

May 7, 2025

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, Bill Mulholland and Chris Price. Mayor Flaherty and City Attorney Kevin Shea absent.

Hall makes a motion to approve Consent Agenda. MSB: Price. Aye: Hall, Mulholland, Klimek, Price, Unzeitig. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Prior Meeting Minutes: April 2 and April 23.
- Bills/Warrants for Payment.
- Nuisance Property update.
- Treasurer's Report. City Clerk Kuehl did not get the reports fully done as she is still learning this position.

Payee	Purpose	Amount
ABC Disposal Systems	Trash	\$83.25
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$17.95
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$136.01
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$37.39
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$17.77
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$372.44
Anthony Vislisl	Menards-Toilet paper/batteries	\$26.29
Casey	Gas for mower	\$37.54
Cummins Sales and Service	Parts and labor city well	\$1,982.00
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations	\$475.00
Linn County Engineer	Bridge inspection	\$550.00
Linn County Sherriff	Police Coverage	\$3,276.00
Microlac Labs	Water Testing/Drinking water analysis	\$285.50
Orkin	April and May pest control	\$122.00
Solution Works	April Server and backup	\$200.00
Student Publications	April Publications	\$325.47
Tom Schmitt	True Value Marking paint	\$9.08
Verizon Wireless	Phone and Internet City hall	\$133.33
Visa-Kuehl	Intuit payroll Microsoft office	\$228.97
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$234.61
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$437.20
Morahan, Kim	Payroll	\$290.88
Santee II, James	Payroll	\$24.02
Schmitt, Tom	Payroll	\$232.73
Vislisl, Tony	Payroll	\$251.37
Vislisl, Steph	Payroll	\$47.33
Total Bills		\$9,834.13

- Kim Morahan was sworn in as clerk prior to the meeting.
- Solid Waste Agency Presentation: Packets are at City Hall.
- Chipper Quotes: Council has chosen to hold on chipper purchase to track to see if public works would have used chipper to determine if worth investing in.
- Planning and Zoning: Drahos: Planning and zoning did not have a quorum at the meeting to vote and has been rescheduled for May 20th.
- Tree Bids: Fehr Graham did study for right of way about 5 ft culvert on 2nd street, clearing right of way gives opportunity to regrade ditch, that has caused drainage issues to downtown.
 - Franks underbrush: \$4,000, \$4,000 for trees.
 - D&D: Underbrush: \$6,350, \$4,275 for trees.

- New Heart Tree Service did not respond.
- Hall makes motion to approve public works remove underbrush and Frank's Tree Service removes trees for \$4,000 for over 5 inches. MSB: Klimek. AYE: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Seal Crack Bids: does not have 3 solid quotes, Tabled to next month.
- Bridge Replacement Public Hearing: Council Member Price stated Clerk Morahan is working on letters to discuss annexing. Public Hearing set for Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm.
- Street Cleaning-Tabled to next month.
- Tree in right of way: Rustic Ridge:
 - Ahnastone productions LLC: \$1,950.
 - Frank's Tree Service: \$2,200.
 - D&D Tree Service: \$2,450.00
 - Klimek makes a motion to use Ahnastone Productions LLC for \$1,950 if includes stump grinding. MSB: Mulholland. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Correspondence:
 - Council Member Hall: To extend the playground at the park and move the chair, the mulch that is approved by insurance and meets state guideline it is \$880 for a truck load and \$300 for the black boarder.
 - Council Member Price: Mechanicville telephone and fiber is running through Bertram and goal is to have everyone hooked up by end of summer. Let city know of any right of way issues.
 - Council Member Price: City Clerk Morahan has been working on letters to remove sidewalks. Due to Fehr Graham study if any sidewalks in town the whole town has to have sidewalks, without a grant the city will not put sidewalks into the whole town. Will check with Pelling to see if they will take the concrete chunks. Sidewalks in from of City Hall and township hall will remain.
 - Council Member Hall: Water Fountain at park was damaged and is leaking, it was winterized and waiting to hear back from Fehr Graham and Pircon Tobin.
- Open to the public:
 - Brandi Linn County Supervisor appreciates correspondence on Bridge.
 - Steph Visilsel What is so special about wood chips? Council stated it is special mulch that work hurt when landed on.
- Price Makes motion to adjourn. MSB: Klimek. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price. The motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:15 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk