

November 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor James Drahos was present and presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steven Carpenter, Penny Kula, Robert Malone, William Mulholland, and Stephanie Vislisel.

The Linn County Sheriff was present at the meeting and provided the Council with the monthly report. Required hours: 26.0; actual hours recorded: 56.10; 10 calls for service.

Vislisel made motion to approve the minutes from the October Council Meeting. MSB Kula. None opposed, motion carried.

Vislisel made motion to accept and pay the following bills for November. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
070	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	53.80
071	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	445.88
072	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	19.21
073	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	25.36
074	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	95.12
075	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for Oct	78.07
076	IPERS	Payroll benefits for Oct17	66.97
077	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for Oct	348.79
078	Kluesner Construction Inc	Road patching	2,432.00
079	Linn County Sheriff's Office	Police protection	2,652.00
080	VISA	Warrant book/ Budget Workshop	54.28
081	VISA	Tools/Part for shop furnace	141.13
082	Hills Bank & Trust	Loan interest	4,336.11
		Total Bills for Operating Account	10,748.72
W018	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	119.77
W019	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Oct17	300.00
W020	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing Oct17	12.50
W021	Cummins Central Power	Generator maintenance	532.30
W022	VISA	Warrant book	9.27
		Total Bills for Water Account	973.84
		Total Bills for November	11,722.56

Carpenter made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2017. MSB Malone. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	196,010.75	29,175.51	2,924.67	222,261.59	514,641.75	736,903.34
Road Use Tax	48,998.62	2,527.12	0.00	51,525.74		51,525.74
LOST	67,675.00	3,012.31	0.00	70,687.31		70,687.31
Building Fund	15,705.22	0.00	0.00	15,705.22		15,705.22
Capital Projects	(159,612.35)	0.00	0.00	(159,612.35)		(159,612.35)
Water	14,406.69	445.70	595.55	14,256.84		14,256.84
Total Clerk's Balance	183,183.93	35,160.64	3,520.22	214,824.35	514,641.75	729,466.10
Total Outstanding				0.00		
Total Bank Balance				214,824.35		

Kula made motion to accept the Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. MSB Malone. None opposed, motion carried.

Jennifer Fencl attended the meeting representing the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority. The City is invited to join this group formed for the management of runoff, water quality and flooding issue for the Lower Cedar River area. The City would have no dues to pay, but would gain accessibility to funding for watershed needs as well as expertise to help with future projects. A representative will need to be appointed, but no action can be taken without Council approval. Malone made motion to enter into a 28E agreement to join the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority. MSB Vislisel. None opposed, **Resolution No. R-7-2017** passed. Resolution is as follows: WHEREAS, in 2010, Iowa lawmakers passed legislation authorizing the creation of Watershed Management Authorities. WHEREAS, a Watershed Management Authority (WMA) is a mechanism for cities, counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and stakeholders to cooperatively engage in watershed planning and management. WHEREAS, the City of Bertram desires to enter into an Agreement that would establish a Watershed Management Authority within the Lower Cedar Watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code #07080206) to enable cooperation in watershed planning and improvements pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 466B.23; and WHEREAS, Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa provides the authority for public agencies to enter into agreements for their mutual advantage; and WHEREAS, the Agreement is made and entered into by the eligible political subdivisions within the Lower Cedar Watershed that adopt these Articles of Agreement; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM, IOWA that the Mayor is hereby approved as to form and content and is found to be in the best interest of the City of Bertram, Iowa and the eligible political subdivisions that adopt these Articles of Agreement; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM, IOWA that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to file a copy of the Resolution and Agreement with the Secretary of State, as required by Chapter 28E, Iowa Code.

Chris Phillips has approached the Council about annexing in his property off of Knapp Road. His plan is to develop 20+ acres into 13 lots and turn the remaining 35 acres into a public conservation area for pedestrian traffic only. The Planning & Zoning Committee will meet with Mr. Phillips for a thorough examination of the proposal.

Malone made motion, based on Planning & Zoning Committee's recommendation, to deny David Ward's request to develop his property on Ely Street adjacent to Big Creek. MSB Vislisel. None opposed, motion carried.

Linn County Public Health (LCPH) representative Ruby Perin was present to report on their status of 200 Angle Street. LCPH has noticed progress at the property and has a follow-up appointment scheduled for mid-November to review status of the new roof.

Council will solicit bids from a contractor to cut down and/or chip and shred branches overhanging the streets in the Rustic Ridge area.

Franchise agreement with Mediacom will be under renewal in January 2018.

City to reach out to another resident Sheldon King to assist Jason Houghtaling with City duties.

Street lights are out at corner of Angle/Bertram Streets, by the playground in City Park, on the 2nd street bend west of the City Park entrance, and on Ely Street near the bridge (light is missing from this last area). Mulholland to contact Alliant Energy.

Mulholland made motion to adjourn. MSB Kula. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk