Mulholland makes a motion to accept the contract. MSB: Hall. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland.
- Tree Removal Bids:
  - R4B Bertram St and Ely St
    - Cedar Rapids Tree Service: \$5,000
    - That Girl Tree Service: \$5,500
    - Franks Tree Service: \$3,000
  - R4C Angle Street Alley between 2<sup>nd</sup> St and 3<sup>rd</sup> St
    - Cedar Rapids Tree Service: \$900
    - That Girl Tree Service: \$895
    - Franks Tree Service: \$900
  - R4C Bertram St by Four Oaks
    - Cedar Rapids Tree Service: \$275
    - That Girl Tree Service: \$550
    - Franks Tree Service: \$600
  - Hall makes a motion to approve That Girl Tree Service for: R4D \$550, R4C at \$895 and Franks Tree Service for: R4B at \$3,000. MSB Klimek. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland. Motion passes by unanimous vote.
- Leo Bonifazi: Surveyor for the City of Bertram: Leo has completed his survey and wants to know if it is adequate. Will be available for any issues that arise. Leo pointed out everything in Bertram fits well except a few points, where they are out of sync about 3 feet into the driving right of way.
- Email Service Purchase: Tabled to next meeting.
- City Council Meeting Recording: Tabled to next meeting.
- Nuisance Property Update: Hines is pending. Court order given to cleanup.
- Correspondence:
  - May 22, 2024, 6 pm Public Hearing 2025 Budget
- Open to public: Harry Foster:
  - Chad Dummermuth: Wants to understand the cities feeling about bike path. Owns considerable amount of land the path will go through and will not allow on his property. Believes going through town is not a great idea due to street size/speed and lighting. There will be more trash. Bike trails have no limit on when they are open. Cedar Rapids has a lot of homelessness on the trails. Klimek stated he did ask Tom Peffer to come to start talking to the citizens. Chad suggested to avoid Bertram that has no businesses and go Indian Creek Trail and by the water treatment plant. Would like to know if City

supports this trail? Klimek and Unzeitig are also concerned about the trail using city streets and lighting and where the trailhead will be.

- Dave: Same concerns with the trail. Added the Security threat to the town and the access into Bertram hills, curves and not a clean spot to come out. Speeding in town is already a problem and will not be safe for cyclists.
- Janet Reasoner slightly outside of Bertram, property is on the trail route and is not happy about the trail going through and the possibility of people feeding her horses or pitching a tent. Bike Trails are great but doesn't want it in her yard.
- John Shebteka: Not wanting to trail on his property as it will look into his windows.
- Dennis Becker: Doesn't want to hear people closing car doors to get onto the trail.
- Hall: Complaint about cable lines that are down. Mediacom is investigating.
- Chad Dummermuth: Tree Trimming: wants to know if the city is taking down trees that are in the right of way. Hall stated not as far as she is aware. Chad wants to know if he will be formally notified. Hall stated a letter should be sent.
- Hall Makes motion to adjourn. MSB: Klimek. Aye: Hall, Mulholland, Klimek. The motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:06 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk